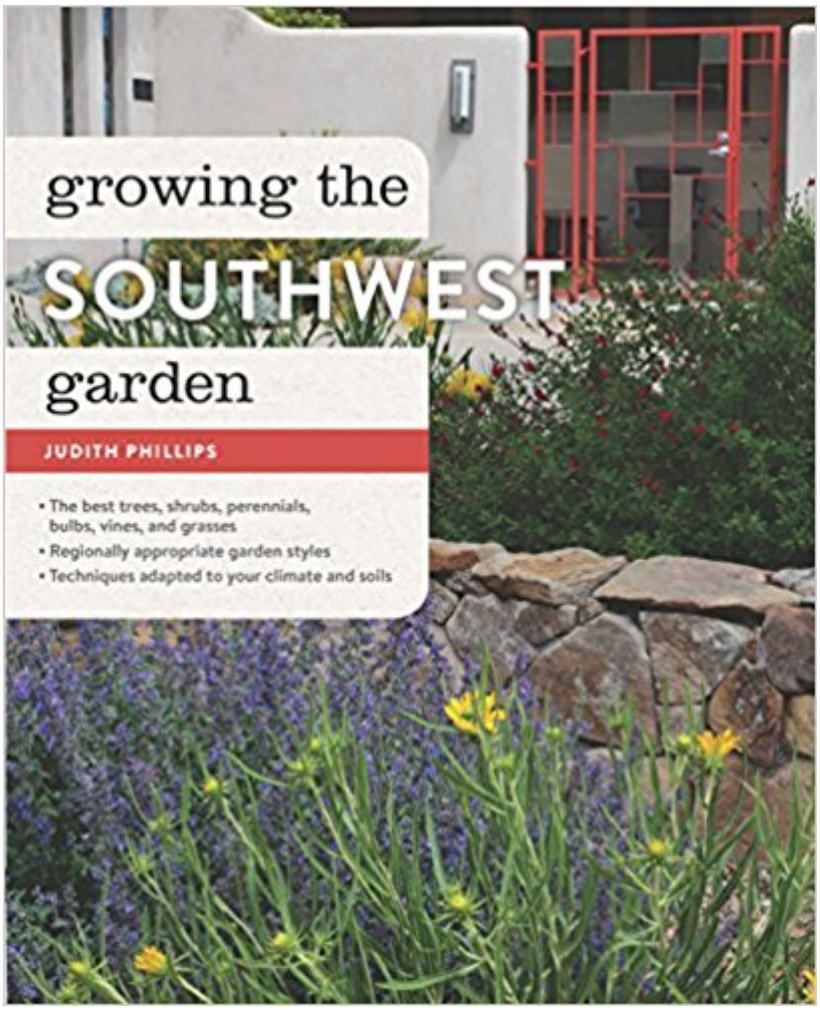
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Growing The Southwest Garden: Regional Ornamental Gardening (Regional Ornamental Gardening Series)



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Synopsis

Plant selection and garden style are deeply influenced by where we are gardening.Ã Â To successfully grow a range of beautiful ornamental plants, every gardener has to know the specifics of the regionÃ¢â ¬â„¢s climate, soil, and geography.Growing the Southwest Garden, by New Mexico-based garden designer Judith Phillips, is a practical and beautiful handbook for ornamental gardening in a region known for its low rainfall and high temperatures. With more than thirty years of experience gardening in the Southwest, Phillips has created an essential guide, featuring regionally specific advice on zones, microclimates, soil, pests, and maintenance. Profiles of the best plants for the region include complete information on growth and care.

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Ã¢â ¬Å“Explains the Southwest garden from every perspective, opening your eyes to its beauty, and helping you avoid costly mistakes.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â •Debra Lee Baldwin, author of Succulents Simplified and Succulent Container Gardens Ã¢â ¬Å“Judith leads the way toward understanding our changing climate. With beautiful photographs and engaging prose, she shows Southwest gardeners the designs and plants we should be using to create inspiring, comfortable, and durable landscapes.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â •David Salman, founder of High Country GardensÃ Â Ã¢â ¬Å“When it comes to arid gardens, Judith Phillips is one of the masters. Her deep experience shines through, in elegant plant solutions for the climate, a gallery of homeowner-scale gardens, and

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Create a flourishing garden in a harsh climate The challenge of gardening in the Southwest is greater than ever before. Extremes of temperature and drought are more pronounced, and precious water resources are stretched to the limit. But it can be done, spectacularlyÃ¢â ¬â •and garden designer Judith Phillips shows you how. YouÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll learn how to cope with your local soils and climate, meld your dream outdoor space with the site you have, choose plants suited to Southwestern extremes, and keep your garden healthy.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Above all, youÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll discover that living in a demanding environment doesnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t mean sacrificing the quality of your home landscape. By gardening thoughtfully and choosing resilient plants, you too can make your yard a place of beauty and refuge. Ã Â

Love this book. Beautiful pictures and lots of great info for the southwest gardener. Judith Phillips knows her plants. She is passionate about "the right plant in the right place", using lots of native plants, using rainwater, water conservation, etc. An excellent resource for any gardener. She lists many of the plants that will do well in the SW heat and low water conditions and talks about what each plant likes in terms of location, sun/shade, and water needs.

The severe freeze in the Southwest in February 2011 and subsequent plant losses that had thrived in gardens for many years was the impetus for Judith Phillips to write this book. She addresses how to deal with climate change and how to cope with a wide variation in elevations, precipitation and

temperature ranges in Southwestern landscapes. Phillips provides good examples of plants that thrive in the extremes of hot summers and cold winters and has over 35 years experience designing arid-adapted and native gardens in New Mexico and the Southwest. The book has nice photo illustrations of how good design and plant selections overcome the challenges of gardening in what at times can feel like a hostile environment.

Excellent, well written book. Highly informative and insightful. Phillips knows the Southwest and offers valuable information about plant selection, watering, and pruning. I was especially impressed with the informative section on the weather extremes of the Southwest -vital to understand if you want to garden successfully in the Southwest.

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Great book written by a lovely person!

Judith’s book is an excellent, up to date book which includes recent research on climate change. It is a most helpful book for a gardener in the Southwest.

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