

## Pretty Pink Echinacea Coneflowers Garden Journal 150 Page Lined Notebook Diary

Tough-but-beautiful plant picks There's a growing demand for dependably hardy plants that require less maintenance and less water, but look no less beautiful in the garden. Plant Select—the leading purveyor of plants designed to thrive in difficult climates—meets this need by promoting plants that allow gardeners everywhere to have stunning, environmentally-friendly gardens that use fewer resources. Pretty Tough Plants highlights 135 of Plant Select's top plant picks. Each profile features a color photograph and specific details about the plant's size, best features, and bloom season, along with cultural needs, landscape features, and design ideas. The plant list includes perennials and annuals, groundcovers, grasses, shrubs, and trees. A chart at the end of the book makes it easy to choose the right plants for specific conditions and needs.

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Offers advice on choosing perennials suitable for midwestern gardens, with information on flowers, foliage, soil, propagation, and care.

A creative blend of information, projects, activities, preparations, colour-in artwork, stories, songs, lore and interesting herbal tidbits. This book will help parents and their children learn about herbs.

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Even beginner gardeners can select plants to create a stunning garden as unique as the mid-Atlantic region - with expert help to ensure success! Mid-Atlantic Getting Started Garden Guide is a plant selection guide, perfect for when you're choosing plants and starting a garden in a climate that can be as challenging as it is beautiful. Choose the right plants and care for them properly with help from two of the area's most highly respected and experienced plantsmen, Andre and Mark Viette, and horticulture writer Jacqui Heriteau. The authors' top picks for plants that will thrive in (or in spite of) the regions's heat, humidity, winter cold, soil, coastal climate, and other unique growing conditions guarantee success for the area gardeners and home landscapers. Plants are divided into easy-to-browse chapters, including Annuals, Bulbs, Groundcovers, Ornamental Grasses, Perennials, Shrubs, Trees, Lawns, and Vines. Each plant is highlighted in its respective chapter with a large full-color photograph and tips on how, when, and where to plant. Mid-Atlantic Getting Started Garden Guide doesn't stop at plant selection. Methods for preparing soil, watering, fertilizer application, and pest management are also covered in detail. Along with the "nitty-gritty" of tending your garden, the authors share their inspiration for garden design, offer ways to incorporate your plants into the landscape, and name some favorite cultivars or species. Their sound, practical advice is clothed in beautiful descriptions of each plant that will inspire you to get your hands dirty!

Provides a photographic guide to more than 1,200 interesting and beautiful garden plants, with each entry

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including full-color photos, hardiness-zone information, growing tips and more, in a book that also has lists of plants for certain situations.

With respect to the plants reviewed in this book and the author's recommendations on plant culture, we will generally be considering plant culture in climates north of the midtemperatures between the Gulf of Mexico and Canada. This does not refer to a straight line east to west across mid-America since temperatures change with elevations. Although I have never gardened in Canada, I assume this would include the southern areas of our northern neighbor, as well as southern areas in the United States, which have higher elevations. As a precaution, I wish to remind people that various plants may be poisonous to taste and, for some people, to touch, so children in particular should be cautioned.

"A Way to Garden prods us toward that ineffable place where we feel we belong; it's a guide to living both in and out of the garden." —The New York Times Book Review For Margaret Roach, gardening is more than a hobby, it's a calling. Her unique approach, which she calls "horticultural how-to and woo-woo," is a blend of vital information you need to memorize and intuitive steps you must simply feel and surrender to. In *A Way to Garden*, Roach imparts decades of garden wisdom on seasonal gardening, ornamental plants, vegetable gardening, design, gardening for wildlife, organic practices, and much more. She also challenges gardeners to think beyond their garden borders and to consider the ways gardening can enrich the world. Brimming with beautiful photographs of Roach's own

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garden, *A Way to Garden* is practical, inspiring, and a must-have for every passionate gardener.

