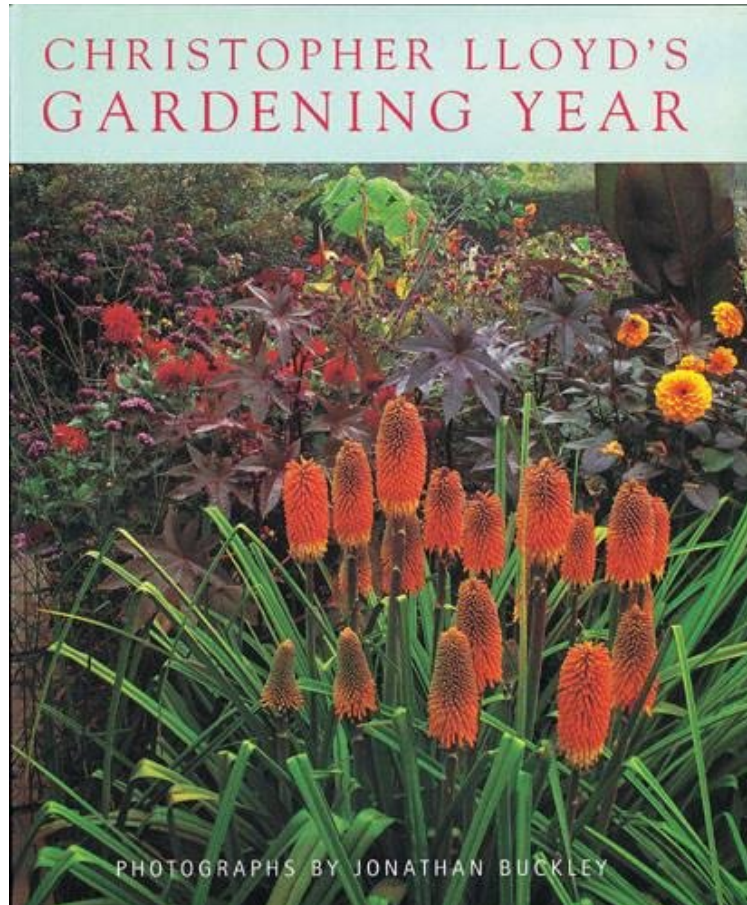


## Christopher Lloyd's Gardening Year

*Christopher Lloyd*

*DOC | \*audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF | ePub*



 Download

 Read Online

#3249810 in Books Frances Lincoln 2004-05-01 Original language: English PDF # 1 9.63 x .63 x 7.63l, 1.61 #File Name: 0711218366224 pages | File size: 54.Mb

**Christopher Lloyd : Christopher Lloyd's Gardening Year** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Christopher Lloyd's Gardening Year:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Lloyd charmed meBy Happy CustomerChristopher Lloyd must surely have been part pixie. A charming writer who loves plants, loves gardens, respects his spot in the world and came to know it well in his lifetime. His work and his skill in writing about Dixter has helped me learn how to choose a good plant for the right place, and understand why something does or does not work. Also Lloyd makes this writer feel OK about mistakes. He really encourages people to appreciate the plants that appeal to them, whether they fit the accepted model of what a garden should be like or not. How bold to decide that a purple smoke bush or a tree looks nice in a border and cut the sucker down every year, just so we can enjoy the young leaves shooting up each summer. How nice to read that, if I like orange, pink, and purple - then have it.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Khaki NurseFine classic1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Miss you Mr LloydBy MaryMookBought this to give a friend . I have read my copy and the Adventurous Gardiner a few times. Both will give you an inferiority complex, especially if you do not start things from seed, and propagate your dahlias. A great

wit. Miss him now that he is not there to tease us about "all grey" gardens. He was always developing as a gardener. Really a great Horticultural treasure.

Here is a wealth of expert advice and practical know-how, presented through a year in the gardening life of the man who was one of Britain's most famous and admired gardeners. Month by month this book displays Christopher Lloyd's unrivalled knowledge of plants how he grew them in his celebrated garden at Great Dixter and how he designed his superlative plant combinations. This is also a book about experimentation, 'a strong element' of which Lloyd considered 'essential to the happiness of any enquiring gardener'. Laced with provocative statements to tease gardeners out of complacency, Christopher Lloyd's *Gardening Year* is essential reading for adventurous gardeners.

.com Gardeners move to a different rhythm than the rest of the world, taking cues from the seasons rather than the dates on a calendar. Most gardeners remember first and last frost dates more readily than birthdays and mark Halloween according to which leaves have already fallen rather than by the fact that it's October 31. This is why books that are written seasonally, month by month, such as Christopher Lloyd's *Gardening Year*, are the most useful and enjoyable of all garden books. They correspond to our own rhythms and to the way we see the world. Lloyd has lived at Great Dixter in East Sussex, England, all of his life, and he is now nearly 80. In his new book he tells the story of his garden's emergence from dormancy in the early spring, its high summer glories, and its gradual, colorful autumn decline. No one else writes about their garden so intimately, personally, engagingly, but having written a weekly column for *Country Life* magazine since 1963, Lloyd has had plenty of practice. Lloyd is famous for his tropical garden, as he was one of the first to extensively use exotic plants in a temperate garden. In his August chapter, he recounts ridding his garden of roses, replacing them with cannas, bananas, brugmansias, and dahlias in a riot of hot colors. Another of Lloyd's enthusiasms is cooking from the garden, and he writes of sowing lettuces successively to provide greens from spring to October and gives advice about growing fruit and tomatoes. He also loves ornamental grasses, water gardening, vines, and flower borders. All the monthly tasks and triumphs of making and caring for a complicated garden are captured here in color photographs and in Lloyd's opinionated and knowledgeable prose. "I am a bit snooty about escallonias," he begins, and then goes on to tell which are worth letting into your garden. This is a book worth letting into your heart and onto your bookshelf. --Valerie Easton His text is as well-observed and entertaining as ever