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The Southern Gardener's Book Of Lists: The Best Plants For All Your Needs, Wants, And Whims



Synopsis

The Southern Gardener's Book of Lists, a sourcebook and workbook in one, has all the answers. With more than 200 lists of plants grouped by their horticultural characteristics and uses in the garden, this is the one-of-a-kind guide to spending less time and money on your garden. Veteran gardener and best-selling author Lois Trigg Chaplin recommends hundreds of plants for hundreds of uses, noting the specific Southern regions they grow in and sharing helpful hints and insights. Other special features include the tips, suggestions, and anecdotes of gardeners, nurserymen, designers, and horticulturists from across the South.

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Customer Reviews

Finally, a concise book of lists for Southern Gardeners! Unlike most garden books that muse on the pleasures of gardening, this book presents information in an easily retrievable format. It helps to have knowledge of plant material to use this book. A good companion to The Southern Gardeners Book of Lists is Dr. Mike Dirr's book Manual of Woody Landscape Plants. As a registered landscape architect, I use these two books consistently. I recommend The Book of Lists to all of my serious gardening clients.

Besides a great book about southern plants, this book is also very, very funny. I've been consulting it for a couple of years now--the categories listed always make me laugh. I also appreciate that book divides the south is divided into climate zones--coastal south, middle south, etc. It does make a difference. What I wish the author would do next is to create a CD to accompany the book that would

cross-reference these lists. Right now, I'm hunting a tree that's small enough for a New Orleans courtyard, has good fall color, preferably fruit too, easy to rake leaves, heat and drought resistant, and won't topple over easily in a storm. See what I mean?

I bought this book years ago and refer to it often. I've also given it as a gift to several friends. If you garden under difficult conditions (i.e. heavy clay, shade) this book will make your life easier.

Beware of one small problem - according to this book, if you live south of Gainesville, Florida you are no longer in the "South". It only covers the Upper South through the Coastal South and, as a result, many of its recommendations are just not workable in the Tropical South (Zones 9 - 11).

This book is necessary for any serious gardener in the South. Chaplin has hundreds of plant lists, covering everything from "Trees with Inconvenient Litter" to "Vines for the Beach". Each plant is accompanied by the recommended best planting areas: All South, Upper South, Middle South and Coastal South. She also includes advice from area nursery owners and respected gardeners. This book puts all the plants together in an easy to find format, which should be helpful to all gardeners, whether amateur or professional.

I am floored that this book is out of print. I have purchased this book over and over again for gifts. It is a one of a kind book and should be in every gardener's library. It is worth the wait to get this book! Buy it and get extra copies to give away.

This helped me sort out my own list for what I want in my garden, and what I want to get out of it. Information is to the point. Experienced gardeners/designers/nursery professionals sharing their choices, all simply stated. Without the positive reviews on this book, I might have passed it over. Nice one to have on the shelf.

I sure wish I had this book when I moved to North Carolina. As a novice gardener I spend a lot of money on plants that just were not for my garden. Recently, a friend moved to Florida and I purchased this book for her. I am sure it will be very useful with landscaping her new home.

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