Gardening is now the favorite leisure pastime in America. Homeowners are realizing the health benefits derived from gardening and the increase in their home's property value. This book contains easy-to-use advice on the top landscape plant choices. It also recommends specific varieties, and provides advice on how to plant, how to grow and how to care for the best plants.

Chanticleer, a forty-eight-acre garden on Philadelphia's historic Main Line, is many things simultaneously: a lush display of verdant intensity and variety, an irreverent and informal setting for inventive plant combinations, a homage to the native trees and horticultural heritage of the mid-Atlantic, a testament to one man's devotion to his family's estate and legacy, and a good spot for a stroll and picnic amid the blooms. In *Chanticleer: A Pleasure Garden*, Adrian Higgins and photographer Rob Cardillo chronicle the garden's many charms over the course of two growing cycles. Built on the grounds of the Rosengarten estate in Wayne, Pennsylvania, Chanticleer retains a domestic scale, resulting in an intimate, welcoming atmosphere. The structure of the estate has been thoughtfully incorporated into the garden's overall design, such that small gardens created in the footprint of the old tennis court and on the foundation of one of the

family homes share space with more traditional landscapes woven around streams and an orchard. Through conversations and rambles with Chanticleer's team of gardeners and artisans, Higgins follows the garden's development and reinvention as it changes from season to season, rejoicing in the hundred thousand daffodils blooming on the Orchard Lawn in spring and marveling at the Serpentine's late summer crop of cotton, planted as a reminder of Pennsylvania's agrarian past.

Cardillo's photographs reveal further nuances in Chanticleer's landscape: a rare and venerable black walnut tree near the entrance, pairs of gaily painted chairs along the paths, a backlit arbor draped in mounds of fragrant wisteria. Chanticleer fuses a strenuous devotion to the beauty and health of its plantings with a constant dedication to the mutability and natural energy of a living space. And within the garden, Higgins notes, there is a thread of perfection entwined with whimsy and continuous renewal.

The long-awaited third edition of Allan Armitage's masterpiece on garden perennials was released in April of 2008. Armitage's extensive traveling, teaching and trialing experiences provide a depth of understanding of the best ornamental perennials for North American gardens unparalleled by any other garden writer. One of the most definitive and conclusive books written about perennials, the first edition was designated as one of the best 75 books

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written in the last 75 years by the American Horticulture Society, and the third is even better! The third edition of "The Big Perennial Book" (as it is fondly referred to by many practitioners) describes 3,600 species in 1224 pages. More than 300 color photos complement detailed text filled with the author's pointed observations of plant performance, cultivar selection and current taxonomy. Allan's trademark wit and passion are both in abundance, making reading as pleasurable as it is informative.

In the first essay in "Garden Musings," this gardening writer states, "The evidence keeps racking up that I, the Hoosier-born offspring of several generations of farmers, chose through ignorance to garden in a delightful area combining the world's worst soil and an exasperating climate, all augmented by various man-made and natural catastrophes such as tornadoes, droughts, prairie fires, hail, drenching rains, ice-storms, late freezes, boiling summers, and seventy mile per hour winds. " Gardening, with all the pressures of struggle between the environment, wild animals, and the gardener, and particularly in the harsh Kansas weather, is not for the faint-hearted as demonstrated by the many essays in the book including Sweet (Corn) Pain, Weather-Wearied, Midden Misery, and Soil Sorrows. While the essays are full of useful personal observations about gardening style, plant

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information, and garden practices, the author also turns his wry eye on tumbling a number of gardening tenets and institutions as he turns his attentions on composting, lawn maintenance, and landscape designers who work primarily in junipers, Japanese barberry and Stella de Oro daylilies. The timing and content of programming of the Home and Garden Television Network and the lack of availability of G-rated gardening statues are other topics that don't escape this garden curmudgeon. Gardeners searching for practical advice or simply for winter-reading pleasure will all find fulfillment within these pages.

