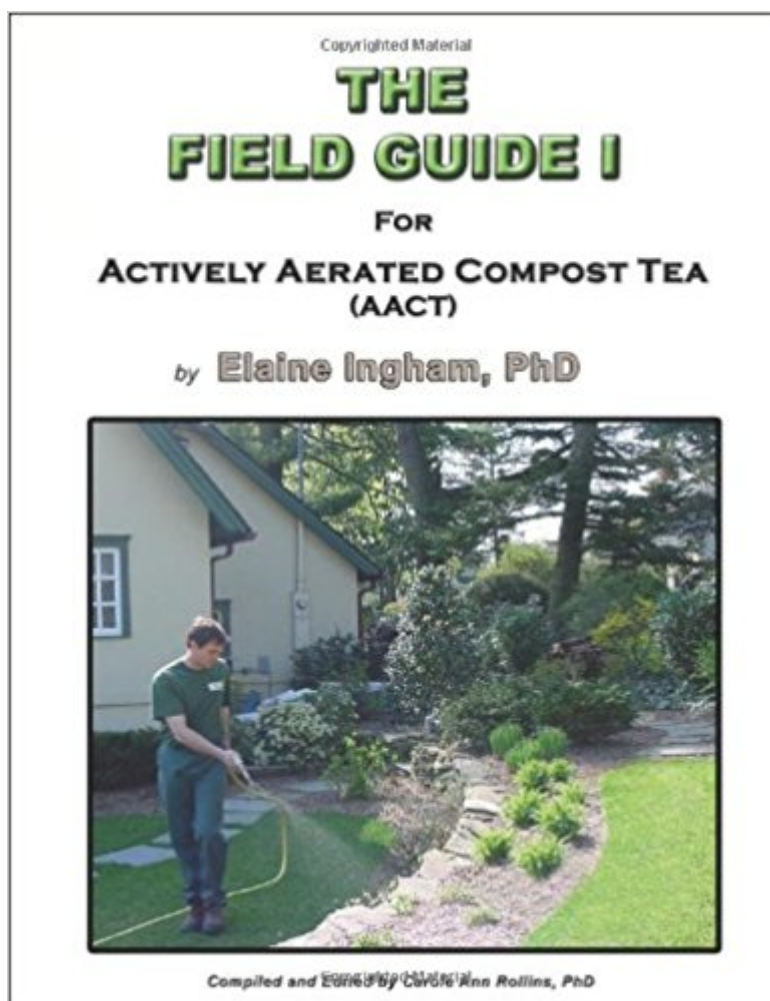


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The Field Guide I For Actively Aerated Compost Tea



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This is not so much an how-to manual but rather a collection of transcripts of email conversations where Dr. Ingham answers questions from students. It is designed for large scale tea making (for commercial vineyards/farms/orchards) and not so much for the casual homeowner. Unfortunately, it is not well organized, and many of the questions and answers are repetitive. If you already know how to make compost tea this will give you definitions of all the micro-organisms and optional ingredients and some ideas on how to tweak your tea to be either fungal or bacterial dominated. It also has a section in the back of the book with formulas for figuring out application rates for various uses. This is not a book I would recommend to a beginning tea maker. This would be better for someone who is trying to MASTER compost tea and make huge quantities of it using machines for large production farms, orchards and vineyards.

This book is written as a collection of email responses to various questions asked about the making of compost & compost tea. While extremely informative if you can follow the format, it can be difficult to follow due to email conversation being edited for the book.

very interesting, it gives a total other view on this matter, you can learn a lot out of this book

Anyone who has been fortunate enough to hear one of Dr. Ingham's presentations will greatly appreciate the depth of this book. She continues where she leaves off in her talks. Personally I can't get enough of her info. Her work is brilliant and life-changing for serious gardeners and food producers. However, if you haven't been exposed to her work yet, this may be a little beyond you...what is mesmerizing to me may seem dry to you. Try to get to see her in person, she is dynamic and grabs your attention. You will walk away with a new understanding of why microbiology is so important for your garden or farm. Then this starts to make more sense. You can find more info about her work at [soil foodweb](http://soilfoodweb.com).

This book is really disappointing. Actually it is not a book. It is just a collection of old emails. Trying

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