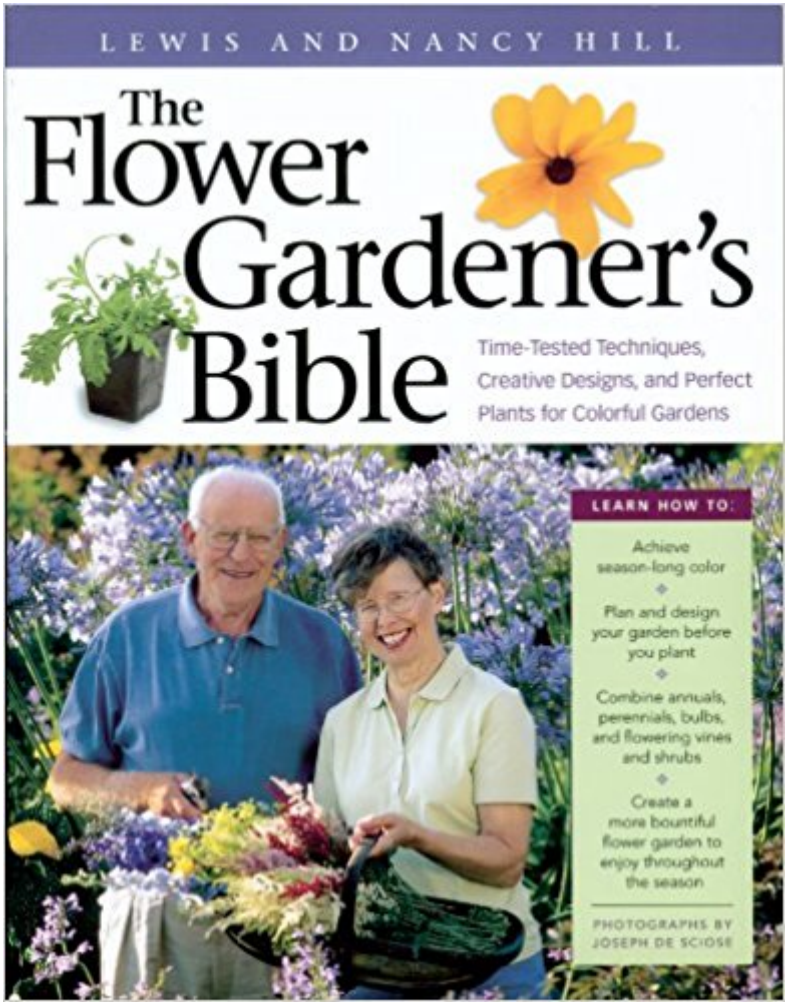
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The Flower Gardener's Bible: Time-Tested Techniques, Creative Designs, And Perfect Plants For Colorful Gardens



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Synopsis

This is the complete guide to flower gardening, from experts Lewis and Nancy Hill. They cover it all--from choosing your site and designing your garden to improving your soil, choosing and caring for your plants, and fighting pests and disease. Create the flower garden of your dreams with this comprehensive reference.

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The Hills recount a visit to a retired farm couple’s garden where "flowers were planted in neat cultivated rows, just like their vegetables." Comprehensive formulas for vegetable gardening work, as did the Hills’ The Vegetable Gardener’s Bible (which has 135,000 in print), but the flower garden is perhaps too broad a subject for similar treatment. The Hills are skilled instructors in basic techniques-a strength they use well in Part I. Easy-to-read text, a welcoming magazine-like layout and step-by-step photographic guides provide a solid foundation in flower garden fundamentals. Part II, "A Gallery of Gardens," is less helpful, with watercolors accompanying descriptions and plant lists for everything from a garden path to a rose garden. By trying to serve all needs and tastes, this section sometimes overloads rather than whets the imagination. In Part III, the Hills present "species-by-species information" on 261 perennials, annuals, bulbs, wildflowers, shrubs, vines and grasses. While overall the result is sometimes uneven, the handsome color photographs will invite browsing and offer gardeners a good, homey foundation. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Although there are entire books devoted to any one of the many subjects covered in the Hills' "bible," comprehensive resources that provide a thorough overview of essential gardening topics are always welcome. Using their practical experiences as hands-on amateur gardeners, the Hills share techniques they find most useful, tips they feel most helpful, and treasured plants they think most reliable for successful flower gardens. Whether sowing seeds in spring or protecting tender roses for winter, fundamental aspects of garden planning, planting, culture, and care are covered, thus making them accessible, especially to those newly bitten by the gardening bug. After showcasing nearly two dozen specialty gardens, from fragrance to foundation, shade to seaside, herbs to hummingbirds, the Hills provide an alphabetical directory of more than 260 flowering shrubs, vines, bulbs, annuals, and perennials that lists critical information such as bloom time, size, site, and pests in a concise at-a-glance format. Helpful appendixes of hardiness and heat zones, plant societies, and a glossary complete this effective and informative compilation. Carol HaggasCopyright Ã Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I would highly recommend this book for the beginner through advanced. Alot of information to reference back to.The only thing I found in Rodales Perennials for Every Purpose that I like better- is the book is setup "Plants for every season". It has the contents list in order of blooming time. ie.. Early Spring, late spring early summer, etcGardeners Bible- has alot of great pics, deals alot with bulbs, cuttings, transplanting. saving seeds, planting- more so than Rodales Perennials.Conclusion: It would be tough to decide which one I like better, I think I will have to keep them both.

I gave this book to my daughter in law. She has tried so hard in the past to plant flowers and veggies. Most of the time they just died. This Summer she had wonderful results by following the instructions and hints contained in this book. She is now a successful gardener and very happy, and looking forward to Spring.

I love this book. It has so much information. It is especially helpful in the spring - fall months when I'm choosing plants for our yard. The illustrations are beautiful. I've always been able to find information about any plant I was going to buy or have.

This one is new to me but I like what I've read so far is good sound advice. Flowers bring bees and

butterflies to pollinate my garden. It’s all good.

I love this book and refer to it often.

many tips and garden plans. covered shade and sun very well. had good pictures also

I have not read all of this book yet, but I have a "black" thumb---meaning I can’t garden worth a damn. This is an easy instructional book with pictures and diagrams of different layouts of gardens. Also there are several pages of different flower/plant identification charts. i am looking forward to doing some interesting gardening!

Great information to fuel research into your gardening plans. Still may require a visit to your local nursery for what does well in your area, but at least you can sound intelligent when you go!

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