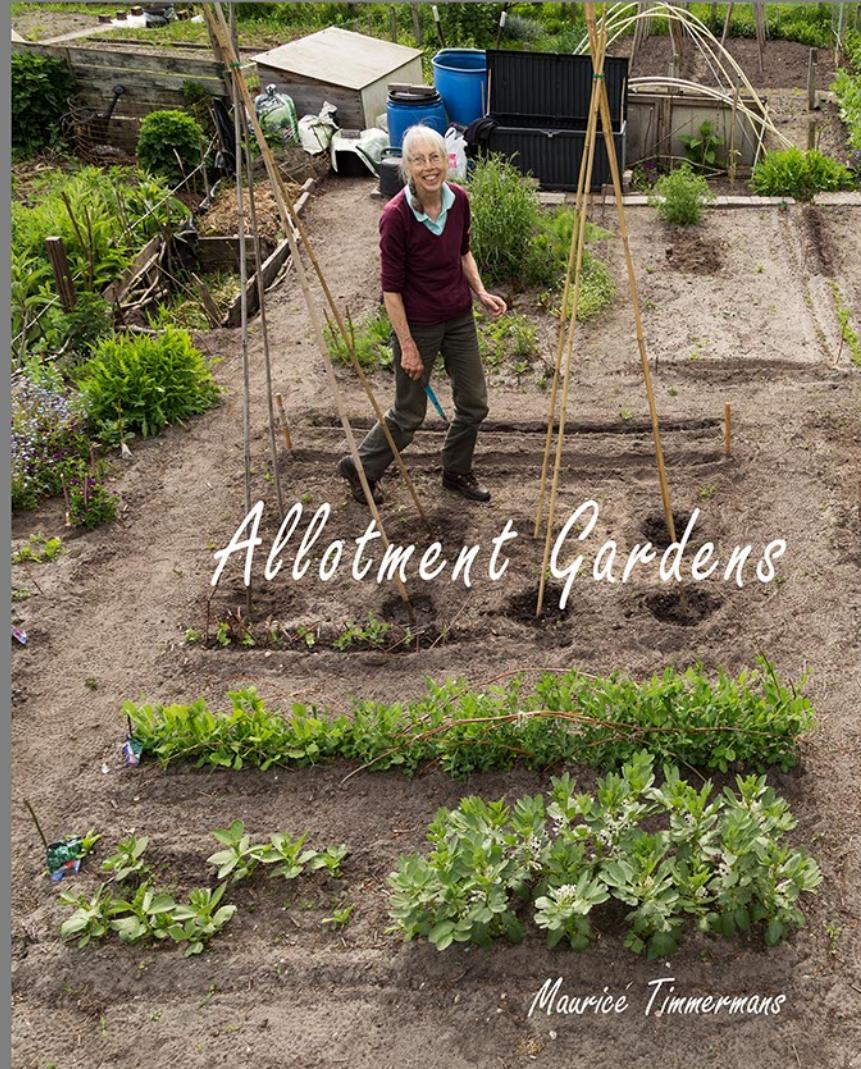




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# *Introduction*

*In my opinion May is the best month for photographing allotment gardens. The lay-out is clearly visible because the gardens are not yet full-grown. One can see the intent of the gardener. I have interviewed and photographed the gardeners of the Biological Horticultural Society 't Nut in Soest. The society was founded in 1977 by a group of people who were concerned about the environmentally-unfriendly practices of modern agriculture. Today the members of the society still grow their vegetables and flowers without the use of pesticides or artificial fertilizers.*

*One horticultural society, one set of rules for planning and maintaining gardens and yet all of the close to one hundred gardens are different. Allotment gardens reflect the personalities of their gardeners. That's why one could call the photographs in this book "garden portraits". The gardeners all have their own style and their own reasons for gardening. But they all agree on one thing: biologically grown and especially self-grown vegetables taste so much better!*

*Maurice Timmermans  
Soest, The Netherlands  
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*Addy and Jan*



*Martin*



*"Gardening is like exercise, it keeps us healthy..."*

*"I want my children to know where our food comes from..."*



Oscar and Erik Jan



"It's fun growing your own food, making our own rhubarb pie..."

*Magdaleen*



*"I love nature, time and time again nature amazes me..."*

*Bam*



*"I like digging the soil with my fingers, it feels great..."*

*Gerard and Figen*



*"This is a good place to be..."*



*"Growing a beautiful vegetable isn't that easy, gardening makes us more conscious of what we eat..."*

Rina



*"Gardening is good for you, it fulfills and you forget about everything ..."*

*Daantje en Hester*



*"This hobby of growing our own healthy vegetables is almost like a second job and we love it..."*

Dick



"Closing the circle: the garden produces its own compost which is then used as fertilizer..."



Ria



*"I took over this garden from my late husband.  
The garden keeps me busy and I like being outside..."*

Jakob



*"Gardening also is a very sociable activity.  
The gardeners know each other. I like our yearly BBQ..."*

Koos



"This garden belonged to my wife Roos. She passed away recently and the garden was neglected. Today my friends and I are building a memorial garden for Roos..."

Cees



"While I'm in the garden I hear the birds singing..."

Annemarie



"I used to work in the vegetable garden together with my father..."



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