The passion and urgency that inspired WWI and WWII Victory Gardens is needed today to meet another threat to our food supply and our environment—the steep decline of pollinators. The Pollinator Victory Garden offers practical solutions for winning the war against the demise of these essential animals. Pollinators are critical to our food supply and responsible for the pollination of the vast majority of all flowering plants on our planet.

Pollinators include not just bees, but many different types of animals, including insects and mammals. Beetles, bats, birds, butterflies, moths, flies, and wasps can be pollinators. But, many pollinators are in trouble, and the reality is that most of our landscapes have little to offer them. Our residential and commercial landscapes are filled with vast green

pollinator deserts, better known as lawns. These monotonous green expanses are ecological wastelands for bees and other pollinators. With The Pollinator Victory Garden, you can give pollinators a fighting chance. Learn how to transition your landscape into a pollinator haven by creating a habitat that includes pollinator nutrition, larval host plants for butterflies and moths, and areas for egg laying, nesting, sheltering, overwintering, resting, and warming. Find a wealth of information to support pollinators while improving the environment around you:

- The importance of pollinators and the specific threats to their survival
- How to provide food for pollinators using native perennials, trees, and shrubs that bloom in succession
- Detailed profiles of the major pollinator types and how to attract and support each one
- Tips for creating and growing a Pollinator Victory Garden, including site assessment, planning, and planting goals
- Project ideas like pollinator islands, enriched landscape edges, revamped foundation plantings, meadowscapes, and other pollinator-friendly lawn alternatives

The time is right for a new gardening movement. Every yard, community garden, rooftop, porch, patio, commercial, and municipal landscape can help to win the war against pollinator decline with The Pollinator Victory Garden.

A quick-reference guide to planting perennials for gardeners with little experience and time Choosing



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perennials for a garden can be a daunting task, considering that there are thousands of choices. Yarrow? Columbine? Aster? To make the selection easier, this guide profiles the easiest-to-grow and best-performing perennials for both sunny and shady locations. Each plant is shown in a beautiful color photo for easy identification. The photo is accompanied by information on where and how to grow the featured plant, along with horticultural tips to assist in making the perennial-gardening adventure an enjoyable endeavor. From controlling pesky bugs and deadheading to staking tall plants and taking root cuttings, everything a beginning gardener or new homeowner needs to start a garden is here. This colorful, photo-filled book takes the guesswork out of gardening. No trial and error--get it right the first time!

This journal with 150 ruled pages awaits your writing pleasure. You can use it to record your hopes and dreams, express your gratitude, to keep a bucket list, as a daily diary, or to jot down your "To-Do" lists. The possibilities are endless and the choice is all yours. Enjoy!

Even beginner gardeners can select plants to create a stunning garden as unique as the Carolinas - with expert help to ensure success! Carolinas Getting Started Garden Guide is a plant selection guide, perfect for when you're choosing plants and starting a garden in a climate that can be as challenging as it

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is beautiful. Choose the right plants and care for them properly with help from an expert. Toby Bost, one of the area's most highly respected and experienced gardeners, shares his deep knowledge of the region, gardens, and plants in a lively, upbeat style. The author's top picks for plants that will thrive in (or in spite of) the Carolina's heat, humidity, coastal conditions, clay and sandy loam soils, and other unique growing conditions guarantee success for the area gardeners and home landscapers.

Plants are divided into easy-to-browse chapters, including Annuals, Bulbs, Groundcovers, Ornamental Grasses, Perennials, Shrubs, Trees, Lawns, and Vines. Each plant is highlighted in its respective chapter with a large full-color photograph and tips on how, when, and where to plant.

Carolina's Getting Started Garden Guide doesn't stop at plant selection. Methods for preparing soil, watering, fertilizer application, and pest management are also covered in detail. Along with the "nitty-gritty" of tending your garden, Toby shares his inspiration for garden design, offers ways to incorporate your plants into the landscape, and names some favorite cultivars or species. His sound, practical advice is clothed in beautiful descriptions of each plant that will inspire you to get your hands dirty!

