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Ortho's All About Shade Gardening



Synopsis

Extensive, colorful encyclopedia makes choosing plants a pleasure.

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Have a dark, dank spot where only wild things grow? There are better solutions than cutting down the trees! Ortho's All About Shade Gardening helps you select and care for the plants that work best in the shadows. You'll soon turn that shady wilderness into a lovely, comfortable landscape.

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good information

I like the book. There aren't many books on shade gardening one and this will be very helpful to me and my gardening.

So collecting books for my eventual shade gardening project and I came across this gem. What makes it so exciting isn't the typical list of plants (over 200), or soil preparation, or describing how shade microclimates work, or working with what you have because it is already thriving in your yard, which appear again and again in gardening books. What makes this book awesome is the design

chapter. I've been reading a lot of gardening books recently and usually designing is telling you to write things on paper and mark where the shade is - maybe give an example of one or two designs using whatever technique the book is highlighting. But nothing really about how to actual plan a garden for aesthetics. This book goes into the design elements - basically teaching a gardener to paint with plants. Texture based on size of leaves, colors complementary and isolated, height differences, lines, going formal or informal and how to create those effects, etc. I'm giving this book five stars based on this section. Combining this Shade Gardening book with a native plants book of your region and a basic gardening-landscaping book should provide you with the complete library you need for a shade garden. If you are going for a woodlands garden, you might need one more book more specific to woodlands but the native plants book may be enough to fill in any holes.

Open the door to possibilities, garden design, and learning the secrets to a beautiful shade garden in your own back yard. Learn about soil classification, drainage, climates, soil testing for ph, and developing good soil. Many improvements to your garden and solutions to your garden problems can be found in this book. How to care for your shade gardens, from fertilizing and learning about other nutrients needs. Is my garden in Light shade to full shade, and what makes the difference anyway? How do I measure the light? The most important part the plant selections are wonderful. You get so much information and so easy to find. This book is a must for any shade gardener.

This is a simple, basic book that provides the fundamentals of shade gardening. So many gardeners have trouble because they are try to have a full sun type plant garden in a shady area. Plants just will not grow. This book solves the problem in defining just what shade is and the different degrees of shade. Then gives a very good listing with photographs of good shade plants.

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