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One of the most distinctive and beloved fragrances in the world, lavender has justifiably earned its multitude of devotees, thanks to its soothing and delicate aroma, varied culinary and healing properties, and rewarding landscape versatility. A bit tricky, a tad temperamental, yes, but for those who are willing to do a little advance planning and provide a smidgen of TLC, lavender will reward the observant gardener with enough sensory benefits to make it all worthwhile. Along with a thorough and enlightened discussion of lavender's specific cultural requirements and landscape applications as well as a succinct compilation of 100 top varieties, Bader offers an extensive collection of recipes and instructions for everything from lavender desserts and drinks to wreaths and wands. A nationally recognized lavender expert, Bader cultivates 5,000 plants representing more than 90 cultivars on a small Oregon farm, and her uncommon depth of practical experience and unrivaled knowledge make this an indispensable manual for the seasoned gardener and an inspiring guide for anyone captivated by lavender's alluring qualities. --Carol Haggas

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“The best recent all around lavender book with something for gardeners, crafters, and cooks alike.”
—*Library Journal*

“This book is the heady distillation of [Sarah Bader's] knowledge.” —*Country Gardens*

“Covers a wide range of aspects of growing and using the popular herb.” —*Akron Beacon Journal*

“The book is filled with glorious pictures, tasteful recipes, fabulous crafts, and a wonderful education on growing lavender.” —*Karen's Korner*

“A field guide, growing guide, and craft guide all in one, *The Lavender Lover's Handbook* has something for anyone who loves this plant.” —*Books Yarn Ink Blog*

From the Back Cover

With its intoxicating scent, wands of gorgeous purple flowers, and handsome silvery foliage, lavender is one of the world's most popular herbs. Lavender expert Sarah Bader introduces readers to 100 stunning varieties—from the continuous blooms of deep purple 'Buena Vista' and the sweet, delicate flavor of pink 'Melissa' to the incredible fragrance of 'Grosso', the lavender most often used in making perfume.

The Lavender Lover's Handbook is an essential resource for finding the best varieties for your garden or container, providing you with a complete checklist of the color, fragrance, size, and foliage of each plant. Whether you want to create a fabulous container garden, a dramatic border, or an exquisite herb garden, this rich primer gives easy, proven tips for growing, harvesting, drying, cooking, and crafting with

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