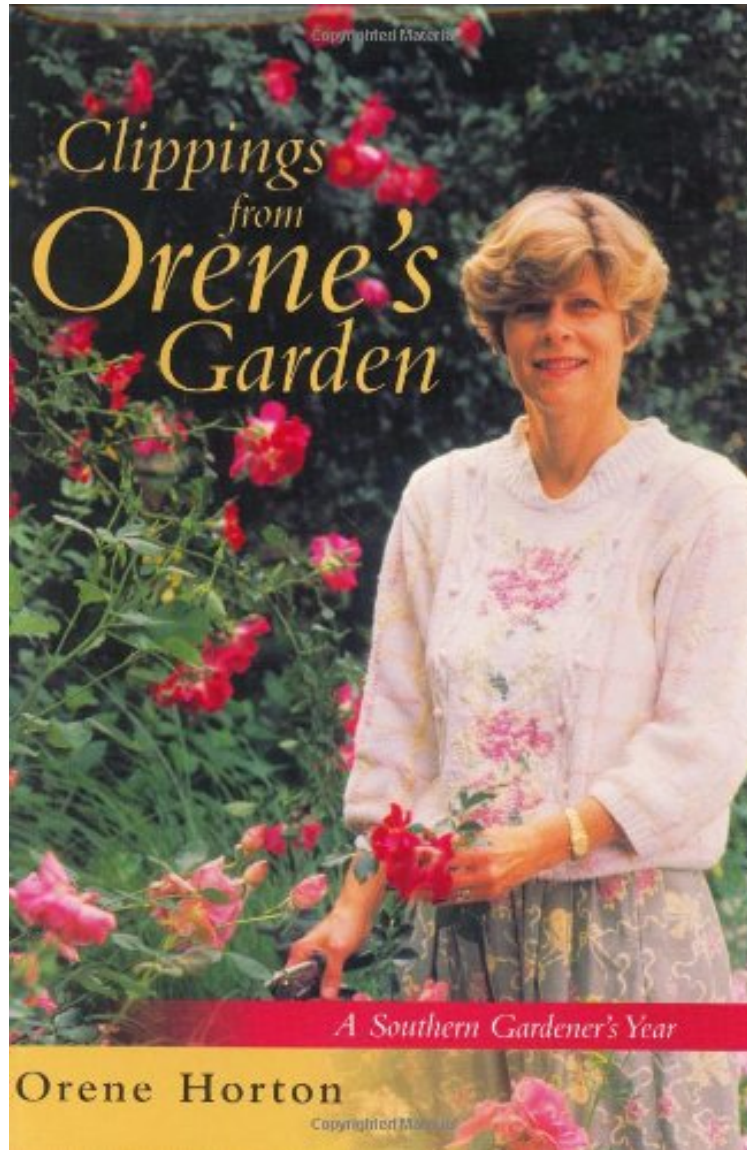


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**Orene Horton : Clippings from Orene's Garden: A Southern Gardener's Year** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Clippings from Orene's Garden: A Southern Gardener's Year:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Walking with Orene through her winter gardenBy Barbara BowlandThis afternoon is gray and cold, but I've really been unaware of it, as I've had the companionship of Orene as she "walked me through" her winter garden. With her today, I have seen things I have never dreamed existed outside

