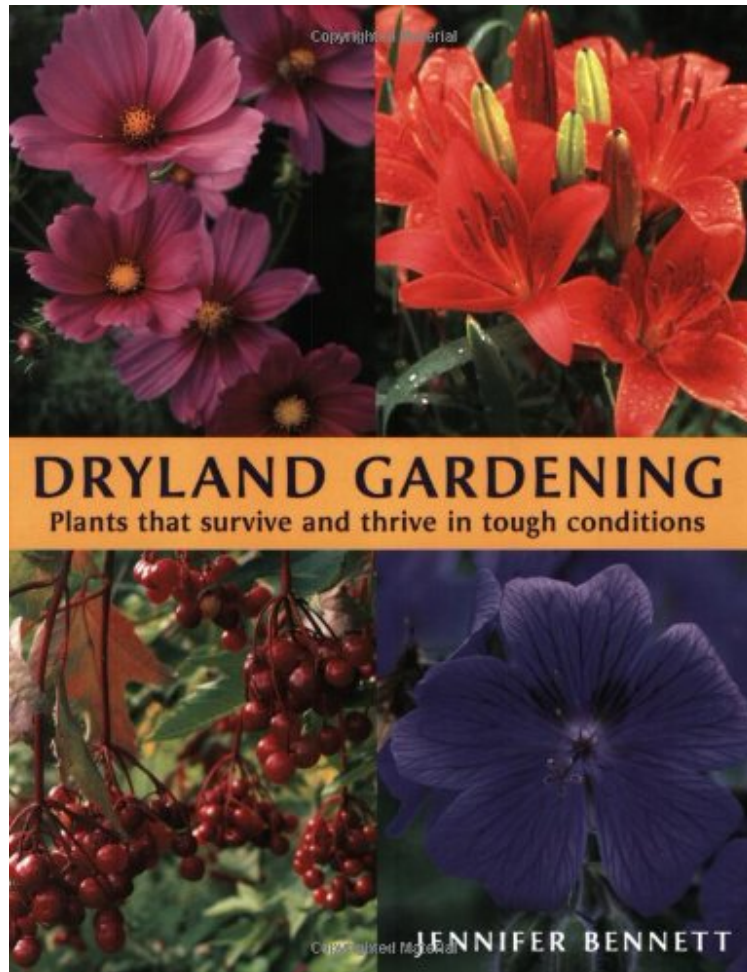


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discussing water conservation at home, including use of soaker hoses instead of sprinklers and collection of rain water for watering gardens. The chapters are divided into herbs, grasses and ground covers, bulbs, perennials and vines, annuals, and shrubs. Within each chapter are full descriptions of her recommendations for plants that can withstand dry drought conditions. There are many choices of plants so the dry heat parched garden does not need to be totally bare of color and texture. Global warming's effects on gardens is becoming more evident and more citizens are waking up to the dangers of drought and global warming on the plants and gardens around us. This book has helpful realistic suggestions for water conservation and wise use as well as recommendations of plants that can withstand the dry heat that drought is bringing to our nation. It is highly recommended. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. We have the prettiest yard in the neighborhood By Robin Shephard We've been in a drought for several years. Rather than have an ugly yard full of dead grass that presents a fire hazard from people throwing out cigarettes, we decided to dig up the grass and plant flowering plants that survive droughts. We now have the prettiest yard in the neighborhood and we're not wasting water on grass. 37 of 39 people found the following review helpful. Slightly misleading title for some By Steve Wagaman Based on its title, I bought this book, thinking it would be useful in the brutally hot, bone-dry and windy desert southwest, where we average 5" of rain per year. Turns out that "Dryland" and "thrive in tough conditions" means "dryish with cold winters", as this book's focus is on zones 4-7, and it rather pointedly avoids most plants which actually do thrive with little moisture in our hot low desert. I don't mean to come down hard on the author; the book is very nice and well laid out and has great photos, but if you are looking for low desert problem solving, don't let this book's title mislead you as it did me.

An essential reference to gardening in hot and cold dry climates. Gardening where summers are hot and prone to periods of drought, or where winters are snowy one week and freezing rain the next, is best managed by xeriscaping -- dryland gardening techniques that favor not only water conservation but also the conservation of time, energy and other resources. Xeriscaping enthusiasts exist throughout North America wherever the climate calls for dryland gardening, from the Great Plains prairies to the California desert. Dryland Gardening explains time-tested strategies: Coping with limited access to water Dealing with invasive plants Dealing with trees under stress Nurturing groundcovers and grasses Starting bulbs, perennials and vines Growing vegetables, herbs and annuals. This book includes both practical advice for dry-climate gardeners as well as an extensive planting list for grasses and groundcovers, bulbs, perennials and vines, vegetables and annuals, herbs, roses and shrubs. Each plant entry provides: Common and botanical names Detailed descriptions Planting instructions, care and maintenance. Dryland Gardening celebrates a resilient garden with a beauty that requires fewer resources and less time.

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