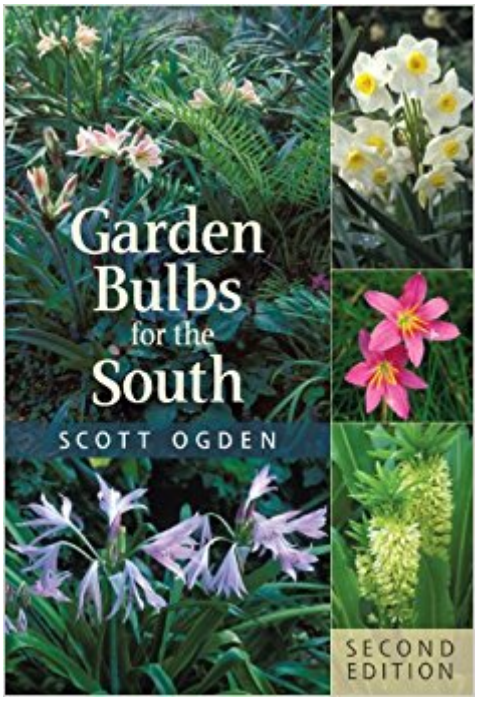
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Ogden’s book concerns what he calls "the historic, neglected, and little-known" warm-climate bulbs that grow well in the South. There are 133 genera listed in the appendix, with notes on their species, origins, and culture. Ogden opens with a chapter on rain lilies and continues with chapters on bulbs that bloom in the fall (Guernsey and oxblood lilies, lycoris, cyclamens, alliums, etc.), on winter blooms (paper-whites, Roman hyacinths, blue starflowers, etc.), on jonquils and daffodils, on bulbs that bloom in the spring (trout lilies, tulips, grape hyacinths, etc.), on irises, gladiolus, and shellflowers, on crinums and spider lilies, on so-called summer glories, and on cannas, arums, and gingers. The book is a treasure, packed with information and 200 color photographs. George Cohen --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Ã¢â ¬Å“Author Scott Ogden weaves a welcoming web of personal observations, common sense, historical references, lore, and inspiration.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â •Ornamental Outlook

A fairly thorough job on describing the bulbs that grow in the South. It was a bit more prosey and historical than I was expecting. There are no charts or summaries of the care requirements in here. The text is divided into ten chapters (listed below) and each species mentioned has about of page

of information including its history, personal anecdotes, the description of the foliage and flowers, and sometimes a bit of care information.The author does tend to mention the genetics of different bulbs several times in the text and as a biologist, I have to say that he doesn't quite know what he is talking about but he doesn't say anything harmful or even particularly wrong, either. It is just a bit funny to me.The chapters:1. Rain Lily Day2. Petite Afrique3. Winter Blooms4. Jonquils and Kin5. Spring Treasures6. Irises, Gladioli, and Shellflowers7. Crinums and Spiderlilies8. Summer Glories9. Cannas, Gingers, and Aroids10. Designing with Southern BulbsI always check to see if my favorite plants are mentioned in new garden books that I get and so I checked this one for my favorite bulb, Lycoris radiata. The bibliography shows that it is covered quite thoroughly in seven pages in chapter 2 and three pages in chapter 10. If there is a bulb that grows well in the South, I am sure you will find it mentioned in this book. After reading this, I desire greatly to take a closer look at those bulbs blooming on the side of the road and steal them for my own garden.

Scott Ogden has written the only book I'm aware of that's specific to the Southern garden. He takes a season by season approach, explaining in some detail what bulbs bloom and thrive in the South, and also which to avoid. Since many nurseries offer bulbs not appropriate to the climate I live in, if Ogden hasn't approved the species, I don't buy it. Ogden usually suggests alternatives to the plant that would work in the South, and this is invaluable for the Southern gardener. Within the southern region, he also distinguishes between upper South, middle South, and Gulf Coast climates, giving further direction regarding the fitness of a particular bulb to your part of the South.There are some curious omissions in Ogden's book. He doesn't mention Chionodoxa, Scilla siberica, Eranthis, Fritillaria, or Pushkinia, all commonly cited in gardening books. Since the book is organized by bloom seasons, I would like to have seen a list of plants being covered at the start of each chapter. And it also would have been useful to create an appendix table noting which bulbs would not succeed in the South, and which ones might grow only if dug up and stored each winter.Those are minor negatives though (and perhaps will be incorporated into a third edition) and in no way diminish the great value of this book. If you are a gardener in the southern U.S. and are interested in bulbs, you cannot be without "Garden Bulbs for the South."

Living in Mobile Wet winters Heat humidity up to 69" of rain a year we still buy a garden full of spring tulips, Hyacinth,Daffodil, all going to melt away when it gets hot. You read the many many seed catalogs knowing their fate still next year it's just a repeat of what we just bought.(again) Scott Ogden has lived his whole life in this southern climate. Reading garden books written for folks up in

Ohio and New York planting the same bulbs that thrive up there where in the south it just does not get cold enough to keep them alive more than a single spring burst of color. After checking his "Garden Bulbs for the south." out of the library countless times. I was glad to see had what is the bulb bible to many of us down here. Containers large and small I have stuffed with lilies and Freesia.I have iron cross and purple Oxalis hanging from my Topsy Turby planter instead of tomatoes. I have Amaryllis growing with Abbeville Red iris and Siberian iris next to giant walking iris. Montbreita with Acidanthra and Calla lily and Canna lily. Make no mistake If you garden down here this is for you.EarthBox 1010002 Garden Kit, Terra Cotta

Gardening success varies from one area to another, and from season to season, and year to year. The details of a bulb’s origin and habitat can help one’s success. While bulbs are grouped according to season of bloom, or to which family they belong (Iridaceae, Liliaceae, etc.), they are also grouped by habitat needs. Some few thrive on seasonally wet soil. Some produce leaves over the winter, then go dormant for summer’s heat. Many even grow in light shade. Ogden even includes some native wild bulbs in the hopes people will seek out their beauty, giving advice on collecting and sowing seed of some wildlings. Many of the best, most persistent bulbs for the South can only be acquired from friends and neighbors, or through local garden club sales. Each bulb discussed will have information that is particular to its needs. While there are many photos, not every bulb is pictured.

Southern Gardeners face numerous issues that many authors fail to appreciate. Scott Ogden manages to write in an interesting and informative way about Southern bulbs without some of the academic heaviness that affects far too many reference books. At the same time no detail seems unexamined and all areas are addressed with a fine sense of humor. I have greatly enjoyed reading it and will refer to it often. It is an absolute "must have" for anyone who loves bulbs and gardens in the heat and humidity of the South.

The book was as expected. Thanks!

My hobby is growing Rainlilies. This book plus Thad Howards "Bulbs for Warm Climates, are my reference books. As well as Rainlilies Scott Ogden’s book covers a huge variety of bulbs in a very reader friendly way.

Lots of good information. Answered a lot of my questions.

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