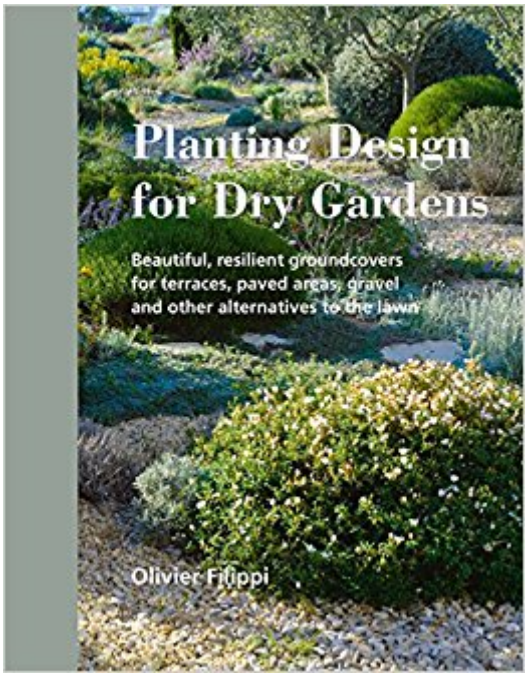
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Green lawns are restful to the eye, provide an excellent backdrop to plants and trees and keep the weeds down, but in low-rainfall regions they often end up looking scrappy and brown. This book offers low-level planting designs that are ecofriendly and so beautiful they redefine the conventional distinction between lawn and plant borders. Inspired by the wild plant communities of Europe, the Middle East, and the U.S., these rigorously trialed plant combinations can be used on terraces, paths, gravel beds and flower borders, as well as areas that are traditionally laid to lawn. Plant choices include the tough new macrothermal grasses, carpeting groundcovers and stunning wild flower mixes that thrive among gravel and stone. With a plant directory that lists over 200 tough but beautiful dry garden plants and FilippiÃ¢â ¬â„¢s innovative maintenance techniques, this book will delight all dry garden owners

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Olivier Filippi has spent 25 year studying native plant communities in the worldÃ¢â ¬â„¢s driest places and trialed plants and techniques in his experimental garden in the south of France. He is the author of The Dry Gardening Handbook.

So full of good information that I have two copies--one to browse and one by the computer to assist with on-line plant acquisitions. The ideas and pictures are highly adaptable to my SoCal landscape conditions and offer sophisticated plant recommendations. The only drawback is that because the author is based in Europe, a number of plants are not widely (or at all) available in the U.S. But there is still much to apply.

A great reference, even for professionals.

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