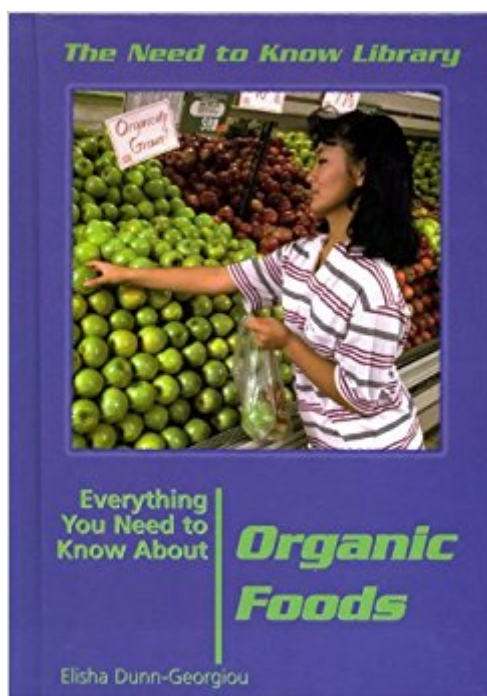


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Grade 5-10-While Dunn-Georgiou has produced a credible overview of the benefits and characteristics of organic foods, her book might be more aptly titled, "Everything You Need to Know to Persuade You to Switch to Organic Foods." After briefly addressing common confusions, she moves into a review of agriculture that emphasizes the prevalence of pesticides and industrial farming, genetically altered foods, antibiotics and hormones, E. coli, Salmonella, and mad cow disease. At this point, who wouldn't make the leap? More than half of the book is devoted to the dangers of mass-produced, commonly consumed foods, with the specifics of organic farming and gardening getting short shrift. Readers are encouraged to try their hand at raising their own crops organically, which is made to sound like quite a simple undertaking. While not evenhanded, Dunn-Georgiou offers a concise summary of the arguments used by those in the organic-foods movement, and the book will be useful in that respect. Of particular interest is the explanation of the recent Organic Foods Production Act, which created standards for what can be labeled organic. Joyce Adams Burner, Hillcrest Library, Prairie Village, KS Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

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