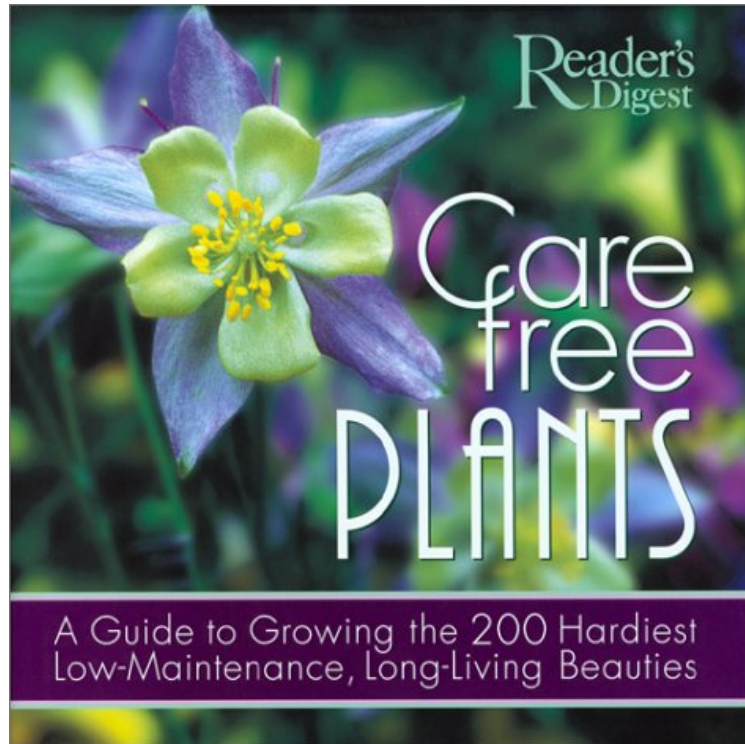


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Editors of Reader's Digest : Care-Free Plants before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Care-Free Plants:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A well illustrated book on gardening.By SM60For the price, it is an excellent book on plant care and gardening from Reader's Digest. Beautiful photographs throughout allow you to identify some 200 of the trees, shrubs, flowering plants and instructions on how to plant and maintain them. Included is a section on maintenance of lawns as well.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Guide for Growing Plants for OutdoorsBy webermjThis book is great for information on low-maintenance plants for any climate. There is a map of the United States showing the different climate zones. Each plant tells you which climate is good for that plant along with seasons of interest and where it grows best (in sun, partial sun, or shade); the source it comes from, seed, etc.; how tall/wide it gets, and much more information.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Practical - ReliableBy JQLI live in zone 5 (mid-missouri) and this book has worked for me year-after-year; I love it! I loan it out to friends who also love it and I sometimes give it as a gift to those that I know will love the resource (and they do). I like it because the pictures are good and clear but they aren't fabricated or exaggerated so I usually know what to expect. It also talks about care, maintenance and propagation (if you don't propagate then you're missing a big opportunity). I've found that the plants in the book are truly low-maintenance. I rarely plant anything that I can't reference first in this book. I guess you could say that I like this book.

Transform any location into a care-free garden oasis with this must-have resource for gardening in any locale. Time-

and money-saving tips and tricks show you how to have the most stress-free, no-hassle garden. The 200 easiest and most versatile problem-free plants are showcased in this idea-packed book.

From Publishers Weekly Plant lovers who don't have the time (or the green thumb) to do much gardening will appreciate this guide to easy-growing flora. The book features encyclopedia-style entries on no-fuss annuals, perennials, vines, bulbs, shrubs and trees. Each entry includes photographs, growing tips and vital statistics like preferred soil type and "critter resistance" level. The contributors recommend plant combinations for sunny or shady sites, for specific seasons, for acidic or alkaline soil, and for those whose gardens are in windy, rocky or hilly locations. There's also a section on lawn-care and ground cover. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Reader's Digest has come through with another straightforward, nicely illustrated guide for the gardener. Every gardener knows that selecting the right plants for the right places is crucial to success, but many need help determining what kind of site they have, selecting the appropriate plants, and grouping them in pleasing combinations. The most notable portion of this book is the six chapters devoted to unique or difficult sites. Here, readers learn about coping with tricky settings like dense, dry shade and are given suggestions for possible plants to use. The text is mainly a convenient directory of 200 care-free plants (annuals, perennials, vines, bulbs, shrubs, and trees) that, like most plant encyclopedias, offers one-page entries with standard growing information and comments about outstanding features, best uses, and a handy chart of fundamental facts. This chart covers attributes, season of interest, quirks, good neighbors, where a plant grows best, potential problems, pruning, critter resistance, source, and dimensions. The obligatory chapters on maintenance and a short glossary are also included. Though numerous books cover this subject, the focus here on challenging sites and a range of old-fashioned and trendy low-maintenance plants makes this a sound purchase for updating a collection. Highly recommended for all public libraries. Bonnie Poquette, Shorewood P.L., WI Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.