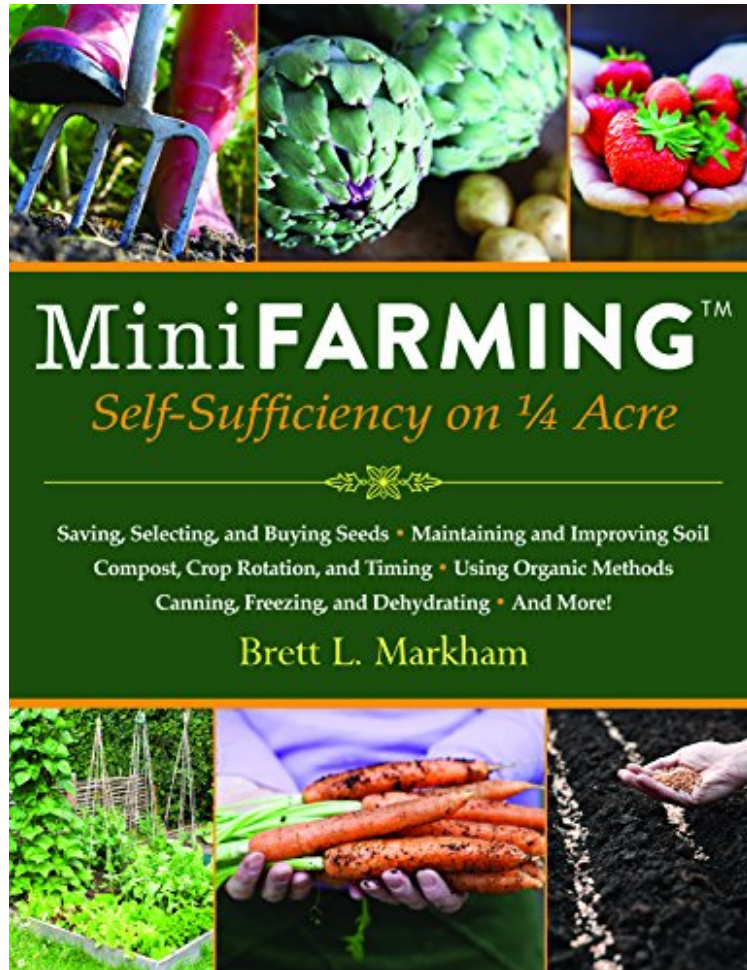


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A concept destined to appeal to that intrepid individual whose independent nature finds the idea of abandoning the grocery store alluring. (Carol Haggas - Booklist) A helpful addition, alongside Bartholomew and Jeavons, for the serious DIY gardener. (Margaret Heller - Library Journal) About the Author Brett L. Markham is an engineer, third-generation farmer, and polymath. Using the methods explained in his book, he runs a profitable, Certified Naturally Grown mini farm on less than half an acre. Brett works full time as an engineer for a broadband ISP and farms in his spare time. He lives in New Ipswich, New Hampshire.