in winter. Having lived all my life in North Carolina, I have always taken for granted the flowers and trees that are indigenous to this area. My mother had a "green thumb" and worked in her roses tirelessly, humming to her heart's content. I merely enjoyed the fruits of her labor. Until today, as I walked with Orene. I was totally unaware of the wonders that take place before and during the growing season. For her to hold my attention so completely and to bring several chuckles to my lips as she describes her world has been a thing of beauty. I have several hobbies that are so different from hers (although hers was a way of life) that it really surprised me just how much I learned from her sharing and how much it kindled my interest in gardening. I can readily see how gardeners share her interests and have knowledge of the names and habits of the different flowers and trees she so beautifully describes gain much from the pages of her book. It is easy and enjoyable reading and written in such a personal way that one feels she is talking strictly to them. After having shared this adventure with Orene, I know that I will be more mindful of the surprises that lurk in my own yard and seek to see them through her eyes. How grateful I am that she has left these thoughts and the vast knowledge she had about her love of gardening so that we may benefit from her life forever. Such love and beauty should be preserved and treasured. How like her to devise a way to continue to give and to share her passion, not only for gardening, but for God's people!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A User Friendly Gardening Guide By Nelle Eubank After years of trial and error gardening that's hard on the back as well as the budget, I welcome this practical guide that tells me as much or as little as I want to know. I like the author's conversational, neighbor to neighbor style. And she presents the reader with regular bouquets of gardening tips from experienced friends and professionals, specific ways to make gardening easier and more pleasant for both the gardener and the plants. Using the book's helpful calendar month organization, I easily found instructions on how and when to prune my Crape Myrtle -- and the mistakes to avoid. In the accompanying table, I found its height, flower color, trunk color, and fall color. Whether she's discussing Monet's garden, her garden, or mine, I like the wit and humor with which the author explains "rose rustlers" and "passalong plants" and "xeriscaping". Her guidance in how to choose the right plant for the right place will help any gardener eliminate landscaping disappointments. And I especially welcome her "southern fried" section on how both gardeners and plants can beat the heat. This book is fun to read, easy to use, and my new gardening companion.

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Practical Advice Conveyed in a Friendly Voice By A Customer Until I read Orene Horton's book, I'd had been stumped with what to do with a yard I'd inherited - foundation plantings of azaleas that are beautiful for two weeks, then green as green can be for the rest of the year. This book told me what plants I should consider as replacements for some of the azaleas - plants that will enable me to enjoy color around my house through many, many months of the year. What's more, Mrs. Horton made me feel confident, for the first time ever, that I can go to a garden center armed with the information I need to pick the right plants (having first checked out the soil conditions with the aid of an Extension Service soil sample analysis). She's like the neighbor I've never been lucky enough to have - she knows what she's talking about, but she never seems to be talking down to me. And the chapter about decorating your home for the holidays with items from your own garden is something I'm going to keep in mind when I make that trip to the garden center to replace those azaleas. I'm recommending this book to all my friends who want to tackle the problems they have with the yards they inherited when they moved in.

Orene Stroud Horton was happiest in her garden. Widely acclaimed for her skills as a gardener and writer, she successfully combined both these talents to produce gardening articles for such publications as *Fine Gardening* and *Southern Living* magazines and *The State* newspaper for more than a dozen years. Her knack for creating beauty in the garden in unexpected ways through practical insights and artistic abilities delighted and enlightened her readers. Her most popular columns have been collected in this book as a tribute to her productive career. Orene takes you, month by month, through a whole year in her garden, providing encouragement and words of wisdom on everything from how to defeat slugs to ways to use vegetables as ornamental plants. Do you have problems with too much shade? Too much sun? Poor soil? Not enough color in your flower beds? Have you run out of ideas for what to plant? Orene has answers for these and hundreds of other questions that challenge every gardener. Her conversational style, infectious enthusiasm, and great sense of humor make you feel as if you are listening to a valued friend.

Orene planted, lectured, toured, taught, and assisted others to find the same joy she found in her personal Eden. -- Linda Askey, Former Garden Editor, *Southern Living* magazine Orene's writings are accurate and timely. Her artistic skills transform the science of gardening into the joy of gardening. -- Rowland Alston, Host, "Making It Grow" About the Author Orene Stroud Horton found her life's calling in the garden. After becoming a Clemson Master Gardener, this South Carolina native completed a course at the School of Garden Design of the Kew Royal Botanic Gardens in England. She lectured in Georgia and both Carolinas and taught gardening classes while pursuing a career as a freelance garden writer. A member of the Garden Writers Association of America, she wrote a column for *The State* newspaper. Her articles appeared in other South Carolina publications and in *Fine Gardening* magazine. At *Southern Living* magazine, she served as an assistant garden editor and as a contributing editor. A resident of Columbia, South Carolina, Orene drew inspiration from her gardening friends, and from visits to other gardens, especially Riverbanks

Botanical Garden near her home. Her own garden has been featured in Southern Living and Fine Gardening magazines and in "The Victory Garden" series on National Public Television. Her husband, Tate, and her children, Bret and Eveleigh, continue to maintain the garden that she loved.