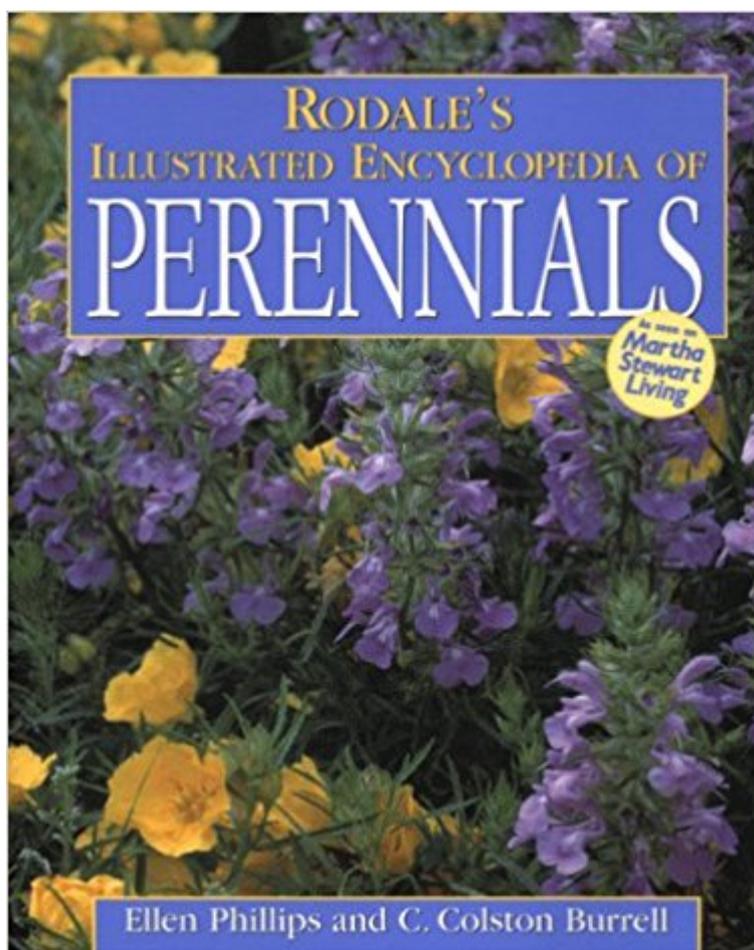


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# Rodale's Illustrated Encyclopedia Of Perennials



## Synopsis

Rodale's Illustrated Encyclopedia of Perennials is the definitive guide to:  
\* Creating beautiful combinations  
\* Growing lush, healthy gardens  
\* Using hundreds of versatile perennials!

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## Customer Reviews

Have you reached the point in your gardening career where you'd like to move on from lawns and beds of gaudy annuals to the more refined art of perennial gardening? This guide book provides an overview of what you might consider. The Rodale press has been publishing ecologically responsible books and magazines for a number of years (at least 30 -- I first subscribed to "Organic Gardening" in the early 1970s). Their commitment to promoting environmentally friendly ways to garden is evident in this publication. Sections that will prove most instructive for "green" gardeners cover: 1) pests, weeds, diseases and ecologically sound ways to cope with them; and 2) soil composition and how to improve it with organic materials including compost. The garden designs found in Section 1 are tricky. In my experience, it is useful to plan a bit, but as John Lennon said, life is what happens when you're making other plans. Most of the designs are a bit complicated for experienced perennial gardeners let alone the new gardeners. Juggling plants for size, color, height, blooming time, soil composition, water, light needs, PH and other requirements is no small task. The authors have presented plant combinations that will work together, but they will not work everywhere. If I was starting out, I'd plant a few perennials and add more as I became confident the first plants were going to make it. Also, many gardeners forget that plants grow. I would start with a

combo of perennials, bulbs, and annuals and remove the annuals as the perennials take over. The authors have provided a good A-Z list of perennials in Part Three of the book (many can survive the blackest thumb for at least one season).

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