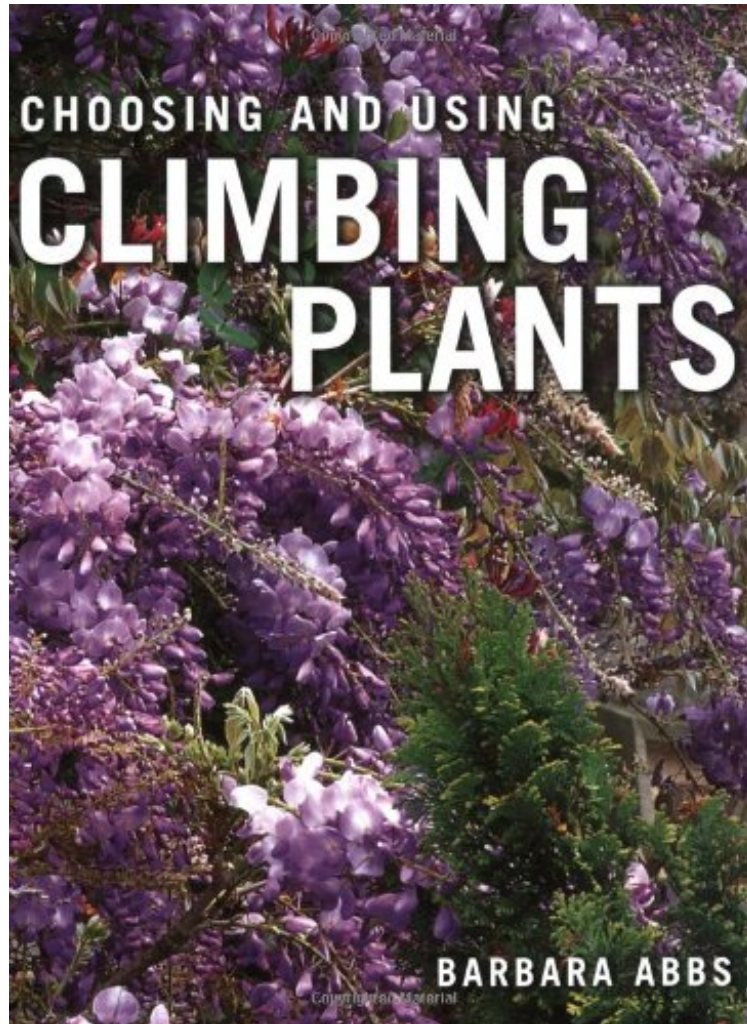


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Climbers are among the most versatile plants in the garden, a quick and effective way to enhance privacy, increase interest, and add height. But gardeners often dont know how to make the most of their potential. Through sumptuous photographs and accessible text, this practical guide offers a wealth of information on climbers, from selecting the right varieties for a particular soil to planting, training, supporting, and caring for them. Youll even see how they can solve design problems by masking flaws and creating lively focal points. And those who want to build special display features will find plenty of fabulous projects too!

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