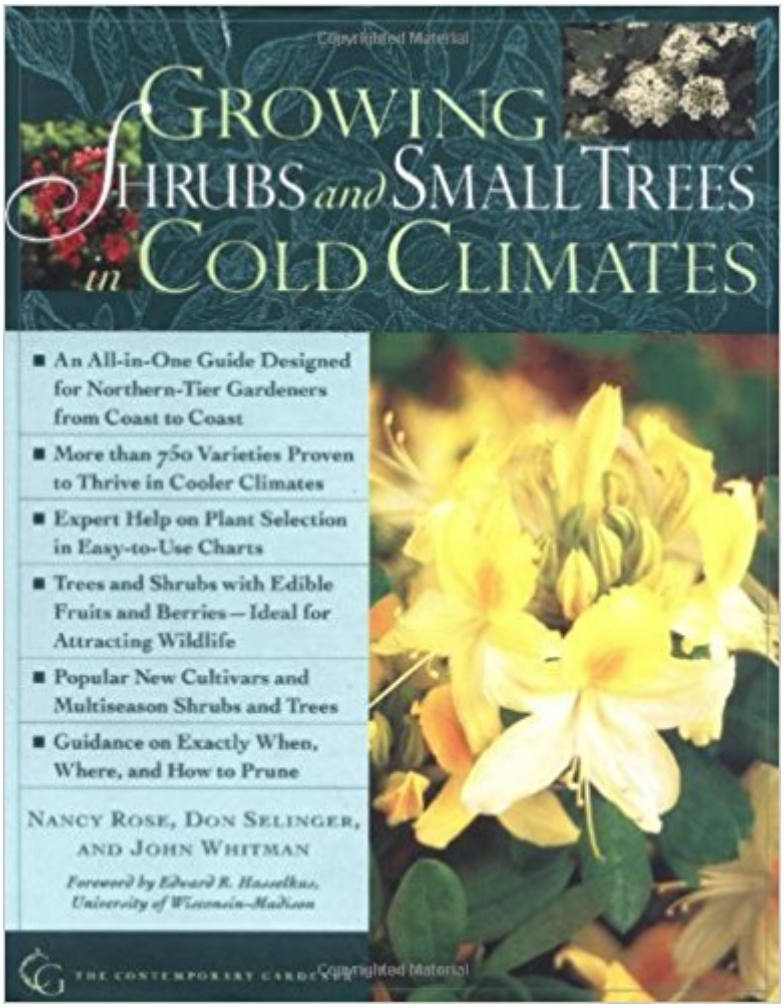
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Growing Shrubs And Small Trees In Cold Climates



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Synopsis

An all-in-one guide designed for northern-tier gardens from coast to coast Growing Shrubs and Trees in Cold Climates provides northern-tier gardeners from coast to coast with an incredible range of choices, no matter what their skill level. Part I profiles 50 plant groups best suited to gardens in zones 1 to 5. Each plant has been tested for hardiness over a period of at least 10 years--and has proved hardy to no less than -30 degrees F. Readers will easily be able to select shrubs and trees that produce wonderful fragrant flowers and those that bloom more than once in the spring and summer seasons. Part 2 covers the basics of growing shrubs and small trees, with special attention on solving problems that occur in cooler climates.

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Customer Reviews

Whatever one’s garden’s status--a new yard, a landscape under renovation or a flimsy flower bed that needs some fortification--this book offers cold-weather comfort that northern gardeners will warm to. Written by gloves-on horticulturists who live in Minnesota, the well-organized text scrimps nowhere, giving equal attention to 750 plant species and to cultivars. Easy-reference tables rate plants on a five-star system, while simplifying plant comparisons by hardiness, size at maturity and color of leaf, flower and fruit. Additional information, often missing even in comprehensive tomes, appears in consistent categories: site, light, soil type, moisture requirements and landscape uses. Along the journey from evergreen abies to deciduous wisteria, gardeners will encounter some lovely

plant combinations, such as spreading cotoneaster with its bright red berries interspersed with white potentilla, all against a dark evergreen background. Although this exhaustive treatment of individual plants serves as the book’s ballast, there’s still plenty of expert counsel in additional chapters covering such topics as plant selection, planting and transplanting. From rots to wilts and from bagworms to leafrollers, pests and problems also get their due. "What to Prune and When"--24 concise paragraphs on the gardener’s craft should be tacked on the wall of every toolshed. Photos not seen by PW. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

The authors, who live, work, and garden in Minnesota, provide an authoritative, detailed guide to more than 750 species and named varieties of deciduous and evergreen shrubs and small trees that thrive when winter temperatures fall to minus 20 F or lower. Part 1 is arranged alphabetically by genus, with each entry consisting of a description of the genus; light, site, soil, and moisture requirements; spacing; landscape use; planting instructions; culture (watering, mulching, fertilizing, pruning, and winter protection); insect, disease, and animal controls, including organic remedies; propagation; and sources to purchase plants. A listing of species/varieties follows covering foliage color, flower color, height/width, and hardiness for each. The authors also rate the plants for landscape value and cold adaptability using a five-star system. Part 2 explains plant selection, site preparation, planting, transplanting, culture, problem-solving, and propagation. Color photographs complement the text. Highly recommended for beginning and experienced gardeners, especially in USDA zones 1-5.DSue O’Brien, Downers Grove P.L., IL Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc.

This wonderful book offers complete details on every aspect of plant care, use, protection, landscaping ideas and problems with insects and disease. The pictures are beautiful. It is my bible for researching shrubs and trees to purchase for my yard. It is a must for any one that wants to make good choices in purchasing trees and shrubs.

I am a master gardener and find this book to be a useful reference. The varieties section with each type of shrub is great if someone is trying to decide which plant to purchase. Also the care and propagation information is helpful.

I have had this book for a few years now and used it extensively. I am in north central Iowa, zone 4, and this book has helped me to choose shrubs and small trees that can withstand my extremely

bitter cold winters. What I love about this book is there are many photos, many nursery resources listed, and it is full of very valuable information.If you are gardening/landscaping in a cold climate and need to know which cultivar's can survive in zone 4 or 3 or 2 then you need to have this book.

Great book for those in zones 5 and lower. Good choices and great information on growing. A+. Perennials for Cold Climates is a must have companion book.

How wonderful to have a book that provides the level of detail made available here for those of us who shiver through our winters and worry about whether the new additions to the garden are as hardy as the garden center promised.The details? Everything from pronunciation to names of various suppliers. How to plant, feed and prune and informed odds about whether a particular plant will survive transplanting. Plants aren't merely promised to be hardy; charts give the specific temperature to which varieties will survive. The charts also show information about flower color and fruit, the plant's anticipated size, and comments about the variety's assets and liabilities for the home gardener.Photographs are large enough to show detail and convey actual information: aspects of a particular plant or its appearance in different seasons, and variables among varieties.This is a fine book and, in my view, unusual in that it is certainly well worth its sticker price. It is organized like an encyclopedia, notwithstanding some useful material in chapters outside the alphabetized plant list. As such, it does not have an index -- which might be useful -- and some of the text can be recursive. But these are minor flaws in an outstandingly useful and beautifully published book.

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