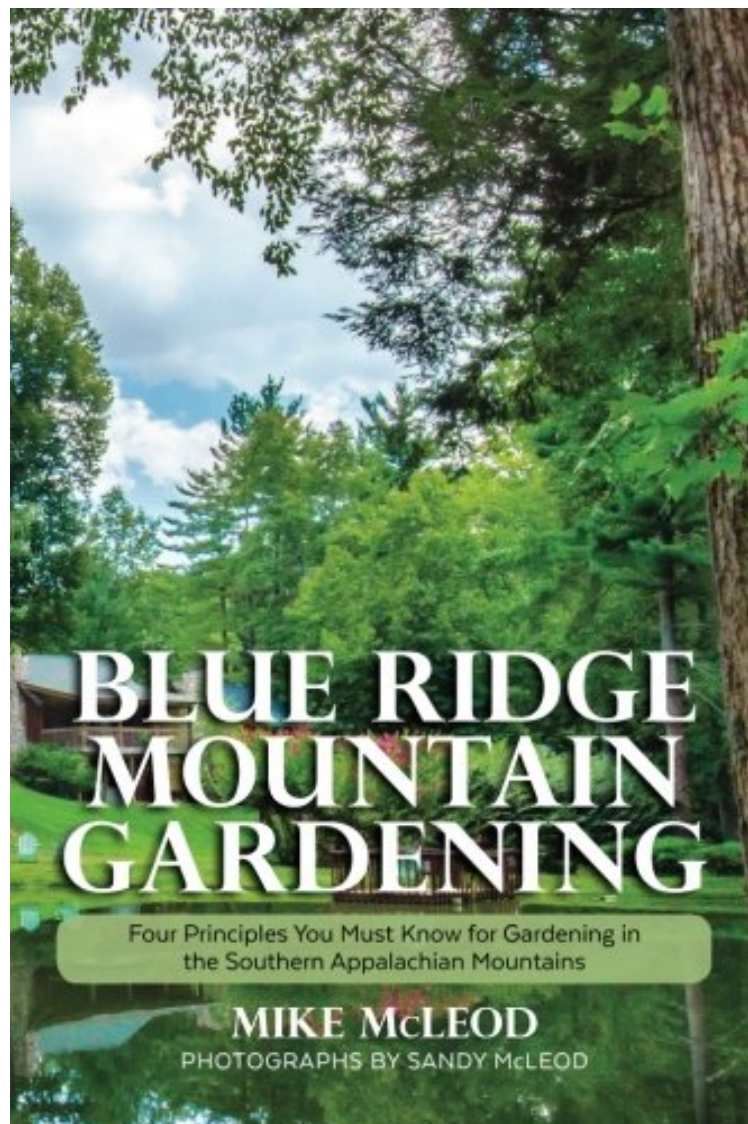


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About the AuthorMike McLeod is an American lawyer in Washington, DC, with over thirty years of gardening experience. Finding mountain gardening far more challenging than flatland gardening, he offers this book as a way to put all of the information together in one place. Working with his photographer wife, who provided the illustrations, McLeod has crafted *Blue Ridge Mountain Gardening* to explore the many mistakes he has encountered over the years in the hopes that readers everywhere might learn from them.