Very basic, highly informative, illustrated guide to 500 types of garden plants. Learn how to grow (and care for) more than 500 varieties of flowers, trees and shrubs. Arranged

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alphabetically -- azalea to zinnia. Black-and-white line illustrations throughout.

Perennial Gardening in Texas presents its own unique challenges, especially with the state's wide variety of climate zones. This book focuses on individual plants—some 120 species—but also brings with it the expertise of a landscape architect in providing designs that will work both damp and water-scarce areas.

Explains how to attract butterflies and hummingbirds to the backyard garden by creating an ideal habitat and provides a field guide to the sixteen hummingbird species and seventy-five common butterfly species that make North America their home.

Expert advice for Southern gardeners A gardener's plant choice and garden style are inextricably linked to the place they call home. In order to grow a flourishing garden, every gardener must know the specifics of their region's climate, soil, and geography. Gardening in the South is comprehensive, enthusiastic, and accessible to gardeners of all levels. It features information on site and plant selection, soil preparation and maintenance, and basic design principles. Plant profiles highlight the region's best perennials, annuals, trees, shrubs, and bulbs. Color photographs throughout show wonderful examples of southern garden style. Gardening in the South is for home gardeners in Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

A guide to gardening in the Intermountain West, which includes parts of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Montana, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. Everything you need to know for a quick and beautiful yard on the Canadian prairies. Creating and maintaining the perfect

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yard on the prairies isn't as hard as you might think, but the short growing season doesn't give you much time to transform your winter-weary yard into a glorious garden. To help homeowners in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba get the jump on the short season, popular gardening expert Lyndon Penner has created the essential guide to a quick and beautiful yard in the prairie provinces. With gardening smarts, style and wit, Lyndon covers everything both novice and expert gardeners need to know, along with tips you won't find anywhere else. Contains more than 200 beautiful, colour photos. Quickly find what you need to know about climate zones, soil, colour, texture and shade. Understand your yard's potential. Pick the best bulbs, perennials, trees and shrubs for your yard. Deal with insects and plant diseases in environmentally friendly ways. Shop smarter at garden centres. Attract animals you want to your garden, and keep away the ones you don't. Another version of this book, *The Chinook Short Season Yard*, is available for gardeners who live in the southern Alberta chinook zone. Get a free ebook through the Shelfie app with the purchase of a print copy.

Your garden can be a kaleidoscope of color in every season! Ask any gardener and they will tell you, color is the most important (and most fun!) part of garden design. In *The Nonstop Color Garden*, author Nellie Neal shows how to use color as an exciting element in your garden during all four seasons--and it's not just flowers! Year-round color is possible by including trees, shrubs, and groundcovers that produce colorful berries and bark, as well as flowers during spring and summer. Even the shapes of plants can enhance your garden by providing all-season architectural interest--Nellie makes it easy to explore it all. *The Nonstop Color Garden* is perfect for the more experienced gardener, but even an engaged novice will find much to learn about the

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best plants for nonstop color, garden structure, and garden design. Nellie presents several strategies for crafting a thematically cohesive yet unstylized landscape that includes plant selection and placement. Use the balanced juxtaposition of opposites in texture, size, shape and color. Create unifying pairings of similar foliage types. Work with existing land forms and indigenous vegetation. Everyone who takes pride and pleasure in their garden will not want to miss this informative, fun, colorful book!

Perennials are permanent fixtures in most home gardens, making this complete guide a perfect fit for any home gardener's library. This book will be a comprehensive and accessible reference for planning, planting, and caring for the most popular perennial plants, from the common hibiscus and peony, to new, must-grow varieties. With an easy-to-navigate package, in-depth coverage of basic techniques, and up-to-date information on new varieties and trends, it is perfect for gardeners of all skill levels, from novice to expert. Filled with colorful diagrams, helpful checklists that make shopping and planning a breeze, and easy-to-follow directions for all kinds of projects, it's the perfect guide to planning and maintaining a beautiful home garden, year after year. Chapters will include a primer on understanding perennials, guidance on selecting the best perennials for your region and situation, inspirational ideas for design, including color combinations and plant pairings. An entire chapter of plant-by-numbers plans will provide step-by-step guidance and inspiration for home garden designs. Special features include lists of top perennial plants and at-a-glance seasonal maintenance charts. More than 700 gorgeous color photos throughout, including a plant encyclopedia that features hundreds of perennials, categorized for convenience.

