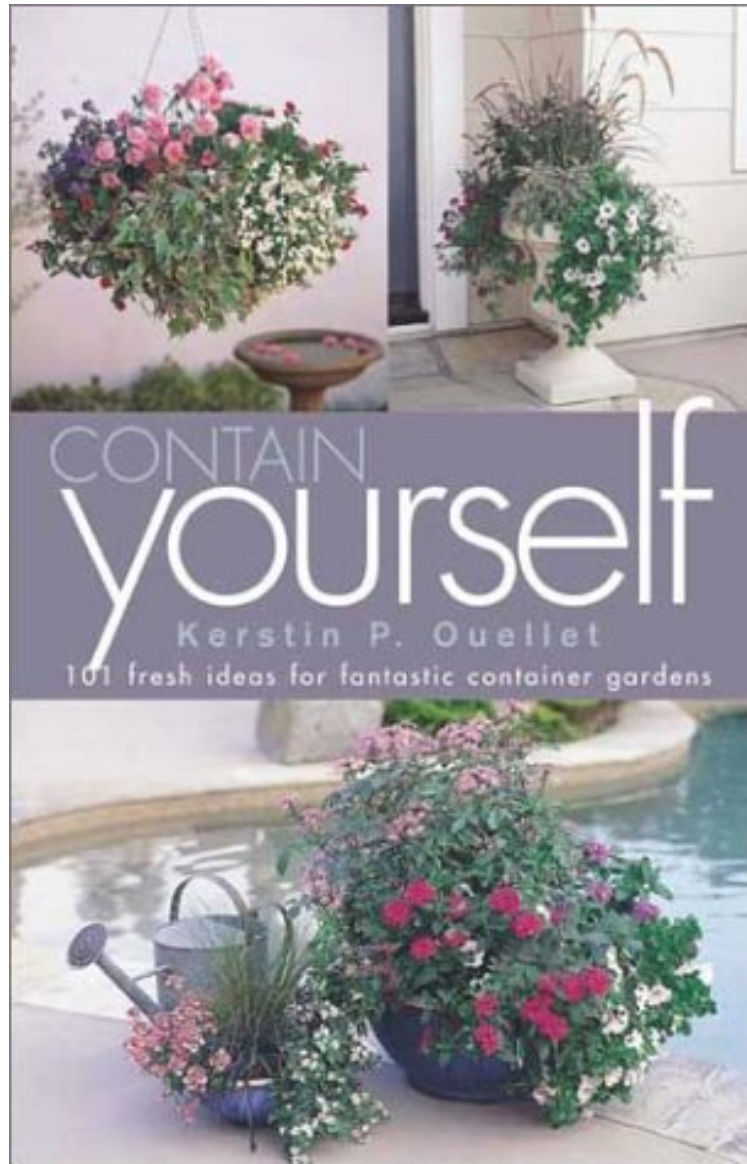


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Covering an array of the most beautiful ornamental grasses, perennials, and annuals ever put in window boxes, baskets, pots, and urns, this full-color guide provides basic container gardening designs as well as detailed information and suggestions for plant possibilities. Eighty plants are profiled with photographs and information on height, light requirements, frost hardiness zone, flowering time, habits, and characteristics. Diagrams and detailed instructions for re-creating 90 designs are complemented by information on container characteristics, care clues, and plant personalities. Attention is given to plants recently introduced to the market.

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