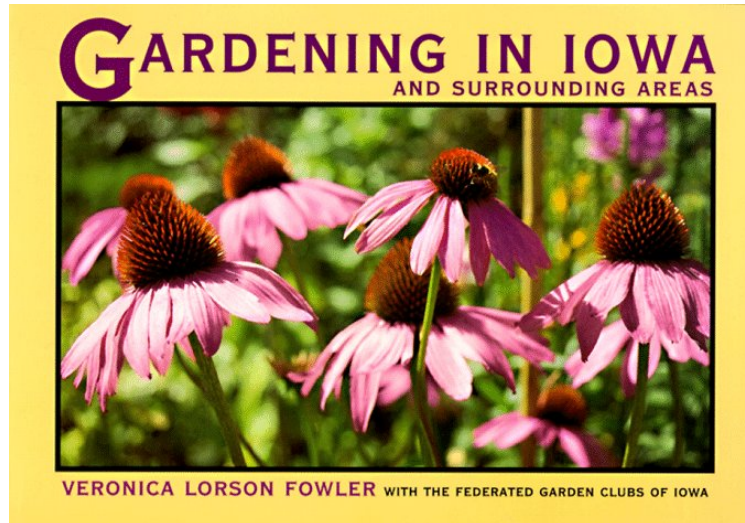


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Veronica Lorson Fowler : Gardening in Iowa and Surrounding Areas (Bur Oak Book) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Gardening in Iowa and Surrounding Areas (Bur Oak Book):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This is a wonderful book. By Sandra Baillargeon This is a wonderful book...I was new to Iowa..love gardening, so this book is with me constantly..thx for great service 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Mary-Lou S. Mayfield Just what I need to adjust my garden plans to Iowa climate! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Easy to read regional resource By Mary V. "Gardening in Iowa" is a pleasure. It's written in a warm, engaging style, without the cutesy flourishes that sometimes mar regional publications. Just to have a gardening book that is a good read is rare. But perhaps (and only perhaps) the quality of the content matters more in an educational book. So I was pleased to find the information to be comprehensive and well-researched. So far, everything I've tried has worked beautifully. It's also great to have a book that understands the challenges (and joys) of gardening in Iowa. I don't have to wade through chapters on plants that won't work in our zone, or in our types of soil, or won't survive our often brutal winters. If you live in Iowa, or even the surrounding states, this is a great resource.

On the East Coast, so the story goes, newcomers are asked where they come from; on the West Coast they are asked what they do for a living; in Iowa people ask them, How's your garden doing? Maybe this is not a true story, but it does epitomize the importance of gardening for Iowans, blessed as they are with the rich glacial soil so hospitable to corn and soybeans. Rural and urban Iowans alike start planning next summer's garden in midwinter, when their plots are still snow-covered and deep-frozen; by state fair time their trees, shrubs, vegetables including the ubiquitous zucchini and flowers are thriving. Veronica Fowler's month-by-month guide to gardening in Iowa is a concise, valuable resource for all novice and experienced gardeners. Beginning in January, Fowler presents a monthly checklist to allow gardeners to prioritize seasonal tasks. Her winter chapters focus on garden design, cold-weather gardening, and starting plants from seeds; in spring she moves into soil preparation, shopping for plants, wildflower and rose

cultivation, and lawn care basics; summer brings landscaping, flowers for cutting, and organic gardening; and fall involves cold frames, winter-harvest vegetables, forcing bulbs and perennials, trees and shrubs, and ground covers and vines best suited for Iowa's climate as well as information on mail-order suppliers, gardens to visit, where to go for help, and garden club memberships. Tips from some of the more than two thousand members of the Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa round out this plentiful harvest of useful advice. On a day in February when the wind chill is, well, chilling and the forecast calls for more of the same, the arrival of the first garden catalog of the season brings warmth to any gardener. Veronica Fowler's accessible, information-packed book will become part of every gardener's life both indoors and out.

Gardening in Iowa and Surrounding Areas is filled with practical horticultural advice. Written in an easy-to-read, down-to-earth (no pun intended) style, Fowler's book should serve as a handy reference for all gardeners. The bits of information supplied by Federated Garden Club members from around Iowa are excellent in their content and, more important, engender the type of warm, friendly feeling in the reader that is created when gardeners 'talk plants.' Matthew S. Rosen, Horticulture Manager, City of Des Moines