“A love letter to plants...that oozes enthusiasm.” —The

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English Garden Why settle for lackluster gardens filled with dull, ho-hum plants? In this spirited, provocative book, plant guru Kelly Norris calls for a garden revolution: out with the boring plants and in with the exciting newcomers that will make your jaw drop and your pulse quicken! A passionate horticulturist and lifelong gardener, Kelly is the ideal guide to the botanical riches available to today's gardeners. In chapters on environment, structure, seasonal standouts, and plant combinations he shines a spotlight on the A-list plants in every category—plants that will thrive, not merely survive. Along the way, he shows you how to forge a personal style in harmony with your garden's setting and local environment. As Kelly puts it, "A garden is the best way to savor life on earth." Let *Plants with Style* guide you to the plants that will provide a richer, more fulfilling connection between you and your own patch of soil. The ultimate gardening reference work compiled by two dozen of the world's leading plant experts under the auspices of one of the world's greatest botanical gardens. Brooklyn Botanic Garden Gardener's Desk Reference is a milestone in garden publishing, the kind of groundbreaking work that appears once in a lifetime. No gardening reference--ever--has combined this scope of information in a single volume. The coverage in most gardening reference books falls into a few standard horticultural categories. The Gardener's Desk Reference unlocks the door to a vast assortment of plant knowledge from around the world. There is enough information in this single volume to serve any plant enthusiast--beginning and professional alike--over a

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lifetime. For easy use, the wide-ranging material is divided into twenty different sections-- such as: Botany for Gardeners Kitchen Gardening The Horticultural Traveler Weights, Measures, and Conversions The hundreds of indispensable sidebars, graphs, tables, plant lists, maps, and illustrations found throughout the reference make it even more accessible and attractive. To do justice to the continent's breathtaking diversity of climates and plant communities, all plant lists are organized by region, and every recommended species or cultivar has been chosen by an experienced landscaper tested by years of gardening in the area. Never before have gardeners had access to the breadth and quality of information in this authoritative reference.

Covers purchasing, growing, and caring for the most popular plants

Over 400 entries of the most practical, up-to-date gardening information ever, collected from garden experts and writers nationwide! "Gardens are places to renew yourself in mind and body, to reawaken to the truth and beauty of the natural world, and to feel the life force inside and around you. And the organic way to garden is safer, cheaper, and more satisfying. Organic gardeners have shown that it's possible to have pleasant and productive gardens in every part of this country without using toxic chemicals. They make their home grounds an island of purity."--Robert Rodale

"This practical guide is lush with clear, step-by-step advice." —Real Simple Since its original publication twenty years ago, *The Well-Tended Perennial Garden* has helped home gardeners successfully plan, plant, and

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tend their gardens. Now Tracy Di-Sabato-Aust's trusty advice and reassuring tone are back and better than ever in this completely revised new edition. Novice and experienced gardeners alike will benefit from Tracy's thorough details on the essential practices of perennial care—including deadheading, pinching, and thinning—along with growing information for new species and cultivars, on-trend garden design advice, a monthly planting and maintenance schedule, and details on native plants and gardening for wildlife. *The Well-Tended Perennial Garden* is a must-have ally in the quest for a beautiful, well-maintained garden.

