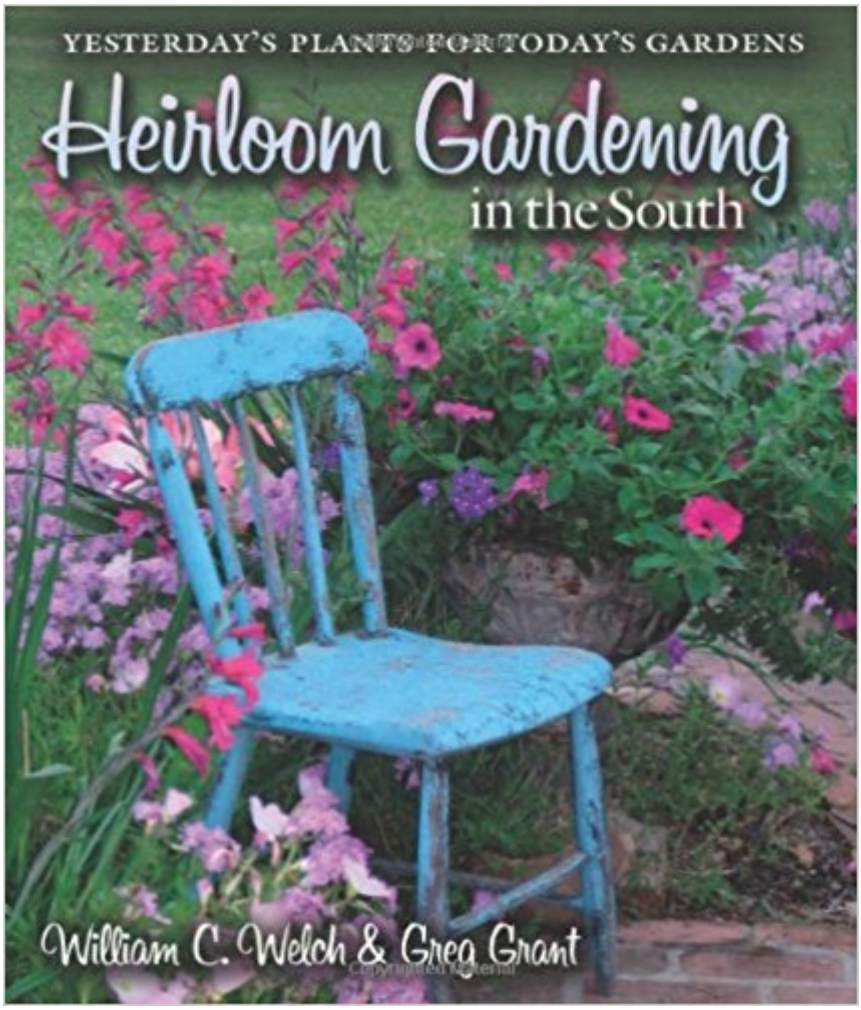
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Synopsis

New edition of a classic work on Southern heirloom gardening . . .Heirloom plants belong in Southern gardens. Tough and adapted, tried and true, pretty and useful, these living antiques--passed through countless generations--represent the foundation of traditional gardens as we know them today. Ã Â Heirloom Gardening in the SouthÃ Â is a comprehensive resource that also offers a captivating, personal encounter with two dedicated and passionate gardeners whose love of heritage gardening infuses the work from beginning to end. Anyone who wants to know how to find and grow time-honored and pass-along plants or wants to create and nurture a traditional garden is sure to find this a must-have addition to their home gardening library. Ã Â Inside the book: New essays on naturalizing daffodils, slips and starts, and growing fruit; A completely updated and expanded heirloom plant encyclopedia;Revised plant lists (bulbs, cemetery plants, etc.) New material on the creation ofÃ Â two of the authors' personal gardens Building on the popularity of the original edition, this lively, entertaining, and informative new book from two proven experts will be enthusiastically welcomed by gardeners and horticulturists throughout Texas and the South.Ã Â

