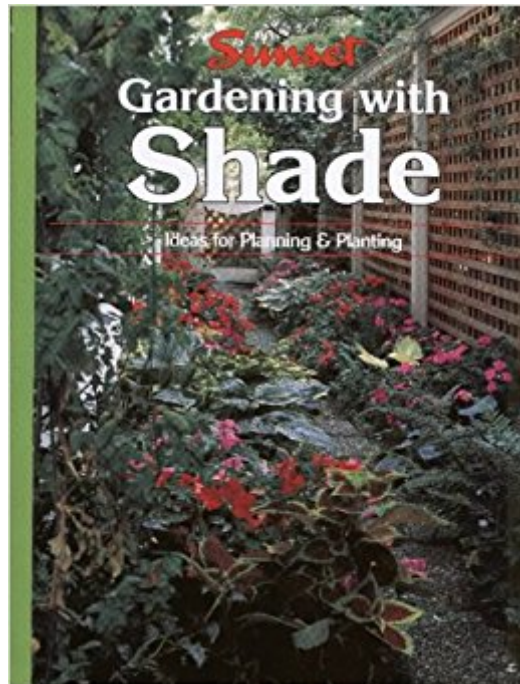




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The editors of Sunset magazine have always had a distinct knack for taking on a specific subject and laying it out in sensible order with clear instructions and helpful diagrams and pictures. All I can say is that this book lives up to Sunset's standards! There is no reason you cannot have lush and lovely things growing in the shady parts of your yard with this book's help. You'll find everything you need to know about the varieties of plants, their care and feeding, and ways to turn shady areas into the highlights of your garden.

I have trusted Sunset books for many years. "Shade" doesn't disappoint. In the introduction there is a discussion of the various kinds of shade: light/partial shade, dappled shade, seasonal shade, and deep shade. Each plant discussed is flagged in the heading as to which shade types it likes. There are almost 100 different plants discussed, including their growth habits, water and light requirements, temperature requirements, and any special features such as flowers or distinctive leaves. The pictures are, as usual, gorgeous. Ideas for plantings as interesting and inspiring. My one gripe is which type of soil the plant needs is not in the heading. Several of the discussions carry this information, but not all. Living where neither the sun nor the soil (limestone) is benign, it is imperative I purchase plants that can handle my climate.

This was helpful. The index of plants that work in shade were good. Lots of pictures, little

words-judge for yourself if that will work for you.

An excellent book that covers the different types of shade plants needed to get you started in shade gardening. Plant pictures and layouts were inspiring. Zone information and other plant information was more than adequate. I found plants to use that local nurseries hadn't even heard about. The end result is a beautiful shade garden that keeps getting larger each year.

This book gives you great ideas on what to plant and excellent examples of various shade landscaping ideas. Shade gardening is a bit more challenging because there are simply much fewer varieties of common nursery plants, less choice of color, etc. This books certainly goes a long way in helping the shade gardener in making the right decisions.

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