*Nancy Brachey's Guide to Piedmont Gardening* is a comprehensive gardening reference for any Piedmont area resident. As the gardening editor of the *Charlotte Observer*, Nancy has helped beginners and advanced gardeners from the basics of planting to cultivating a garden. The book offers a month-by-month guide to gardening. Each month includes sections like "What to Plant", "It's Time to...", "What is Blooming", and "Ask Nancy: Answers to Some Common Problems" as well as other topics relevant to the month.

Create a floral haven with help from a celebrated garden designer and flower lover. Jan Johnsen's latest book, *Floratopia: 110 Flower Garden Ideas for Your Yard, Patio, or Balcony* showcases beautiful flower varieties and offers illustrated design ideas that will have you seeing the potential for colorful flowers, both annual and perennial, in all kinds of outdoor spaces, large or small. Essential advice—such as "Hot Weather Flower Garden Tips," "Tiny Space, Tiny Garden," and "Tips for Layering



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with Flowers"—is accompanied by lush photos and informative captions. Selected growing tips—such as "Become a Rake Master" and "Should I Cut Back in Winter?"—answer common questions and ensure success for gardeners of all skill levels. Floratopia both inspires and enlightens; it underscores the role of flowers as pollinator magnets and encourages the appreciation of flowers throughout their entire lifecycle. Choice tips for butterfly gardens, combining grasses and flowers, and deer-resistant combinations also include recommended cultivars and suggested soil conditions. This engaging book is divided into six chapters: Flowers in Pots and Planters Flower Garden Planting Tips Flower Garden Design Tips and Green Thoughts Themes for Flower Gardens A Few Choice Perennial Flowers to Try A Selection of Favorite Annual Flowers. Floratopia appeals to gardeners and flower lovers alike. Jan's encouraging voice, experience, and contagious passion for flower garden design will inspire you to plant joyful blossoms wherever you live.

A columnist for The Richmond Times-Dispatch presents a week-by-week, season-by-season rumination on the pleasures and pains of gardening in the mid-Atlantic region, offering seasonal tips for experienced and beginner gardeners alike. UP.

Even beginner gardeners can select plants to create a stunning garden as unique as the Empire or Garden State - with expert help to ensure success! New York & New Jersey Getting Started Garden Guide is a plant selection guide, perfect for when you're choosing plants and starting a garden in a climate that can be as challenging as it is beautiful.

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Choose the right plants and care for them properly, with help from an expert. Vincent Simeone, one of the area's most highly respected and experienced gardeners, shares his deep knowledge of the region, gardens, and plants in a lively, upbeat style. The author's top picks for plants that will thrive in this area's winter cold, soils, coastal conditions, urban living, and other unique growing conditions guarantee success for area gardeners and home landscapers. Plants are divided into easy-to-browse chapters such as Annuals, Bulbs, Groundcovers, Ornamental Grasses, Perennials, Shrubs, Trees, Lawns, and Vines. Each plant is highlighted in its respective chapter with a large full-color photograph and tips on how, when, and where to plant. New York & New Jersey Getting Started Garden Guide doesn't stop at plant selection. Methods for preparing soil, watering, fertilizer application, and pest management are also covered in detail. Along with the "nitty-gritty" of tending your garden, Vincent shares his inspiration for garden design, offers ways to incorporate your plants into the landscape, and names some favorite cultivars or species. His sound, practical advice is clothed in beautiful descriptions of each plant that will inspire you to get your hands dirty!

Master the Indiana gardening climate with this photographic guide to more than 150 state-specific plants. It's no secret that the post-glacial soils of Indiana are some of the most fertile that the midwestern United States has to offer. If you're lucky enough to live there - be it on the shores of Lake Michigan in Gary, nestled along the Ohio River in Evansville, or in a small town near one of the state's 1,000-plus lakes - you've found yourself in one of the nation's best gardening countries. In Indiana Getting Started Garden Guide, internationally renowned gardening expert and Indiana native Shawna Coronado presents foolproof planting advice for over 150 species, handpicked for their ability to flourish in the

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Hoosier State. Organized alphabetically by plant type and common name, this book's format makes it as simple to come upon plants you've never heard of as it is to look up your old favorites. Every species - from annuals and perennials to shrubs, natives, and trees - is featured with gorgeous full-color photography, a name pronunciation guide, instructions for planting and care, and a list of ideal companion plants. A smart set of icons acts as a quick reference for sun and shade requirements and plant-specific benefits, and a color-coded USDA map lets you find your specific plant hardiness zone. So whether you're craving the colorful fall pop of burning bush or the springtime splendor of Siberian squill, *Indiana Getting Started Garden Guide* is your manual for harnessing that beautiful Indiana countryside.

