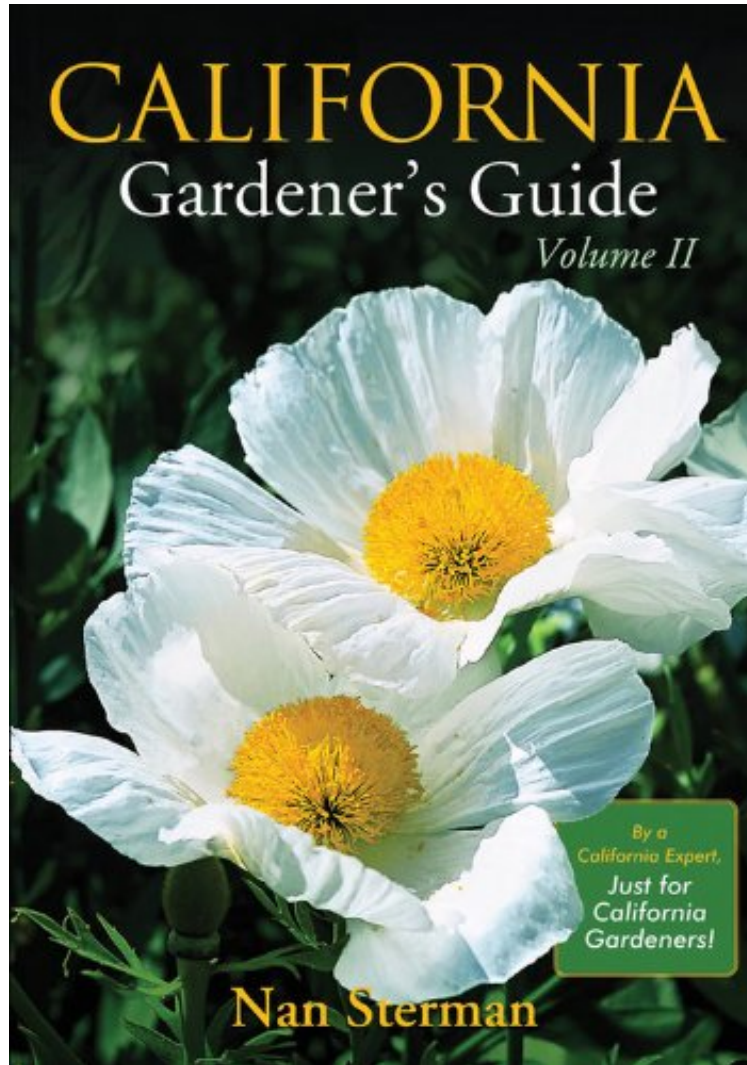


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Nan Sterman : California Gardener's Guide Volume II (Gardener's Guides) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised California Gardener's Guide Volume II (Gardener's Guides):

13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Just what I needed for USDA zone 9B / Sunset 14By Kindle CustomerOne of the best plants guides for beginning/intermediate San Francisco Bay Area gardeners that I own.I love plants but am not a talented green-thumb. I want easy-to-grow and not-too-thirsty plants, but don't want my garden to look like any plant bed in a shopping center parking lot. This book includes enough California natives and other unique plants to create a sense of "my own garden," but still are manageable for someone with the level of my green skills. I also like the "Companion Planting and Design" sections to help me with design, or just have fun imagining

what her recommendations might look like. I have *Sunset Western Garden Book*, which is a wonderful reference book that I treasure. But, it includes too much info not relevant to my zone. Choosing plants from that book is simply overwhelming. Serman's book is tailored for California gardeners. It has a lot of info for the plants included, each with a photograph (although more will be better). Colorful icons for plant requirements and benefits make choosing plants easy. Chapters categorized by growth type and using common names, rather than botanical names, make this book very user-friendly. I live in USDA 9b / Sunset 14 zone. Most plants in Serman's book work in my zone (as well as in the rest of California), and most are non-thirsty. In comparison, *California Gardener's Guide volume 1* by Asakawa is geared too much for Southern California, and includes too many plants that are too large for my garden. On a separate note, if you live in the climate zones similar to mine, I also recommend "Plans and Landscapes for Summer-Dry Climates of San Francisco Bay Region." Happy gardening!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very handy

By Red Cat Although I have lived in California a long time, I am not familiar with all the plants. Now that I got a house, I want to know what plants I have (this book has helped me identify some of them), and which to plant so they do well in this environment (and don't need ton of water). I am really happy with this book. It is informative, gives nice descriptions of the flowers and what they need to grow. It has nice photographs along with it, and a map that tells you where they do well. I will definitely refer to it over the years as I plan and work on my garden. The book also tells you what plants attract hummingbirds! I plan to use that as well, to attract those little birds.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Best Guide to California Garden Plants

By Betsy A must-read book for California gardeners and do-it-yourself landscapers! As a relatively new gardener, I have been frustrated over and over by plant tips and advice for Eastern gardeners that fell flat on my Southern California property. The *California Gardener's Guide Vol. II* offers general gardening information for California along with an array of plants suitable for today's low-maintenance, water-conscious gardens, all without compromising style or beauty.

Gardening is now the favorite leisure pastime in America. Homeowners are realizing the health benefits derived from gardening and the increase in their home's property value. This book contains easy-to-use advice on the top landscape plant choices. It also recommends specific varieties, and provides advice on how to plant, how to grow and how to care for the best plants.

"When you visit a nursery, do you wish you had a personal shopper in tow to help you sort out the confusion of choices? ... Nan Serman's new book, *California Gardener's Guide, Volume II* ... feels like that personal shopper." -- Sharon Cohoon, *Sunset Magazine*

"Pick up the book and thumb through its pages loaded with color photographs, and you'll find an amazing array of plants that are California friendly and water wise, yet lush and beautiful enough to satisfy any gardening style or palette, from minimalist to the cottage garden look." Serman "writes with the knowledge and confidence of a hands-in-the-soil gardener.... She knows how their roots feel in her hands. She knows what their bark looks like and how the flowers smell." -- Pat Rubin, Home and Garden Writer for the *Sacramento Bee*

"Nan Serman's '*California Gardener's Guide*' provide(s) a satisfying mix of down-to-earth advice on planning, planting and maintaining your landscape along with a healthy dish of stunning visuals." In an interview with Hayes, Serman describes the target audience for her book, "As I write and speak about gardens and gardening, I often encounter people who have purchased their first home or purchased a new home and want to create a beautiful garden but have no idea what to plant or even where to start. My goal for this audience is to take the mystery out of gardening and provide them with the courage and the basic nuts and bolts to jump right in and get started. As California's water becomes more and more precious, *California Gardener's Guide Volume II* is fast becoming the essential book for every California gardener." -- Holly Hayes, reporter for the *San Jose Mercury News*

From the Publisher Wondering how to cut back on water and still have a beautiful landscape? Nan Serman's *California Gardener's Volume II* leads you through the process painlessly, even joyfully. The first section explains how to garden in California where summers are long, hot, and dry, and what rains there are, come in winter. Next come 186 pages of nearly 800 plants, the majority of which are low water and absolutely gorgeous..

About the Author Nan Serman is an award-winning garden writer, gardening expert, and horticulturist. Serman regularly contributes to regional and national publications, including *Sunset* and *Better Homes and Gardens*. In addition to her writing career, Serman is a regular radio guest, has been featured on DIY Network television specials, and is the host of *A Growing Passion* on the San Diego PBS affiliate.