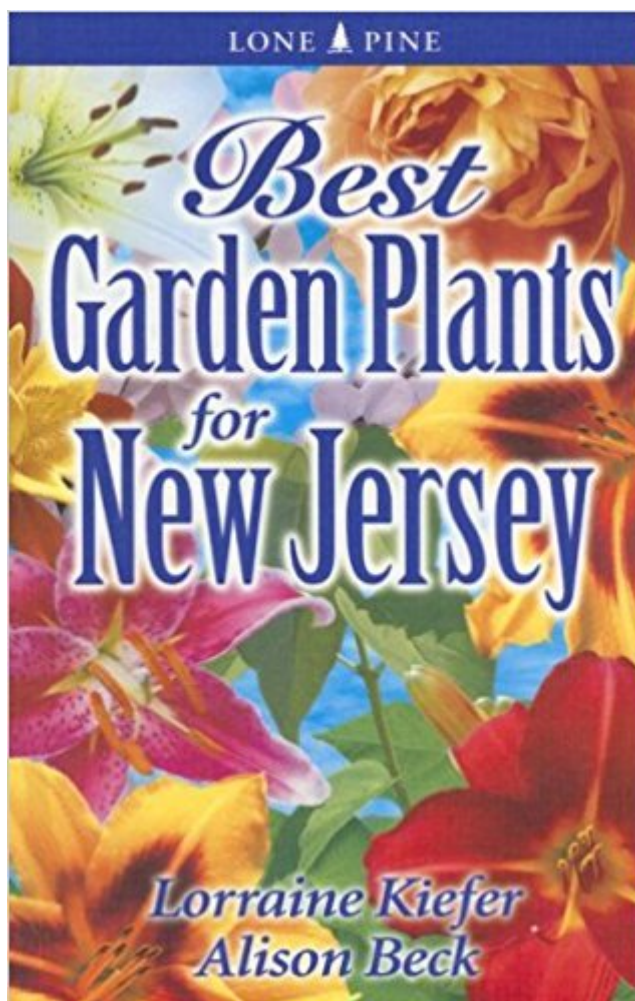


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Best Garden Plants For New Jersey



Synopsis

No need to be overwhelmed the next time you head to the garden center! This handy guide selects the best plant varieties for New Jersey growing conditions, including perennials, annuals, trees, shrubs, vines, climbers, roses, bulbs and herbs. Lots of color photographs and useful information.

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I received this in the mail today and immediately looked through it. I'm pretty much a novice when it comes to gardening so I feel this book will help me choose what plants, shrubs & trees I want in my garden & yard. I only wished the rose section could have had more variety. The ones listed were for roses that need direct sun. My yard is pretty shady, so I was hoping to see any roses that thrive in

the shade. I know there are a few that exist. Anyway, this is a great book for NJ residents.

What a great guide! To be honest, I did not initially think this would be worth more than a quick perusal but I have found myself returning to this guide again and again for additional ideas as well as just to use a refresher on certain plants. It is not just another general gardening guide, either. The introduction is a mere seven pages and just covers the bare bones so you are free to spend the next 160 or so getting to know (and love) the 356 plants suggested for your Jersey garden. Plant profile sections are broken down by Annuals, Perennials, Trees & Shrubs, Roses, Vines, Bulbs Corms & Tubers, Herbs, and Ferns Grasses & Groundcovers. Each section of plant type is color coded for easy access and reference. Every plant has been given a one page entry containing a photo of the plant as well as a smaller close up of the leaves and/or flowers in the bottom corner. The entries include growing guidelines and tips, general plant uses (in and out of the garden, when appropriate) as well as cultivar suggestions and descriptions. The author is an herb and nature lover so the book is wonderfully weighted with natives and useful plants. Readers can easily build beautiful four-season gardens with just the guidance of this one book. Any beginning gardener would be delighted to receive this book as a gift but experienced gardeners may be surprised at some of the "lesser knowns" that appear. To top it off, the quality of production was clearly considered and the binding is solid with a great flexibility. The cover is also easy to wipe clean so don't hesitate to take it with you to the nursery or into the garden.

I bought this book when I moved to New Jersey from Colorado. But the plants it recommended were too generic. And very few native plants were featured.

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