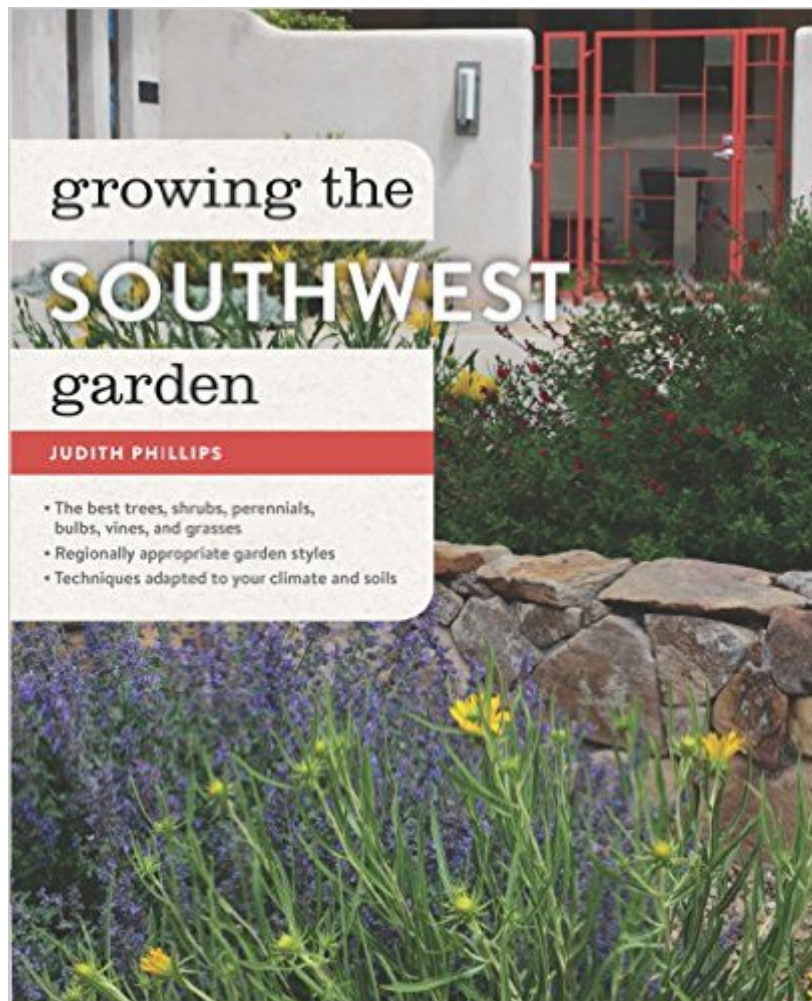


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Growing The Southwest Garden: Regional Ornamental Gardening (Regional Ornamental Gardening Series)



Synopsis

Plant selection and garden style are deeply influenced by where we are gardening. To successfully grow a range of beautiful ornamental plants, every gardener has to know the specifics of the region'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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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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