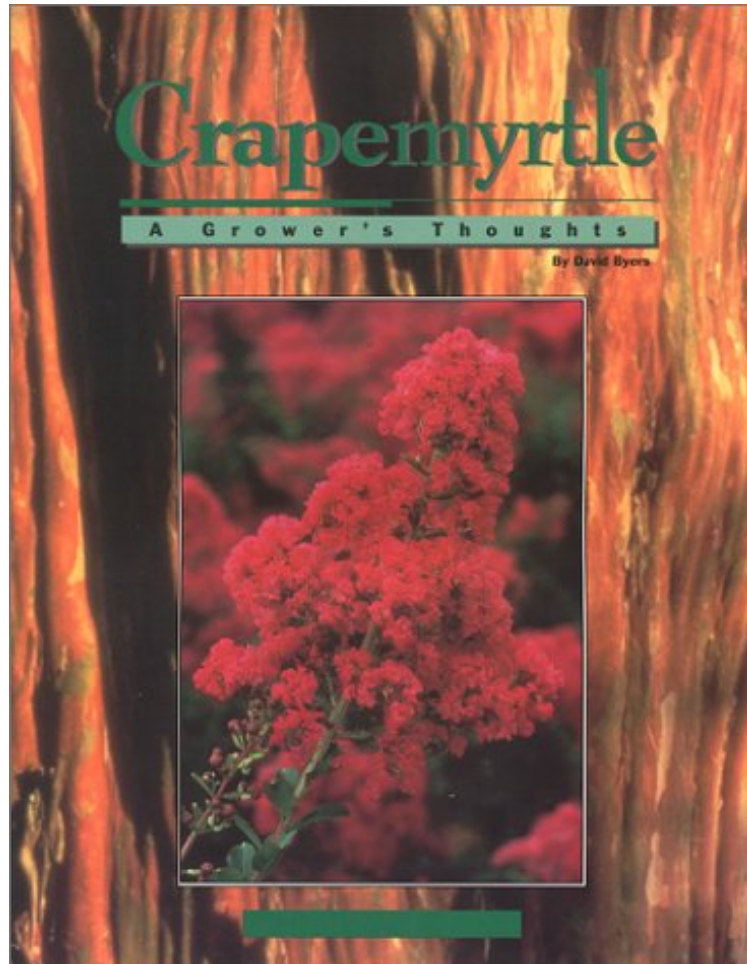


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David Byers : Crapemyrtle, A Grower's Thoughts before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Crapemyrtle, A Grower's Thoughts:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. If you're a gardner this book offers little new information. By Ron G After paying a whopping sixty dollars (the cheapest price I could find) for this relatively thin, soft-covered book I can't say I found any new information regarding Crapemyrtles. Just a lot of pontificating about how stunning they are. As a (self-taught) gardener I would say this book shed little new light on Crapemyrtles that I hadn't already read before. My particular reason for ordering it was to find out the mature spread of these plants but all I got was the usual height and form (vase, etc.) chart. It didn't even include Sarah's Favorite which is not a terrible new variety. I am trying to create shade around a home with a relatively small yard and didn't want to prune excessively to keep the trees from growing into the house. At the same time I wanted them to shade my southern and western exposed windows so I wanted them as close to the house as I could place them without frequent pruning. So sixty dollars later I still don't

know what the answer is. There are scant clues regarding some varieties spread but this is mentioned for just a few varieties regardless of mature height. After all, some extremely high-growing varieties (Biloxi being one, which is non-existent to buy anywhere in Birmingham, AL) have a relatively narrow spread. Perhaps if this book had cost less money I wouldn't have been so disappointed in its content. I don't regret owning it but it contains very little you can't find with a few minutes of researching online. Someone should write a definitive book about the ultimate "MATURE SPREAD" of these magnificent specimens!

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This conversational book is a complete guide through the history, culture, varieties, and future of the South's favorite flowering plant. It includes many color pictures along with facts, opinions, and information from across the years. It will bring every crapemyrtle user profit and pleasure. This is a well-received reference for architects, growers, contractors and homeowners, emphasizing "planting the right crapemyrtle in the right place." Dirr calls it "A signature contribution."

"Couple great plants with passion and knowledge of David Byers and resultant text and photos literally jump from the pages." -- Dr. Michael Dirr, University of Georgia "This book is a treasure." -- Dr. Bryson James, horticultural consultant, McMinnville, TN

About the Author David Byers, a third generation Alabama nurseryman, is a well-known horticulturist. A graduate of Auburn University, he has sold and told about crapemyrtle across American and around the world. He has served in leadership positions of nursery associations and received numerous awards and recognition for his work.