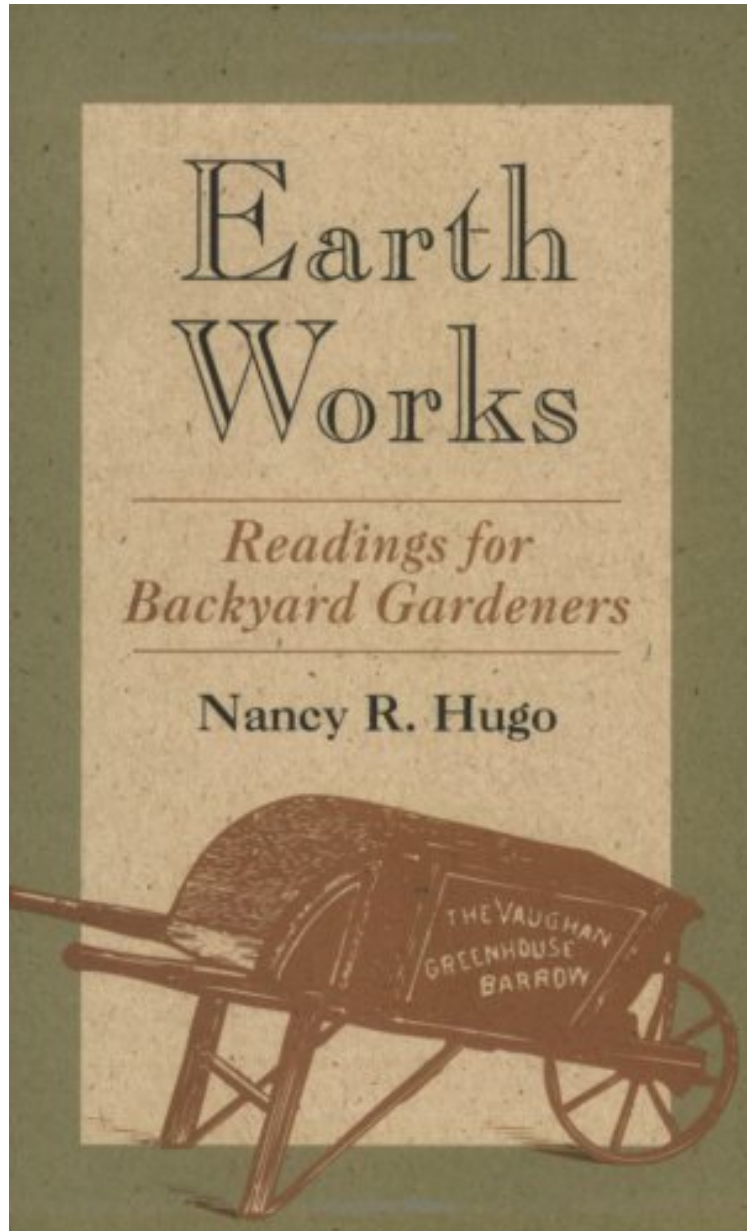


[Read now] Earth Works: Readings for Backyard Gardeners

Earth Works: Readings for Backyard Gardeners

Nancy R. Hugo

*ebooks | Download PDF | *ePub | DOC | audiobook*



[Download](#)

[Read Online](#)

#3713261 in Books University of Virginia Press 1997-10-29 Original language: English PDF # 1 8.53 x .58 x 5.54 | .66 #File Name: 0813918316180 pages | File size: 58.Mb

Nancy R. Hugo : Earth Works: Readings for Backyard Gardeners before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Earth Works: Readings for Backyard Gardeners:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. well written essays by my favorite garden writerBy Louise

Witherspoon Timeless, Thoughtful, informative, well written essays by my favorite garden writer. A book to read and reread. Also recommend her Seeing Trees, Remarkable trees of VA and Window Sill Art 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Handy and pragmatic....By Dianne Foster EARTH WORKS by Nancy Hugo is exactly the type of book you give to a new gardener along with an illustrated garden catalog. Hugo lives in Ashland Virginia, just north of Richmond in a Zone 7 setting which borders on Zone 8. Her book is filled with all kinds of gardening advice which she dispenses as a free lance writer for the RICHMOND-TIMES DISPATCH. Her writing is not particularly insightful (Diane Raver), funny (Henry Mitchell), spiritual (Jim Nollman), or scientific (Elizabeth Lawrence, Allen Lacey), but elements of all these aspects are present. Her strength is her pragmatic advice for the novice. Picture her as the neighbor you wish lived next door to you when you move into your new house. She has gardened for over 30 years at two locations (primary home and vacation home in Buckingham County). She offers advice for Zone 7 gardeners that is comparable to that from the PBS program Victory Garden. For example, she urges gardeners to grow organic and natural lawns because she is sensitive to the water pollution caused by the runoff from lawns (Americans use larger amounts of pesticides and herbicides on lawns than on food crops). On the other hand, she can take out 28 year-old pines because they are blocking her view and overshadowing her garden. She offers advice on gardening equipment from tillers to post-hole diggers, how to establish a compost pile, when to clip bushes and hedges, what to do with the needles that fall off the old pines, and which plants to grow for Christmas greenery. She describes her gardening year in month to month episodes, and covers a variety of plants that will do well anywhere in Zones 7-8. I recommend this book to anyone about to become a gardener.

In Earth Works, award-winning columnist Nancy R. Hugo presents a month-by-month, season-by-season exploration of the pleasures and pains of gardening in the mid-Atlantic. Readers familiar with her columns in the Richmond Times-Dispatch and Virginia Wildlife will welcome this collection of her most popular essays, written in the characteristic conversational style that has made her a regional favorite. Earth Works has a wealth of helpful hints and seasonal advice for both experienced and beginning gardeners, from how to attract butterflies and discourage Japanese beetles to when to prune; from how to move big trees to how to propagate a legacy rose. This book offers something for every backyard gardener and will be treasured year-round by enthusiasts looking for much-needed seasonal tips, as well as by snowbound readers longing for a reminder of the warmer days to come.

A good blend of common sense and careful thought, colorfully written, with humor and without pretension. The essays are explicit enough to be of use to beginners, but so full of anecdote and ideas that experienced gardeners will enjoy them and learn from them too. What a joy to have a gardening book that can be read either from beginning to end or from anywhere one opens... [This] book is charming and witty, imparts knowledge, advice, and etymologies in delectable doses. From the Back Cover Nancy R. Hugo presents a month-by-month, season-by-season exploration of the pleasures and pains of gardening in Virginia. Earth Works offers a wealth of helpful hints and seasonal advice for both experienced and beginning gardeners. Each essay is a vignette capturing part of a year in the life of a garden - as well as offering a personal glimpse into the author's own life and her love of gardening. About the Author Nancy R. Hugo is a freelance garden writer and weekly columnist for the Richmond Times-Dispatch.