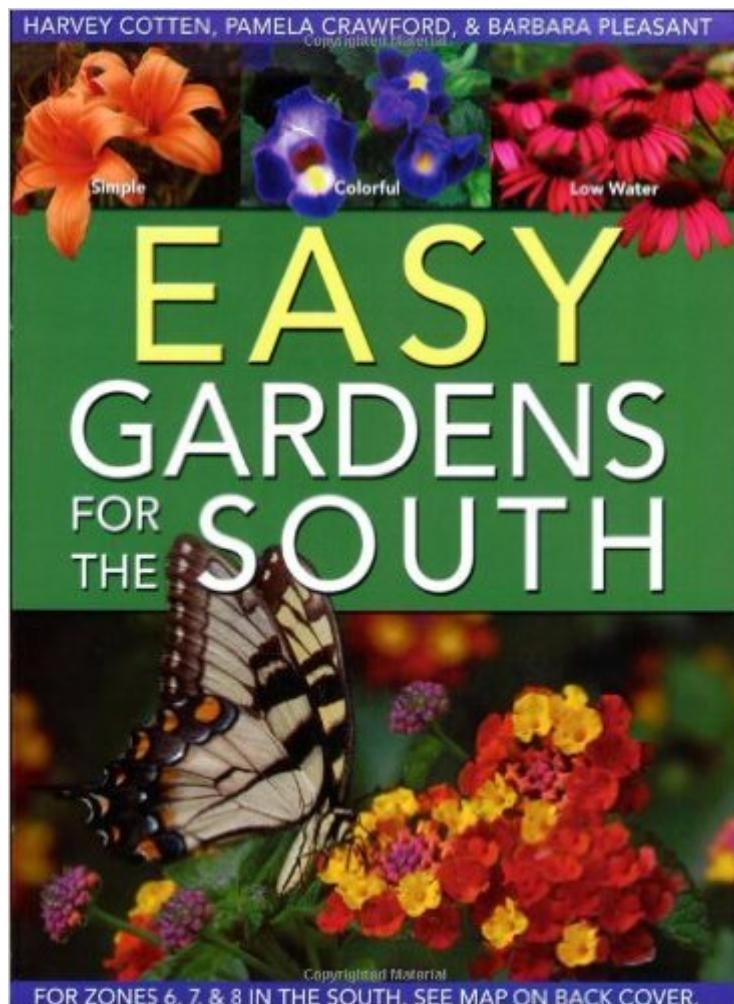


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Easy Gardens For The South



Synopsis

This groundbreaking book shows beginners and experienced gardeners alike how to create gorgeous gardens with the easiest, colorful, low water plants the south has to offer. Learn about annuals, perennials, shrubs, and trees that thrive with little or no irrigation and only require minutes of care per year - plants that can breeze through hot, humid, southern summers while attracting butterflies, birds and hummingbirds. Shop for plants like a pro by taking the book with you to garden centers and checking out the latest information on the newest plants around from people who have grown them! Create traffic-stopping color combinations from the over 150 easy examples shown. The book is extremely easy to follow, with thousands of color photographs, as well as many budget gardening tips. For Arkansas, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, north Florida, and north and central Louisiana.

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Customer Reviews

As an avid collector of gardening books, I'm always in search of the "easy way out." Here it is! Beautifully illustrated and well organized, "Easy Gardens for the South" aims to help any southerner who has ever killed a plant. A must-have for all levels of gardeners!

Buy this book! And no, I am in no way related to the publisher or authors. It is just that good. Aimed at zones 6, 7 and 8, this book contains a wealth of information that gardeners in zones 5 and 9 may use also. I live on the border of zones 8 and 9 and had no problem with the plants listed. Loaded with plenty of ideas this book is eye candy. At the beginning colorful pictures, albeit small, are given

to you by size of plant. What is great about this is you can see how the plants should fit in your yard. Too tall or small? Find something listed in the size you are interested WITHOUT paging back and forth between plant descriptions. By viewing this upfront you'll know if it something you should consider growing in your area. Cultivars with blue ribbons are included. Quite a bit of food for thought, plants are suggested with the best in mind at the time the book was written. You shouldn't have a problem finding them at your local nursery or online. Yum! Why five stars? Golden nuggets of garden tips are scattered about, colorful pictures of companion plants shown WITH the plant being described and honesty (finally!) that some plants won't meet your expectations. Others are erratic performers. There are university awards that are mentioned by states where the plant did well. Buying tips are randomly given to give you encouragement. Cautions should be heeded so you know if this plant should be considered. EASY GARDENS FOR THE SOUTH may intimidate those who are new to gardening but hold onto it. When you have some experience you'll be glad you did. Be sure to add this book to your garden library of keepers.

I purchased this book because I was looking for an extensive list of perennial FLOWERS that would do well in the south. (We moved here from the midwest a few years ago.) I was disappointed that there were only 23 that were highlighted, and only 29 that were in the 4 honorable mention pages. In those lists, at least a third of the flowers mentioned were obvious bulbs...such as lilies, iris, and crocus. Also a large portion of the perennial section was grasses and leafy plants, not flowers. I would recommend this book if you are brand new to the area, but if you have lived here a couple of years, most of the plants and trees listed are obvious ones that you see all around you....such as crepe myrtles, magnolias, hydrangeas etc...Beautiful book, but not what I was looking for. If you are looking for perennial flower recommendations, try the book: Perennial All Stars by Jeff Cox

Everything you need to know about making your garden into a showplace with all of the plants and flowers tested before hand. Now I will know how long I can expect flowers to bloom and no more throwing my money away for plants that don't work where I live. Can't wait to get started this spring and save time and expense of experimenting. I own two other of Ms Crawford's books and she has outdone herself on this comprehensive study. Photos are so beautiful and helpful and the page layout makes it easy, just like her title implies.

I love gardening but have very little time to spend doing it. Finally a book that shows beautiful plants that need almost no care! Spring couldn't come fast enough and I can't wait to try them.

I've been doing a lot of reading on gardening before getting started with a complete yard overhaul this spring...this is the best resource for me so far. I borrowed it thinking it would be another book restating the same facts with a few new tidbits I could use, and ended up ordering it so I could have my own copy. The rating systems for care and color are great! Very easy to use, but not oversimplified. Better than the American Horticultural Society's Encyclopedia and others I own (BH&Gardens, etc.) for usability. I was happily surprised!

This book is beautifully organized for the home gardener. It provides all the helpful information you need to choose the proper plants for a given location and then to grow them successfully. Several pictures of each plant show its appearance throughout the year, and complete information is provided on its culture. This is one of those rare gardening books that is a beautiful treat as well as a wealth of information. The authors' vast gardening experience shows, and is invaluable in planning and executing your garden.

At my point in life I want a simple, no fuss yard. This book, with its easy categories and Blue and Red Ribbon markings make it a great reference guide. No more wasted trips to the garden shop; I can take the nice manual with me. Also, it has several photos of clever ideas for where to store a rain barrel, a good article on composting and a calendar for planting color in your garden year-round. Good buy!

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