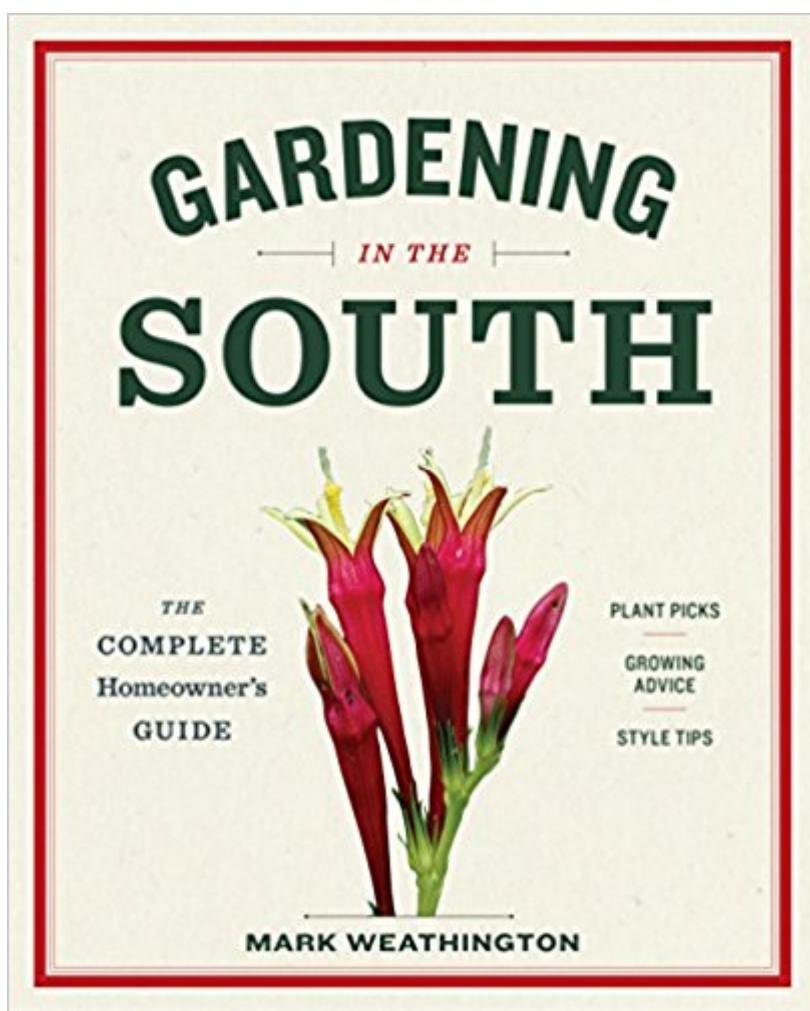


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Gardening In The South: The Complete Homeowner's Guide



Synopsis

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.

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worth its seed would do well to stock it. The Virginian-Pilot [Weathington] understands what it takes to not only grow a beautiful garden here in Southern climates and soils, but more importantly, he knows how to make a garden thrive. The Carteret County News-Times

Learn from a pro exactly what it takes to grow your dream garden in the South. Expert plantsman Mark Weathington packs decades of wisdom into this definitive guide, from a comprehensive A-Z guide of the best plants for the region, to how to work with southeastern climates, seasons, and soils. Pore over design ideas for all types of outdoor spaces, and follow a quick-glance, year-round maintenance chart tailored to southern specifics. Filled with insider tips, this go-to manual should be on the shelf of anyone who gardens in the unique conditions of the Southeast.

Well researched and written. Great advice on gardening in conditions unique to the southeast including summer high heat and humidity as well as mild winters and late spring freezes. Recommends more unusual plants that are not seen in every big box store but emphasizes that these plants have been thoroughly trialed in southern gardens. Mark has a wealth of experience in public gardens in the south, including his current position as director of the JCRA. His advice is applicable to both weekend gardeners as well as horticulture professionals. A great reference book that I will turn to again and again.

Fabulous book

How frustrating is the experience of picking, paying for, and installing a plant only to find out it is not suited to the climate zone or to the garden? Serious gardeners have serious questions, and frugal gardeners have to watch their cash flow so we ask, “Will this plant work in my garden? Do I have enough sun or shade? Does the plant behave itself or will I regret introducing it? What pest attacks can I expect?” Wise are the gardeners who seek guidance from the experience of others who have gardened before us. For gardeners in the South, Mark Weathington has done the research on the best plant choices in his new book, *Gardening in the South*. The book defines the South to include Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, eastern Texas and northern Florida. *Gardening in the South* covers representative annuals, bulbs, grasses,

perennials, groundcovers, shrubs, trees, and vines. With stunning images, recommendations, warnings, and specific names of the cultivars which perform best, the book is a resource-packed single volume that can benefit gardeners across the spectrum of plant obsession from those who dabble to those immersed in complete addiction. Weathington shares his purpose for writing (page 10), “I hope this book will inspire you to go out and garden and more importantly to share your garden with a friend.” As the director of the JC Raulston Arboretum in Raleigh, NC, Weathington, his staff, and his army of volunteers practice what he preaches. If you’re traveling through the area, JC Raulston Arboretum is a great place to invest some time. The author includes what I call a useful vacation planning guide in his section, Where to See Plants in the Southeast. Imagine a road trip that includes ample time to stroll through several beautiful gardens. And to help gardeners stay on top of the tasks, Weathington provides a handy Quick-Glance Maintenance Chart broken down by month. In the South there’s always something to do in the garden. The book includes a Recommended Reading section and a thorough key word index moving it ahead of the torrent of coffee table gardening books and securing its position as a serious research tool. Two thumbs up for this excellent book, Mr. Weathington.

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