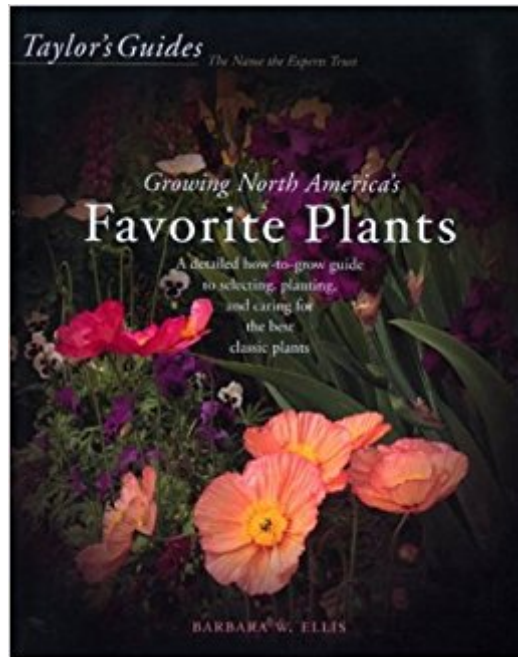




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Taylor's Guide To Growing North America's Favorite Plants



Synopsis

A book that answers every question, from "Where do I get it?" to "How do I plant it?" "Do I fertilize it then, or when?" "With what?" "Should I cut it back after it flowers?" "Or in the fall (or not at all)?" "Can I divide it?" "How, and when?" With more than four hundred full-color photographs, this beautiful, fact-filled reference answers every question about growing the classic garden plants - from foolproof host as to tricky delphiniums, from roses to flowering dogwoods. A mini-encyclopedia for each entry lists the best varieties to buy for the reader's own garden. Plus: a complete guide to year-round care, including watering, mulching, fertilizing, deadheading, dividing, pruning, and more; an illustrated techniques glossary that gives step-by-step instructions on how to perform garden tasks; suggestions on how to use the plants in the home landscape; directions on how to increase your stock of plants by propagating them yourself.

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Customer Reviews

This addition to the Taylor bookshelf on gardening gives the gardener a most delicious opportunity to simply browse. Starting with Achillea and ending with Yucca, author Barbara Ellis, former garden editor for Rodale Press and author or editor of such gardening books as Rodale's All-New Encyclopedia of Organic Gardening and the Burpee Complete Gardener, slathers on with a garden trowel the enthusiasm and the detailed information that lead to success in any garden. "I don't have just one list of favorite plants," Ellis writes. "They not only change from season to season and site to

site, they also vary as I evaluate different attributes such as flowers, fragrance, foliage, or fruit." Or even sentimentality. "Each spring peonies that once grew in my great-great-aunt Hattie's garden in Columbus, Ohio flower in my own. Growing plants that remind us of where we came from, or of people who are important to us, adds a whole new layer of meaning to a garden." But what if you have forgotten the name of some of those old friends? Or what if there are old garden friends out there you have simply forgotten existed? Just let the beautifully illustrated pages flip by one by one. And when the right plant catches your eye, Ellis provides you with the gist of what you need to know: the description through the seasons, how to select a plant, what the best site and soil are, how to plant, how to care for each plant through the seasons, and suggestions for uses in the landscape. You will know right off if your garden and this plant are a match. Mixed in with the single-species entries (and if you get your species and genera mixed up, Ellis sorts all that out, too) are broad but detailed entries such as Annuals and Biennials, Bulbs, Ferns, Herbs, Ornamental Grasses, Perennials, Shrubs, Vines, and Wildflowers. The index is by both common and Latin name, and the book closes with a techniques glossary. --Schuyler Ingle --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"Taylor's Guides are the best, most authoritative guides on the market." Garden Design "This 342-page guide earns our nomination as the 'must-have' gardening book of the year." Country Living Gardener

The book is a great asset to any gardner. It is a nice book and arrived in good condition in a short time.

Despite the books' massively long title, it's actually an easy-to-read, well organized reference guide to plant selection, propagation, care and maintenance, as well listing of hundreds of plants. Like many Taylor's guides, this one is profusely illustrated with lovely photographs of plants that will not only inform, but inspire you to get gardening. Almost 350 pages in length, there's not a lot of filler in here, rather, it's packed with lists, glossaries, appendices that will answer most questions any beginning and most intermediate gardeners might have in regards to perennials, annuals, shrubs, flowering trees and vines. If you want to landscape your garden and not sure of what plants to work with, you may want to start here!

I have many good gardening books but this is the one I refer to constantly and suggest to my

friends. Arranged alphabetically, the mini-chapter on each plant contains all the information I need to make decisions on purchasing, choosing a site, planting, growing tips, and propagating. The final section in each chapter suggests companion plants that mix well and like the same conditions. To top it off, this is a beautiful book with excellent photographs of the entire plant in its natural surrounding. GET THIS BOOK.

This is the best guide to home gardening I have seen, combining ease of use with authoritative information. The brief notes are to the point, the photographs are excellent, information is easy to find, and the full entries are exceptionally well done. A pleasure to read, this work will surely become the standard reference on home gardening.

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