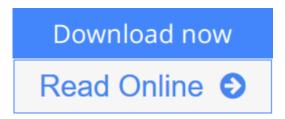


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#### Learn how to:

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- Can domesticated, tropical and wild fruit. Gel jams and jellies with homemade fruit pectin.
- Pickle vegetables with organic, unpasteurized apple cider vinegar or homemade vinegar.
- Can lactofermented vegetables and fruit like sauerkraut, cucumber pickles and pickled plums.
- Save money and energy with home canning.
- Can foods in a boiling water bath or pressure canner using a solar cooker.
- Reuse glass jars from commercially processed foods for home canning.
- Can with American canning jars. Or try European canning jars with glass lids.
- Create your own jam, jelly, conserve, fruit butter, pickle, relish, chutney and salsa recipes.
- Start a food preservation club, community canning project or community kitchen.
- Sell your canned goods at your local farmers' market or CSA.

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