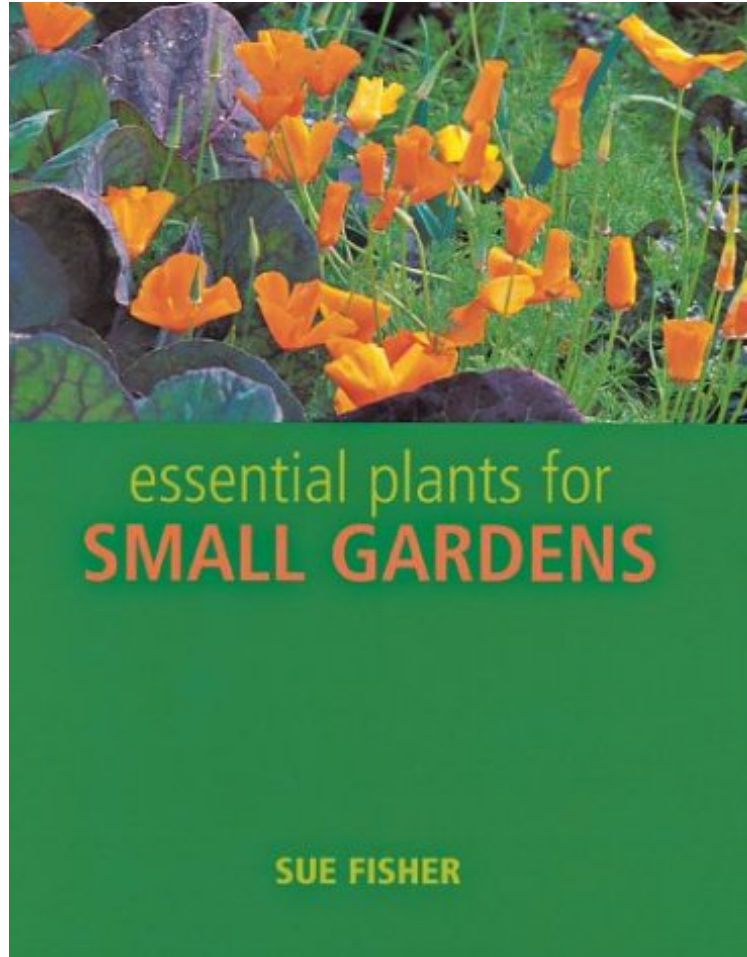


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In a small garden, every flower, shrub, or vine must make a strong ornamental statement. Discover the secrets of successful cultivation for your light, soil, and climate, and select key plants and trees. Try creative ideas for adding color and for giving your garden a distinct character. Glorious color photographs display stunning arrangements. The photographs provide inspiration. Philadelphia Inquirer.

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