*The Gardener's Guide* format is proven to help gardeners experience more success and enjoyment from their gardening efforts. The *Gardener's Guide* series provides useable information on the plants that perform best in Tennessee and Kentucky in an easy-to-use format. Gardeners will find information they can trust and use successfully in their own gardens. This book is authored by Judy Lowe, leading gardening expert in the region.

Shows one hundred fifty perennials of proven performance sure to live up to their catalog descriptions and offers advice on selection and cultivation

Describing the medicinal uses of over 2,700 plants by 218 Native American tribes, the author organizes his extensive research into eighty-two categories--including contraceptives, gastrointestinal aids, sedatives, toothache remedies, and more--and provides indexes arranged by tribe, usage, and common name, as well as 150 line drawings.

The ultimate, fully illustrated guide to plant selection and gardening in the Prairie State. With its northeastern edge seated on the shores of Lake Michigan, Illinois offers some of

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the United States' most fertile farmlands. But as any midwesterner knows, the entire region's weather can turn on a dime, and keeping plant life alive in such a widely varying climate can be difficult for gardeners of all skill levels. In *Illinois Getting Started Garden Guide*, born-and-bred midwestern gardener Shawna Coronado showcases more than 150 plant species destined for success throughout all of Illinois--from flowers and shrubs, such as the blazing star and the beautiful early-spring-flowering witchhazel, to trees and vines, such as the ginkgo and the exquisite clematis. Each entry features full-color photography, plant-name pronunciation, helpful icons denoting sun/shade requirements and plant qualities, instructions for how to bring the plant from transplant to maturity, and even recommendations for what you should plant nearby. If you're not sure where to start, official color-coded USDA maps let you know your plant hardiness zone. So whether you're planting in a windy Chicago suburb, prepping for a frigid winter in Galena, or anticipating a rainy spring in Mt. Vernon, *Illinois Getting Started Garden Guide* gives you all the information you need for a colorful, diverse home landscape.

Even beginner gardeners can select plants to create a stunning garden as unique as the Rocky Mountains - with expert help to ensure success! *Rocky Mountain Getting Started Garden Guide* is a plant selection guide, perfect for when you're choosing plants and starting a garden in a climate that can be as challenging as it is beautiful. Choose the right plants and care for them properly with help from an expert. John Cretti, one of the Rockies' most highly respected and experienced gardeners, shares his deep knowledge of the region, gardens, and plants in a lively, upbeat style. The author's top picks for plants that will thrive in (or despite of) the Rockies' fluctuating temperatures, altitude, dryness, rocky soil, and other unique growing conditions guarantee success

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for area gardeners and home landscapers. Plants are divided into easy-to-browse chapters, such as Annuals, Bulbs, Groundcovers, Ornamental Grasses, Perennials, Shrubs, Trees (deciduous and conifers), Lawns, and Vines. Each plant is highlighted in their respective chapter with a large full-color photograph and tips on how, when, and where to plant. Rocky Mountain Getting Started Garden Guide doesn't stop at plant selection. Methods for preparing soil, watering, fertilizer application, and pest management are also covered in detail. Along with the "nitty-gritty" of tending your garden, John shares his inspiration for garden design, offers ways to incorporate your plants into the landscape, and names some favorite cultivars or species. His sound, practical advice is clothed in beautiful descriptions of each plant that will inspire you to get your hands dirty!

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