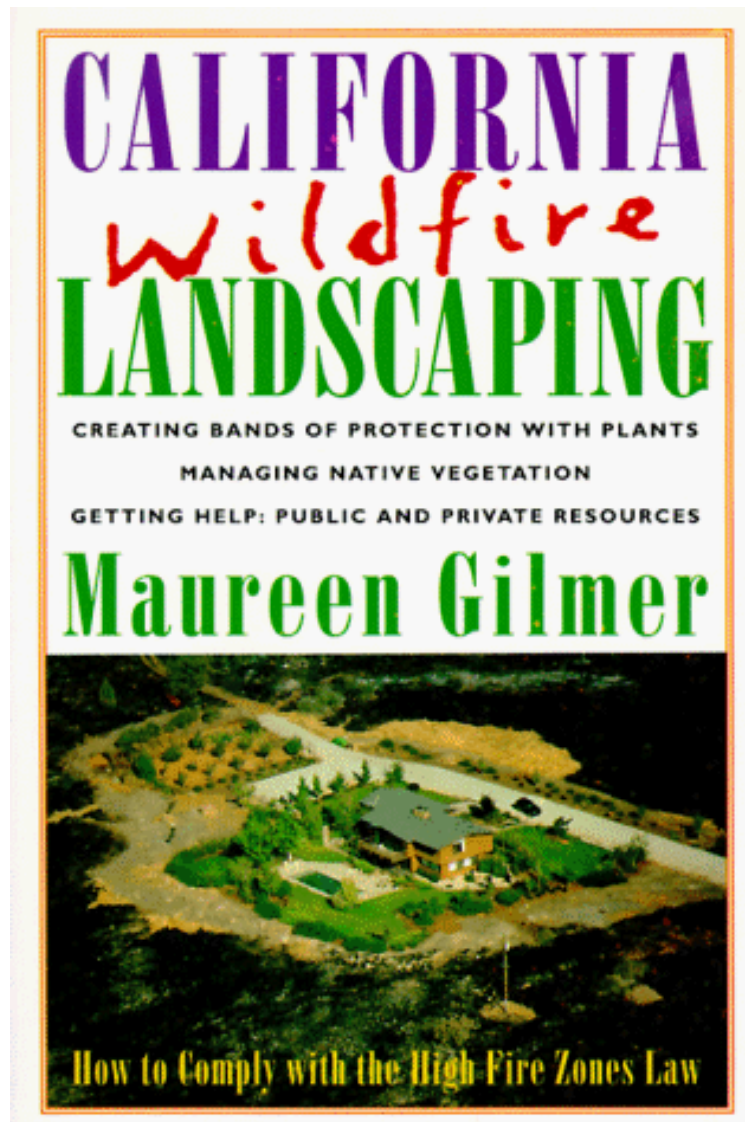


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Classic analysis of wildfire risk and mitigation for homeownersBy Peta TownsingI have been researching bushfire risk extensively in the past three years and had an interest before that. This interest has been sparked by several close encounters with bush fires where I have followed up on reasons why some properties fared better than others. I live in a fire-prone area of Western Australia in the south west of the state.

We have a mediterranean climate quite similar to that of Southern California. I am both a gardener and one who lives at the rural urban interface or as Americans would say at the wild land urban interface or WUI. Whilst it is important that homeowners know what to do should a bushfire emergency arise it is far better that there be fewer emergency situations. Whilst bush fires will always occur it is far better if the area around the house and for some distance beyond be designed in such a way as the fuel, i.e. the vegetation and other potentially inflammable elements, such as fire wood, be reduced as much as possible. This is not to say that there should be bare earth around the house and no shady trees nearby. This book provides solutions as to how to landscape in anticipation of a bushfire and gives reasons why some plants are better than others and the need for maintenance that will ensure a plant does not become a fire hazard over time. The author obviously knows plants and their characteristics. For example, I learnt that not all succulents are drought tolerant and that some watering is required for many of them over summer if they are to be kept healthy and at low risk of being flammable. I found this book very useful, so much so that I have bought two more copies for friends who are also interested in taking a firewise approach to reducing risk of bushfire attack on their properties. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Rocque Yballa Great resource!

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From Booklist An explanation of the history of California's wildfires and how they develop is Gilmer's introduction to this guide to assisting homeowners in preventing a devastating loss. Advice deals with areas pertaining to planning the construction and siting of a home, the managing of native plantings, landscaping with so-called fire-resistant ornamental plants and irrigating systems, designing groupings of various species, and maintaining plants and equipment. Additional counsel covers coping with a wildfire and erosion control. Gilmer lists support agencies for those who have suffered the effects of a fire and provides resources for the purchase of plants. This practical handbook features informative tips throughout and should prove useful for California residents concerned with learning as much as possible about "firescaping." Alice Joyce