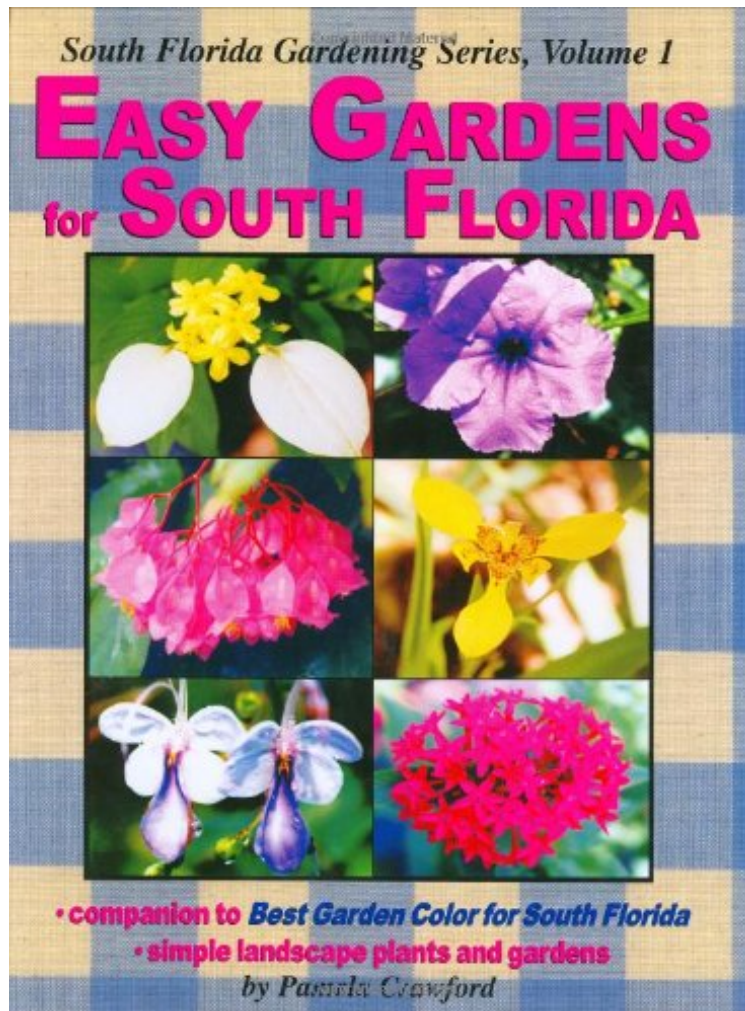


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Pamela Crawford : Easy Gardens for South Florida (South Florida Gardening) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Easy Gardens for South Florida (South Florida Gardening):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Perfect Beginners GuideBy Nature Dival'm an avid gardener and recently moved from Pennsylvania to Florida. There is a wealth of tropical and sub-tropical plants, shrubs, vines, not to mention all the different palms down here. It's back to "gardening 101" for me, having to learn all about these plants I'm unfamiliar with. What grows in shade, what grows in sun, how big does it get, when does it bloom, etc. this book explains it all. With full color photos, detail info, planting tips, and even plant companions. There are sections on shade gardens, sun gardens, different looks and styles, and an easy to use index in the back for reference. It's too bad this book is out of print; I'd love to see an updated printing, as there are many new plants introduced every year. This

book is great for both the beginner and us snowbirds!1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Best Florida gardening book!By J.E.R. F.I've owned one copy of this book for years, and find it the best reference guide for south Florida there is. I recently bought another copy for a gift for a "northern-born" friend, who like me is still learning about gardening in south Florida. Since the book is out of print, the only copies are used, but this one obviously was used carefully. Couldn't be more pleased,0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book for designing your Florida garden.By Michael S. SnyderThis book has lovely photos of the plants, usually with the companion plantings that the author recommends, and care instructions for everyone. I don't have room to plant most of what she recommends, but for the ones that I did buy, her recommendations are good. There is one exception, though. Ms Crawford recommends Clerodendrum Thomsoniae, the bleeding heart vine. While beautiful, it is far more aggressive than she believes. It tore down three trellises because of its weight. It puts on weight quickly. The worst part of it is that it is nearly impossible to kill. I tore out one planting three years ago and thought that I'd removed all of the roots. Every week I find new sprouts popping up seemingly from nowhere. Like the bouganvilla, if you like this plant, give one to your neighbor.

A comprehensive garden guide for south Florida, this book features detailed information on 100 easy plants and 65 easy gardens. The focus is on beautiful plant material and gardens that require little water and simple care. Perennials that provide constant color are also featured. Garden design chapters cover small gardens, shade gardens, sun gardens, and garden style. With 371 great color photos, the book is designed to simplify and beautify south Florida gardens.

From the AuthorWhen I moved to Florida, I had a hard time finding plants that did really well in my garden. I also had difficulty finding information about how to care for my plants. After becoming a landscape designer, I began testing plants to see which ones were the easiest for south Florida and how to care for them. This book is the result of those trials. It is my hope that gardeners benefit from the information, and avoid killing as many plants as I did! Gardens can be both beautiful and easy in south Florida.About the AuthorPamela Crawford has a BA from Vanderbilt University and a Master's Degree in Landscape Architecture from Florida International University. She has designed over 1500 gardens for residences, businesses, and country clubs. She has also tested over 2500 plants in the last 10 years, identifying the easiest and most attractive ones for the south Florida landscape. An avid environmentalist, Ms. Crawford's mission has been to find plants that increase the beauty of gardens while benefiting the natural environment.