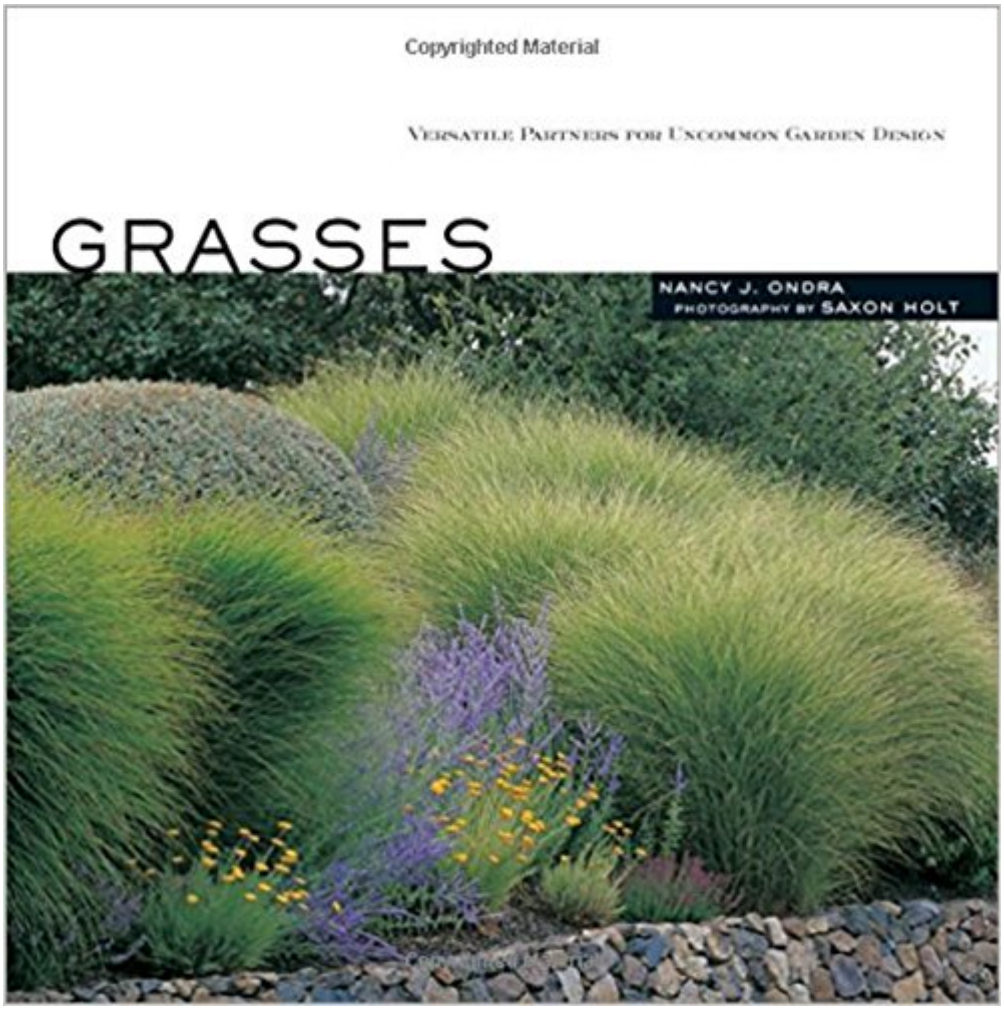
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Grasses: Versatile Partners For Uncommon Garden Design



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From the dazzling orange leaves of Flame Grass to the feathery purple haze of Switch Grass, ornamental grasses can add a vibrant and colorful dimension to any garden. Nancy J. Ondra shows you how to use grasses on their own or in tandem with perennials, annuals, and shrubs to add visual interest and texture to your outdoor space. Insightful profiles of dozens of varieties of ornamental grasses enlivened by Saxon HoltÃ¢â ¬â„¢s stunning photography will inspire you to create your own dynamic, grass-filled gardens.Ã Â

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No longer relegated to back-of-the-border backdrops for showy perennials or space-filling solutions for inconsequential garden areas, ornamental grasses are moving front and center as befits their versatile, adaptable, and irresistible nature. From their burnished glow when backlit by a setting sun to the textural richness they bring to a mixed border, grasses offer much in the way of gardening excitement and distinction yet require little maintenance in return. After succinctly covering the cultural basics of grass gardening, Ondra concentrates her efforts on extolling their multifaceted design distinctions. For every garden element, from borders, pathways, and containers to location challenges such as shade, slopes and screening, Ondra’s capsule "designer’s choices" offer brief but essential descriptions to aid in plant selection and planning considerations, and quick-reference lists highlight grasses that work well in such diverse conditions as hot-and-dry sites and low-and-wet bogs. Supported by Saxon Holt’s captivating color photographs, Ondra elevates grasses from

garden understudies to starring roles. Carol HaggasCopyright Ã Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved

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After first thumbing through this book at my local Extension, I bought a copy for myself. I enjoyed many hours of reading and studying all of the excellent information, and admiring the beautiful photographs. Guided by the garden designs provided, I created my own ornamental grass garden at our creek not too much different than the cover photo. I also added many featured perennial grasses to my backyard meditation garden--even added the two purple Adirondack chairs shown on Page 79. Having received many positive comments, I have bought copies of this book from for other local avid gardeners. It is the best informational grass book I've found. Karen F

Great resource. I especially like the plant combinations which show what to plant with which grasses. Also good sections on growing conditions for various grasses. Especially useful for those of us just getting into planting grasses.

Great reference book for varieties of grasses. I bought this to plan out a hillside landscaping project, and found grasses that would suit my objectives. The book identifies grasses for special situations

(hillsides, lawn replacement, full sun, shade, etc.). Lots of pictures, good descriptions of maintenance required, size of fully-mature plants, regional matches, etc.I needed to acquire other books as well (in order to plan other segments of the landscaping project), but this is definitely the best book I found on grasses.

This book is full of great photos of grasses in gardens, and I find it inspirational. It shows grasses mixed with other common perennials in situations most gardeners could replicate in their own gardens. The author includes growing tips and site preferences for many different species.There are some books you always reach for on a certain type of plant, and this is the one I find myself always reaching for on grasses. I happen to be a Master Gardener who loves ornamental grass gardening.

Second one of these for me- gave first one to nephew studying landscape in college- in West Texas. I needed the book again to work on my own yard again. This book is all you need for grasses and ideas for a great yard- it is a keeper best one I have found -(just order an extra one for sharing).

This is the absolute best book I've ever seen for planting decorative grasses and/or incorporating them into existing gardens. Detailed information and terrific suggestions. I keep it on my coffee table as it's pretty to look at.

THE GRASSES BACKLIT BY THE SUN ARE SPECTACULAR AND THE IDEAS FOR PLACEMENT ARE VERY HELPFUL AND GIVE NEW INSIGHT FOR WHAT CAN BE IN MY YARD. PICTURES BRING TO LIFE SOUNDS OF RUSTLING GRASSES IN THE BREESE AND BUNNIES AND TURTLES WANDERING AROUND. THIS IS A GOOD BOOK FOR MANY REASONS, MEDITATION AND IDEAS. I HAVE IMPLEMENTED SOME OF THEM AND AM SO GLAD I DID.

I would give it 5 stars, but I never got to actually read the book. It was stolen from my office. I suppose you could say it must be great if someone felt the need to steal it!!

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