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The Winter Garden: Create A Garden That Shines Through The Forgotten Season



Synopsis

For many gardeners, winter is simply a season to endure while planning for the coming spring. The rich floral splendor they've enjoyed has given way to dull browns and grays tipped by lonely snow-capped branches. But that doesn't have to be: there are so many easy and inexpensive ways to add real winter interest to any garden. Two hundred color photographs show the diverse possibilities, along with site-specific design plans. There are suggestions for selecting and caring for a broad assortment of flowers, grasses, shrubs, and trees that boast dramatic winter flair, plus professional choices for cold-hardy container plants. Smart tips include using colored stones, adding bronze and wood accents, and maximizing the effect of winter light on plants.

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The garden in winter can be as sensuously satisfying as it is during the lushest rush of summer blossoms, yet many gardeners fail to incorporate plant material that can not only survive but also thrive through the season's harshest elements. In a visually stunning tribute to this often forgotten garden opportunity, Bourne showcases fragile limbs festooned with garnet berries, delicate seed heads twinkling with frost, and ribbons of craggy bark peeling from mottled tree trunks. Such elegant yet attainable examples provide an inspired and informative introduction to plant selection, care, and design, while emphasizing the importance of texture, structure, and color. Although Bourne references gardens throughout her native Britain, including her own breathtaking property, her enthusiastic and enlightening devotion to winter's attractions more than compensates for the lack of specific cultural information, such as hardiness zones and resources for purchasing named

cultivars, that North American gardeners would appreciate. Carol HaggasCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

Val Bourne is a plantswoman, writer and broadcaster who contributes regularly to the Daily Telegraph gardening pages. She has a totally organic garden in Oxfordshire, where she specializes in growing hardy perennials and cottage garden flowers. In 2004 her book, *The Natural Gardener* (Frances Lincoln), won the Garden Writers' Guild Award for Practical Book of the Year.

Item as described, Thanks!

I bought this book when we lived up north and liked it so much that when we moved I gave it to my son. This past winter it helped him landscape their sun-covered yard.

Useful ideas.

I plan to give this book to someone who lives on the East coast, for a reference for garden planning. This book is full of lovely photos of plants and gardens in winter, which is what I wanted. I am disappointed in the way it was packaged to go through the mail. As a new book, it should have had better protection than a flimsy "bubble wrap" envelope. The corners of the cover (hardbound) were dented, and even though I have no time to return it for a replacement, I wish it were in better shape. It is beautiful, though, inside - and well organized, too. I am pleased overall.

THE WINTER GARDEN: CREATE A GARDEN THAT SHINES THROUGH THE FORGOTTEN SEASON tells how to plan a garden with winter interest in mind. There are many, many gardening guides for summer and spring planting and some which advocate 'year round' gardening - but relatively few which narrow the focus to just winter. Val Bourne suggests trees, shrubs, berries and evergreens which include different textures, shapes, colors and early flowers for eye-catching displays, with color photos packing in examples. Gardeners will find this an inspirational guide which goes beyond the usual colorful flower focus to address other garden elements which can make a winter garden an appealing success.

A handsome and unique book from Cassell. Hardback: cloth over boards with a sewn binding on heavy stock. 1.75 pounds. Color illustrations on every page. Indexed. **TABLE OF**

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