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"Combining world history, abundant horticultural wisdom and two lifetimes of experience, Bill and Greg bring tribute, reverance, and authentic meaning to the term 'heirloom'. When I read the section on German influences I couldn't help but think of my own grandfather of German heritage, a farmer

who loved coaxing beauty and bounty from his land in Alamance County, North Carolina. In today's hyper-paced world, we need such gentle reminders of the customs, cultures, and plants that have shaped and contributed to our rich Southern heritage. Thank heaven for Bill Welch and Greg Grant, and for their dedication to Texas and the South."--Patty Leander, contributing writer, Texas Gardener (Patty Leander)"I may be the first to have read your new book from cover to cover.Ã Â It reads like a novel that one cannot put down. After all the other books you guys have written, I wondered what else is there left to say. Well, I found out. This book is a masterpiece. I really enjoyed reading a book written in the first person as if it was a personal letter from a close friend not unlike Thomas Jefferson's many letters to those who shared his joy in gardening and farming. The in-depth history of many plants makes us appreciate the horticultural heritage we enjoy.Ã Â Ã Â My only disappointment was that it came to an end after only 500 pages.Ã Â I could have read much more.Ã Â The book has special appeal to me, being born on a Texas panhandle farm [Hereford area], raised in Oklahoma, educated in Louisiana and living in Georgia for 40 years. My son-in-law from Michigan, now living in Savannah, has cocktail napkins that say, "I wasn't born in the South but I got here as fast as I could".Ã Â We are blessed to live in a section of America that has such a strong heritage and that includes our gardening.Ã Â Thanks again for making the effort to produce such an in-depth publication that gardeners will read and enjoy for many years, and for only $30, that is incredible."Ã Â -- Jerry Spencer (Jerry Spencer)"Bill Welch and Greg Grant are the premier 'Masters of Horticulture' in the country. . . what really sets them apart is their deep knowledge and sincere love of the plants and gardening traditions of the South. . . Their latest book is. . . is a masterful compilation of their many years of saving, growing and educating others on the value of heirloom plants. . . the perfect resource for all of us that garden in the South.Ã Â . . As an avid reader of gardening books, I have come to realize that most of them fall into two distinct categories: picture books and books that tell you how to grow things. Rare is this book that combines these two elements. 'Heirloom Gardening in the South' is just such a book. If you are serious about growing heirlooms in the south, then this book has to find its way to your bookshelf!" - wordpress.com (wordpress.com 2011-05-18)"The co-author of Heirloom Gardening in the South, published in April, Welch suggests a tour of historic neighborhoods to check out old reliables like antique roses, altheas, crape myrtles, and winter honeysuckle that have withstood the test of time." (Steve Campbell Star Telegram: Local News 2011-10-14)"Bill Welch and Greg Grant have a new book out in 2011. It is titled "Heirloom Gardening in the South: Yesterday's Plants for Today's Gardens" and sells for $29.95. It has excellent photos, is well written and the information is top notch.""Both Welch and Grant are accomplished authors and horticulturists." (Calvin R. Finch

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The blue chair on the cover caught my eye initially when I searched for a book about Southern gardening. Born in the Texas panhandle, but living in Louisiana all my life, this book brought back memories of my own grandparents and great grandparents. The authors are correct about plants remembered from childhood having a special place in one's heart. I took notes while reading since I am establishing a new garden in my mother-in-law's yard. I am keeping her Lantana since it reminds me of my own MaMa's ham and eggs on a brick wall in Texas. I loved the photos and got many inspirations from them. This is a great book for both the experienced and novice gardener. I love how they value pass along plants and those who shared them. Buy this book and enjoy it cover to cover. I did.

This is very place specific to Texas, so I'll probably recycle it

I bought heirloom seeds/plants last summer and unfortunately they didn't do well in south-eastern Georgia. We have moved to mid south-west Florida and wanted to ensure that this garden season went better. My husband thoughtfully bought me this awesome book! It is a MUST to any southerner that is gardening with Heirloom plants/seeds!The authors are exemplary and knowledgeable in all aspects. They are wonderful writers. Very easy to understand and follow. Great wealth of information and practical application.

My passion for gardening began in 1983 with a book called "Houston Garden Book." Although I do not live in Houston, or even the area, this old book has been great and encouraged my budding passion for gardening for many years. So imagine my surprise to find this wonderful book with as much and more information in it. The pictures alone are worth the price. One of the best differences about this book it that it gives information for gardeners in all of the southern states. I have been so impressed with it that I am giving my Mother in law a copy for her birthday, she shares the same love of gardening. If you enjoy the history of gardening in the south this is your book as well.

I have had a great time reading this book. The information, the dates, and the history of gardening in the south have been a great resource for me. They mention Flora Ann Bynom as there friend who passed away a few years ago and who was a friend of mine also, along with great photograpy and

stories, it is a good read. Keep Growing, Guitar Greg

This book has great information on a large array of southern heirloom plants. It includes plants for a variety of soil types which can be frustrating if you have alkaline soil, but at least the authors are careful to mention it when a plant is acid loving.

Great service and outstanding resource.

Reads like a novel!!! A lot of info pleasantly delivered!!!

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