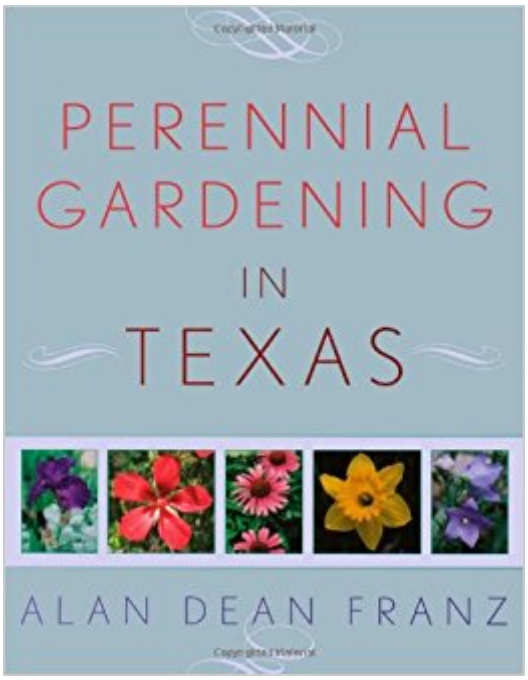
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Synopsis

Perennial Gardening in Texas presents its own unique challenges, especially with the state's wide variety of climate zones. This book focuses on individual plantsÃ¢â ¬â ¢some 120 speciesÃ¢â ¬â ¢but also brings with it the expertise of a landscape architect in providing designs that will work both damp and water-scarce areas.

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Customer Reviews

Alan Franz has developed a rich and rewarding plant palette based on decades of growing plants in Texas. He entices readers to expand their vision of horticultural beauty to include the foliage of plants as well as the butterflies and bees a plant may attract. He takes the tone of an encouraging and well-grounded coach, providing hints and nudges at every turn. (Virginia Small, Senior Editor Fine Gardening)

Alan Dean Franz is a prominent landscape architect in Dallas, whose articles on gardening and landscape design have appeared locally as well as nationally in Landscape Architecture magazine.

This book is good for planning your landscape and includes layouts and lists by colors, wet, dry, sun, shade, spikey, feathery or flowing, daisy like, and detail lists of individual plants showing characteristics like height, light, soil, and drainage. The only drawback is that the book is not for a specific area of Texas but covers sufficient information for one's own research.

I recently moved to Texas and left a wonderful garden in the pacific northwest. Now I'm starting from scratch in an area I know nothing about. Climate, soil conditions, everything is different. The new property has nothing but spots of weedy grass here and there. I guess I can look at it as a blank slate. This book was exactly what I was looking for. I prefer perennials and this book appears to have the exact information I need to help me start my new gardens and landscaping and lead me to another showcase garden like I used to have. I feel this book will be educational and a great resource and will help me choose exactly what I need that will thrive in my new yard.

Good info on gardening.

The best new gardening book I've seen in a while. Instead of being a repeat of other high-quality Texas books (Native Texas Plants by Wasowski being the best IMO), a large part of the book is devoted to categorizing the plants by their forms (clumping, trailing, climbing, etc.), their prefered habitat (shade, boggy, etc.), by color, and by their ability to attract bees, birds, and other wildlife to your yard. I found these categorizations to be extremely useful. For further information about the plants, you can then look at the alphabetical listing of all the species mentioned in the book. The pictures in Wasowski's book are better, but the categorizations makes this book more useful for selecting plants for your particular landscape.

I love this book. I am new to the gardening world. I always have questions and this book is my go to. I would have loved it even more if the plants were categorized by sun, shade partial shade etc. Very informative book! Pleased!

I read this book before sending to my sister in Texas. The chapters are organized according to basic landscape theory making it very easy to follow for the novice, but information is also useful for any level of expertise. Interesting, useful and educational without being overly technical. Enough design information is included to make it of interest anywhere and many of the plants apply to other areas, especially the "Great Plains" states.

Good book, very helpful for a Texas resident.

I bought this copy for a friend because I love this book so much. It is especially great if you live in North Texas.

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