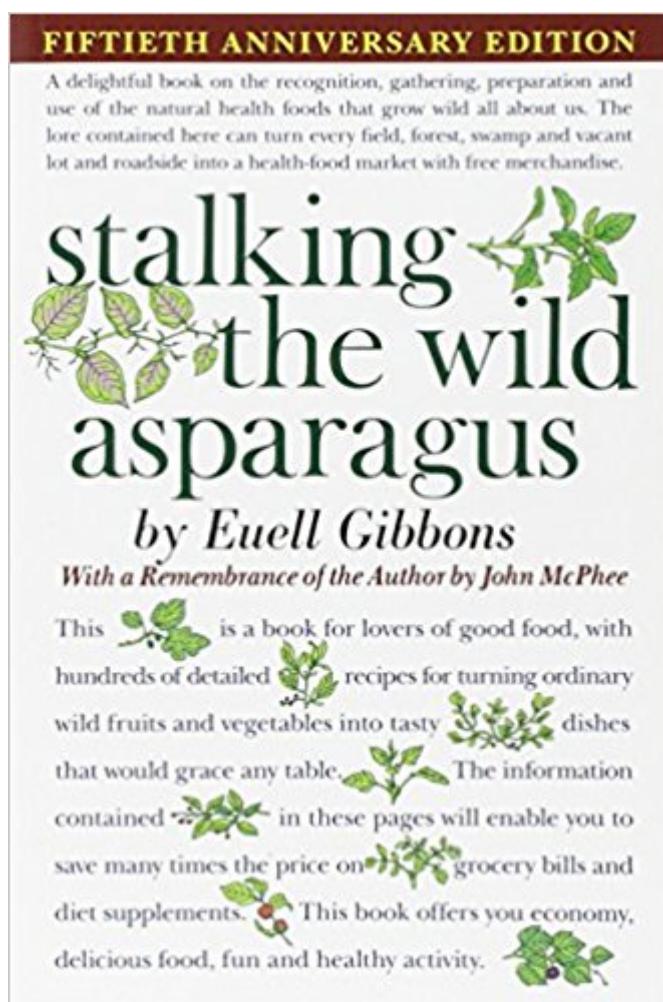


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# Stalking The Wild Asparagus



## Synopsis

Euell Gibbons was one of the few people in this country to devote a considerable part of his life to the adventure of ãœliving off the land.â• He sought out wild plants all over North America and made them into delicious dishes. His book includes recipes for vegetable and casserole dishes, breads, cakes, muffins and twenty different pies. He also shows how to make numerous jellies, jams, teas, and wines, and how to sweeten them with wild honey or homemade maple syrup.

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## Customer Reviews

STALKING THE WILD ASPARAGUS was a bible of the environmental movement--as well as a primer for anyone interested in healthy, inexpensive eating.

"Ã¢delightful and as valid today as they were more than two decades ago.Ã¢ Nelson Bryant, The New York Times (1989) "Ã¢He (Euell Gibbons) was a man who knew the wild in a way that no one else in this time has even marginally approached.Ã¢ John McPhee, The New York Times (1976) "

I can't describe how much I enjoyed reading this book. It's worth reading just for the tone of the author and his love of the subject, even if you never intend to follow in his footsteps. But, over and above that, this is a real, serious guide to foraging. If that's where you're headed, this book will get you there. Before reading, I was only slightly interested in wild edibles. After, I was inspired to know much more about the natural world. Pros: Extensive, detailed, complete treatment of each plant

described, including identification, harvest and then preparation (often including recipes). The anecdotes of the author, describing the development of his love for foraging, are inspiring and encouraging. Cons: No photographs. And this is a real bummer. There are illustrations, but I really wanted color photos. This is almost certainly a product of the times (this book isn't exactly new) and keeps costs down, but I miss the photos present in more modern foraging books.

Along with *Stalking the Blue-eyed Scallop*, this is my favorite of Gibbon's books. Talks about several well known plants, several less-known plants, and entertains all the way. Most of his recipes contain more sugar in a serving than I would eat in a month (slight exaggeration...), but his passion for the plants and his experience and honesty with them are very real. Not a field guide for people looking to expand their botanical and foraging knowledge, but definitely recommended for people who genuinely enjoy foraging for more than just obtaining food.

Great book with great info

I've recently gotten into foraging and found this book to be essential. Not only did I learn about common edible plants (where they are found, identifying them, how to harvest, etc.), I learned how to prepare them for meals. And, of course, Euell Gibbons' stories are wonderful. This is a great resource for anyone who loves to forage for food.

This classic book should be read by every forager. You can find more practical field guides, complete with photos for ID, written by modern foragers, but nobody writes about foraging with the love and joy that Gibbons brought to his subject. Decades ago, he got a whole generation to taste the outdoors. That infectious spirit is still there.

Been looking for a copy of this book for YEARS, I am glad to have finally found a copy!

At first I was worried that there would only be stories and not much helpful information, but as I read on, this book became a treasure. JUST what I have been looking for. I will be buying some field guides, though, as the illustrations are not quite adequate for my taste.

After taking my Master Gardener Classes in 2005 one of my many talks on "gardening" is "Edible Wild Plants and Garden Grazing a.k.a. Having your plants and eating them too". *Stalking The Wild*

Asparagus is an excellent book to have when you want to add some zest to your salad.

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