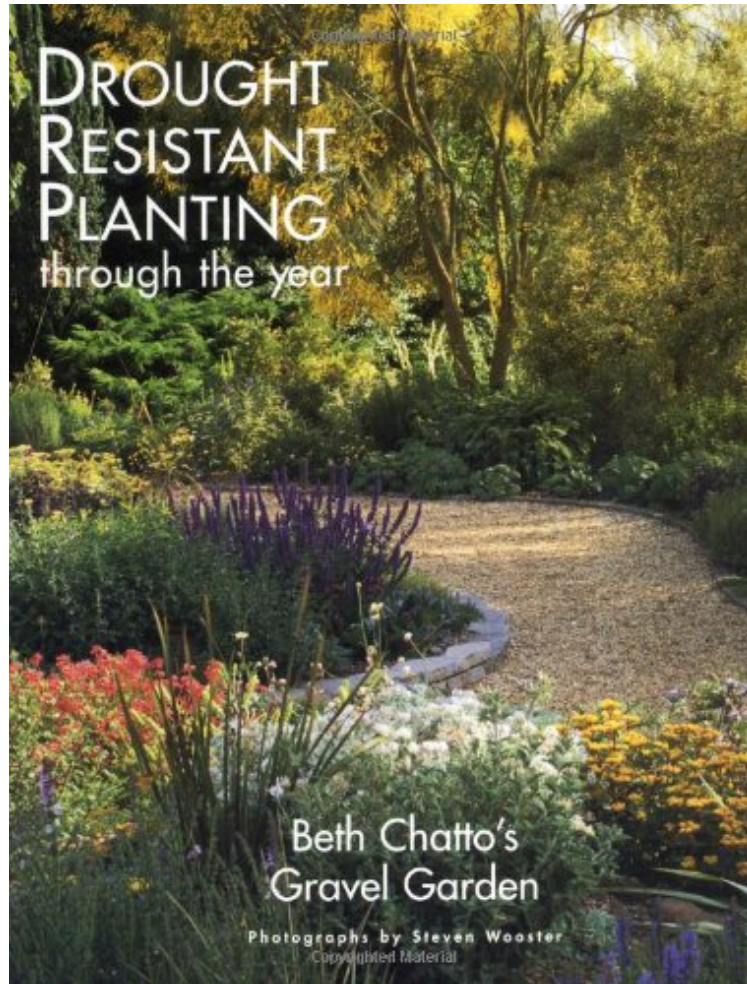


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**Beth Chatto : Beth Chatto's Gravel Garden** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Beth Chatto's Gravel Garden:

4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A great reference for gardeners who are adopting water conservation into ...By Brian in Newton NJ This book was everything I expected, and more. As a horticulturist I pass over a lot of books that are simply attractive coffee table books. That is not the case with this work. Though the photography is stunning, the author makes a point to identify the plant material used in each photo (genus, species and in many cases the cultivar too). This is what makes the book both informative and inspirational. I appreciate the author's discussion of what didn't work in her designs. She discusses the process of how her gravel and scree gardens came to be and is humble enough to admit that not everything works as we would have imagined. A great reference for gardeners who are adopting water conservation into their designs. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Mari

0 Wonderful guide and I love the beautiful pictures. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Ciao Nona! great garden guide

The story of how Beth Chatto created her gravel garden on 'possibly the driest, and the most windswept, piece of soil in England' has a message of hope for gardeners everywhere. At the outset she promised herself: 'This garden was not to be irrigated in times of drought. Once established the plants must fend for themselves or die.' The results, eloquently described by the author and beautifully portrayed in Steven Wooster's specially commissioned photographs taken through the seasons, testify to the triumphant outcome of the adventure. Showing how her principles can be applied on any scale, this book is an essential read for any gardener facing water shortages and poor soil. Rich with hard-won tips and expressed in Beth Chatto's matchless style, this is a gardening classic.

.com The author of several gardening classics, including *The Dry Garden* and *The Damp Garden*, British horticulturist Beth Chatto has once again documented her gardening adventures in *Beth Chatto's Gravel Garden*. A woman with a true love of soil (no matter how temperamental) and plant life, Chatto set out to create a lovely, viable garden in her gravelly, sandy soil. The challenge to find flowers and shrubs that would survive and thrive in this dry environment became an eight-year experiment that resulted in a beautiful, original gravel garden ranging over three-quarters of an acre. Chatto takes us through the process step by step, beginning with conceptualization. How can she turn a former parking lot into a prospering garden? She notes that 'We all find a haze of bluebells beneath beeches, primroses on clay soil beneath oaks, or a damp meadow golden with buttercups more magical than anything we can create. However, in our gardens we look for more. We learn to make plant associations that extend the season, to create pictures worth living with throughout the year. Season by season, year by year, Chatto records the planting and maintenance of her gravel garden, reveling in the fecundity and tenacity of nature. Her prose is clear, concise, and at times dryly academic. Readers who have a wide knowledge of botany and an understanding of the Latin names of plants will have a leg up on more casual gardeners. Filled with pictures by Steven Wooster, who has photographed many of Chatto's gardens, the book is a visual delight. The vibrant ruby petals of clematis leap off the page and you can almost feel the spiny green stalks of the *Onopordum acanthium*. --Dana Van Nest Beth Chatto combines, as well as anyone at work today and better than most, an eye for good plants, knowledge of their ways and a sensitivity when putting them together