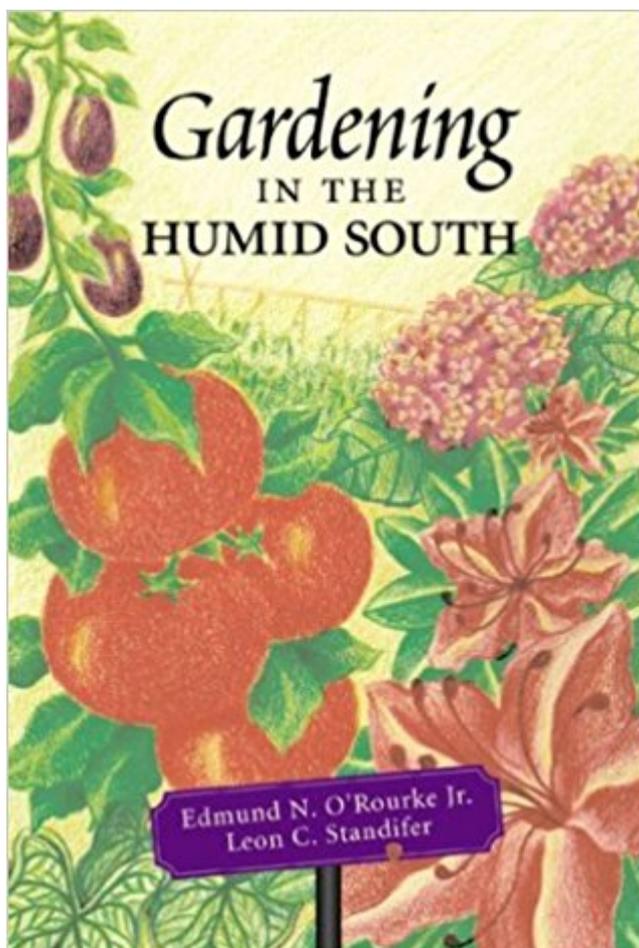


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Gardening In The Humid South



Synopsis

Two self-proclaimed "crotchety old horticulture professors," Ed O'Rourke and Leon Standifer share an immense love of gardening, a vast knowledge of all things horticultural, and a hearty sense of humor. In *Gardening in the Humid South*, they combine all of these traits to provide a practical and entertaining guide to gardening in the region they know best, the humid subtropics of the lower South. In chapters with titles like "Bulbs and Things That Act Like Bulbs" and "Weeds: Telling Good Guys from Bad Guys," Ed and Leon offer friendly how-to advice on a broad array of issues, including choosing and preparing a cultivation site, raising fruit, growing in containers, using fertilizer, and preparing for cold weather. Regardless of your gardening style, Ed and Leon can help. Are you a weekend warrior who enjoys leisurely Saturday mornings in the yard? Ed and Leon will show you ways to improve your garden while cutting back on your total effort. Is your yard large enough to keep you busy all day, every day? Ed and Leon know some short cuts that you probably haven't tried. Are you an apartment gardener with only a window sill and a few old pots to cultivate? Ed and Leon have some tips just for you. Even armchair gardeners will delight in living vicariously through the agricultural antics of these witty and wise old hands. In *Gardening in the Humid South*, two old friends share their contagious enthusiasm for their avocation and show that despite the hard work, gardening is, above all, fun.

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Customer Reviews

As a recent transplant to the south, I found this book not only entertaining but extremely informative. Take two old men, several theories on gardening and an unlimited number of pages for arguing and

you've got Gardening in the Humid South. Ed and Leon have never steered me wrong, and they're a hoot to boot!

I bought this book as I love most books that pertain to Southern gardening. I have most of Michael Dirr's books, for example, and love them all. This book is quite a bit different - it has a lot of chapters that pertain to garden planning, soil preparation, fertilizers, weed eradication, tools, pots and the like. There is less specific information about particular plants here than I expected - the chapter on shrubs is only 7 pages long, to give an example. There are very few photographs of plants or trees, and these are in black and white. So, it depends on what you want in a garden book to decide if this is for you.

Living in climates where the humidity is high, is as difficult on plants as it is humans. O'Rourke provides lots of useful information on creating gardens that withstand the challenge of heavy air.

This book is not only entertaining to read, it is very informative! Definitely helpful to read before you even start digging. I constantly come back to it for reference.

If you have any questions about gardening in the humid South, this is the book for you. If you want to know when to plant tomatoes, it's in there. Set out seedlings? It's in there. A list of plants that behave well (or poorly) in our climate? It's in there. The book is a good read, not just a dry academic tome; you will laugh as you learn from these guys-keeping in mind that their decades of experience will only help you. Having said all of that, the most helpful part of the book is the month-by-month calendar of what to do when and what hassles to expect. There is more knowledge in this book than in most college courses in Horticulture, AND it is specific to the South which, as you know, makes it more valuable (for us) than most gardening books. Get this book, use it wisely and look like a professional.

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