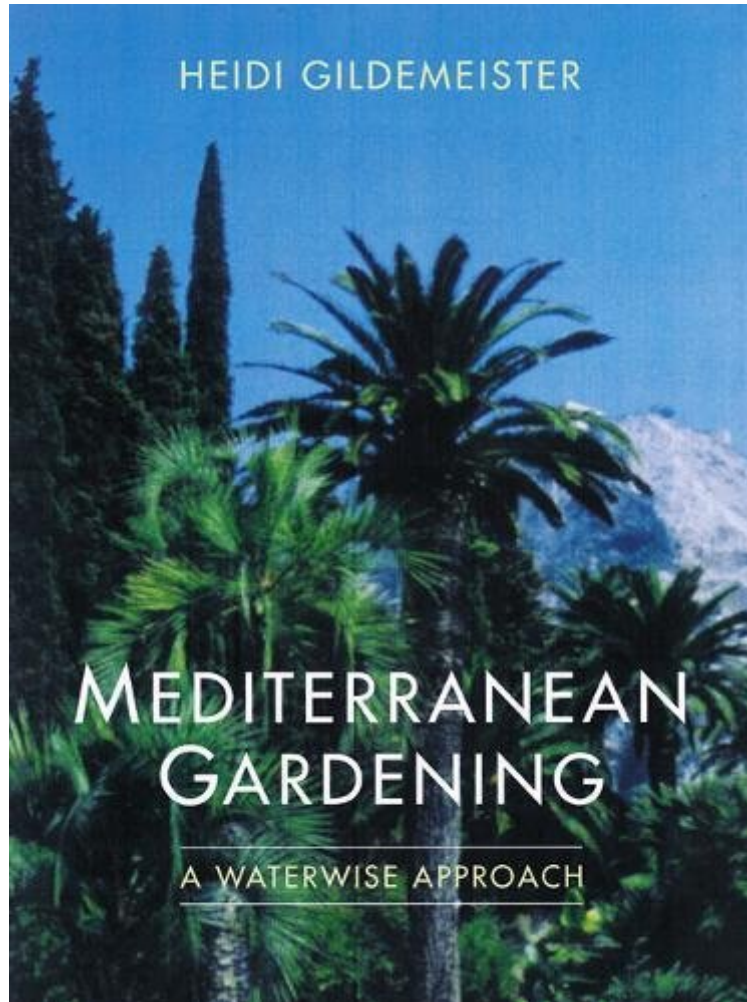


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Heidi Gildemeister : Mediterranean Gardening: A Waterwise Approach before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mediterranean Gardening: A Waterwise Approach:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. good resource By Susanne V. This is an excellent resource for anyone in a Mediterranean climate interested in planting a drought tolerant, low maintenance garden. She covers the climactic conditions, soil, water needs, plant choices and placement and a myriad of other topics related to the successful development of a waterwise environment. 1 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Extremely disappointing! By Trisha I ordered this book as it was advertised as now also including and clearly identifying frost tolerant plants as well as drought tolerant. I don't know if I've been sent the wrong edition but I can find no references to frost tolerant plants. Living in north eastern Spain where we can get quite severe frosts and hot dry summers this was very important to me. I also found that lots of plants were mentioned in the text but were not included in the

"Plant Selection" section of the book. Overall extremely disappointing! 1 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Mediterranean gardening a water wise approach By Jaja Disappointed with the size and quality of the photos of this reproduction. I'm sure the original book was far superior in every way. Would not recommend.

Gardening in harmony with a Mediterranean climate means taking advantage of winter rain and allowing the garden to rest over hot summers. In this beautifully illustrated, practical handbook, Heidi Gildemeister provides both novice and experienced gardeners with a comprehensive guide for waterwise gardening, with over one thousand drought-tolerant Mediterranean plants chosen both for their beauty and for their easygoing ways. Well indexed with common and botanical names, Mediterranean Gardening will be indispensable not only for gardeners in California, the Mediterranean basin, and Mediterranean climate areas in South America, Australia, and Africa, but for anyone living in a region that experiences drought. Gildemeister explains how drought-tolerant plants that are suitably matched with a site and carefully planted and mulched can live on winter rain and, once established, do not need additional summer water as in nature. The Plant Selection lists over one thousand plants from nearly five hundred genera, including their preferred growing conditions, propagation, best use, and maintenance. Guidelines in eight steps describe the planning of waterwise gardens, such as for the establishment of dappled shade to conserve precious soil moisture. Successful alternatives to the water-intensive lawn offer attractive design ideas. Mediterranean Gardening offers a wealth of information: "easy" plants for the beginner, new choices for the garden architect, and for botanists the latest findings on minimum temperatures plants can endure. An extensive bibliography covering drought tolerance and a list of useful addresses make this book as helpful to people converting to water-, labor-, and ecology-conscious gardening as to those starting from scratch.

"This is no ordinary book on drought-tolerant plants, but the accumulated wisdom of twenty years spent learning about the Mediterranean climate, and its plants and soils. The learning was not the casual process of one warned by municipal authorities that water is becoming scarce, but the urgent seeking for knowledge of an intelligent gardener entirely dependent on rainfall. . . . The pictures, too, are delightfully different from those we have come to expect in books on waterwise gardening." -- "Pacific Horticulture" About the Author Heidi Gildemeister converted a maquis-covered western Mediterranean landscape into a thriving ten-acre garden and became a pioneer of waterwise gardening in the Mediterranean region. A gardener of long and varied experience, she has gardened in Switzerland, the Andes, and on the Peruvian coast. She lectures worldwide and has contributed to The Royal Horticultural Society Dictionary of Gardening. She is a member of the Botanical Society of South Africa, the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, and the International Dendrology Society and is a founding member and former president of the Mediterranean Garden Society.