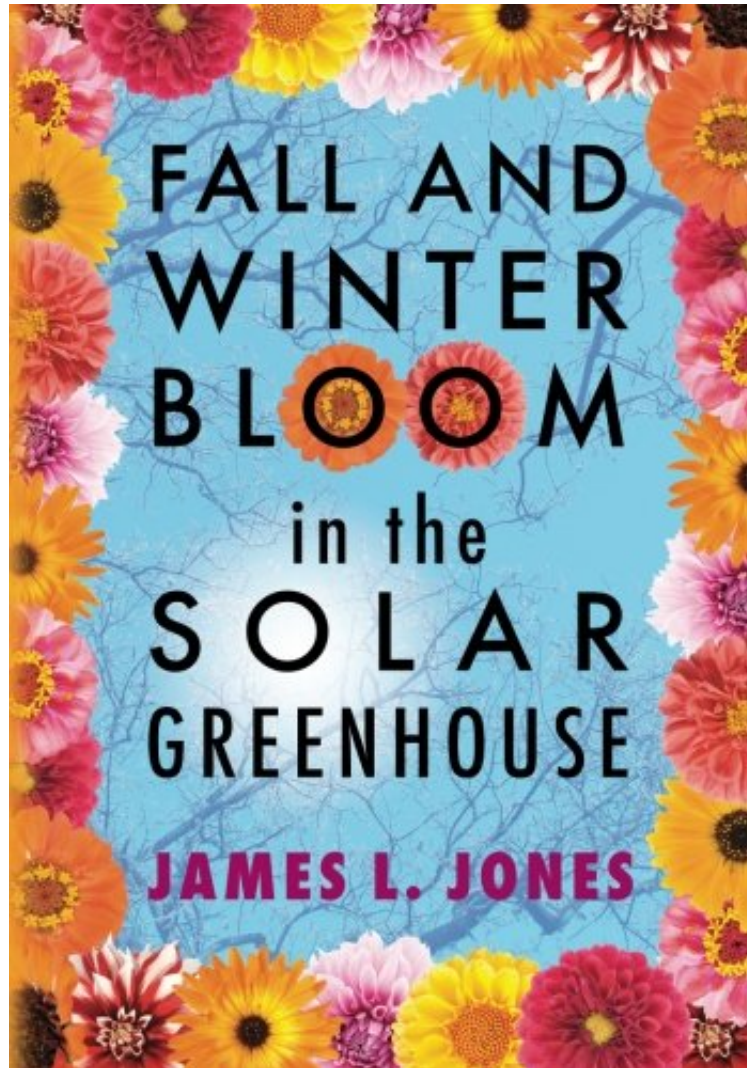


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PlantmanThis book is much more than its title indicates. It is not only useful for people who own solar greenhouses but is also useful for people who run their greenhouses very cool in order to save on fuel costs. The author shares a wealth of expertise, accumulated over many years, listing not only his successes but also his failures in growing many unusual plants. I have had a large hobby greenhouse for over 25 years. As fuel costs have skyrocketed, the temperature has been lowered to 40 deg. F. Many plants I used to grow could not tolerate the cold temperatures, so I have had to do a lot of research to find plants that would not only survive the cold but would actually thrive and grow. This book has helped to fill that need, not only with listings of many cold tolerant winter growing plants, but also with much good advice on how to grow them . It is the only book I have found that has delved so thoroughly and expertly into cold-tolerant ornamentals. A few minor additions would have helped for when the book is used for reference: I missed an index to be able to find subjects as needed. Some of the photos lack a caption, so it is difficult to identify some of the plants without referring back to the text. The book is well worth the price and it will certainly be a very useful reference book for many years to come.

The benefits of a greenhouse are obvious and compelling: relief from winter's darkness; year-round gardening; a weather-proof space for basking and relaxing at any time of year; passive solar heating. But what about the costs? Of construction, of heating, of keeping the whole thing going? The thesis of this book will be that these costs can be minimized with very little sacrifice of the benefits by turning solely to the sun for heat, with no reliance whatsoever on fossil fuels. In it you will find a wonderful range of plants that will indeed bloom in this unlikely time of year.

About the AuthorJames Jones has gardened for 25 years in a greenhouse heated solely by solar energy, converted from one that relied on fossil fuel. His publications include two books: *Greenhouse Plants*, Ortho Press, 1989, and *Lychnis and Silene in the Garden*, NARGS (North American Rock Garden Society) Press, 1999, as well as a number of articles, primarily in *Horticulture*. He has given many slide lectures over the years about greenhouses and other aspects of gardening. He often judges at the Boston Flower Show. He is a member of several horticultural societies and is a past president of the North American Rock Garden Society. He lives with his wife, Deborah Y. Beers-Jones, in a suburb of Boston, Massachusetts.