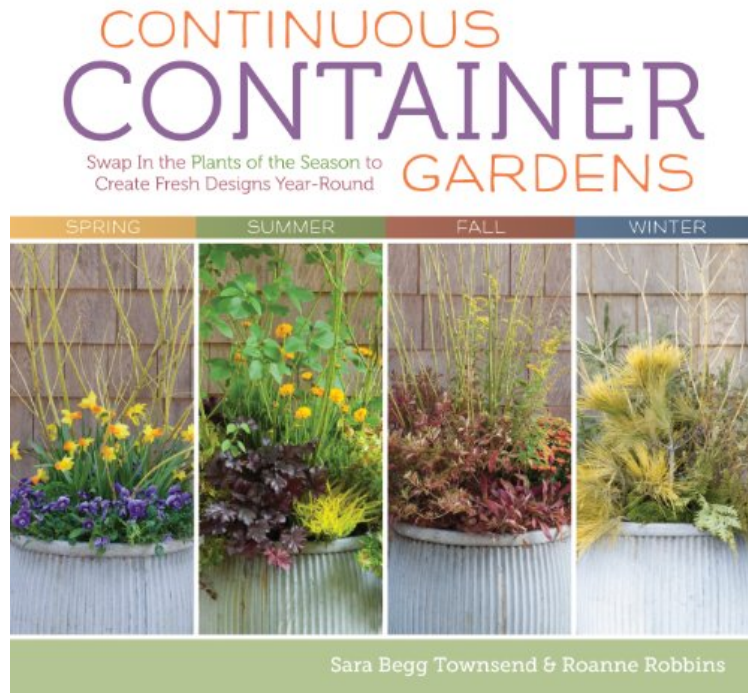


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mention as to how yards are supposed to swallow up this constant parade of plants and provide them with permanent homes. Nor is there any mention of how they find time to maintain all these newly transplanted shrub and tree areas. All garden areas take more effort to maintain than the mere mowing of grass. Even for those who love plants the realities of space, time and maintenance can not be ignored. There is an immense cost involved in buying shrubs and trees to put temporarily in containers. Yes one could change out a container 4 times per year but why would one want to? Yes you could put perennials into a container but I can't think of any shrub, tree or perennials that provides all summer color. That IS the reason annuals are normally used in containers. The other thing that is extremely important but not mentioned here at all, is that plants in containers are subjected to more cold than plants in the ground. So buying the expensive shrub and deciding to use it another season might be a great way to kill your shrub. They mention moving some of these containers inside over the winter. Why would anyone wish to wrestle a heavy container and where do most people have the space to put it? While one could do the things suggested in this book, one has to wonder why anyone would choose to do so. Possibly the best use of this book, would be to consider some of the plant combinations and plant them directly in the ground! This book appears to only focus on the container as a constant play arena. It completely ignores the problems involved in constantly creating permanent homes for what will become large shrubs and trees.

Extend the life of your container garden beyond the summer months with an innovative system created by Sara Begg Townsend and Roanne Robbins. Beginning with a central woody plant, garden ornament, or eye-catching perennial, you'll learn how to swap in seasonal plants for a dynamic display that looks great year-round. This inventive guide presents 48 tried-and-true designs that yield endless variations. No matter the season, your container garden will be glowing with bursts of color and varied textures that are in tune with nature.