Edible Estates: Attack on the Front Lawn
by Fritz Haeg
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Like baseball and apple pie, the American front lawn is a national icon. Rooted, historically, in the landscapes of such iconic abodes as the White House and Monticello, the lush, neatly manicured expanse is now a staple of suburbia. It is also, according to architect and artist Fritz Haeg, an environmental evil—one whose upkeep demands the use of more equipment, fuel, and chemical pesticides than industrial farming.

*Edible Estates* chronicles Haeg’s efforts to replace the nation’s lawns with more fruitful—literally—food-bearing plots. Featuring region-by-region prototype gardens, helpful planting calendars, and essays by “full-frontal” supporters like Michael Pollan and Lesley Stern, this manifesto-turned-manual may convince you to retire your lawn mower for good. —April Kilcrease