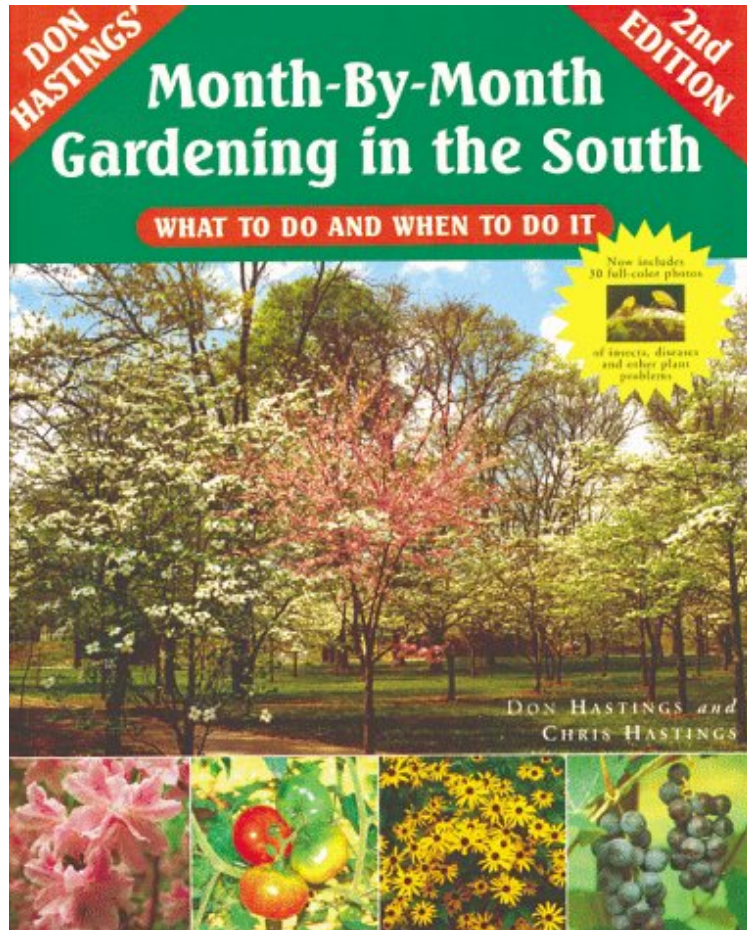


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Extremely Helpful Gardening Book! By Cruise puppy I love this book! It is so well laid out with a month-to-month format that gives information and step-by-step activities for the various parts of a southern yard and/or garden. Each month includes sections on Trees, Shrubs/Vines, Fruits, Roses, Flowers/Colorful Plants, Vegetables, Houseplants, and Lawns. It truly lives up to its sub-title "What to do and When to do it". It's written in a clear, concise, easy-to-understand way and you can easily pick it up and go right to the month and section you need to know something about. This book has been an incredible guide and help to me and I highly recommend it! I misplaced my first copy and had to order another one because I couldn't live without it! 4 of 4 people

found the following review helpful. Well organized to help you organize
By Avid readerI live in Houston and often find myself frustrated by gardening advice both in books and on-line because it virtually NEVER applies to my climate. I am not a master gardener by any stretch, but I do like to keep a neat, attractive yard and to dabble in vegetable gardening on a very small scale. I immediately liked this book the minute I began flipping through it. It is organized for the entire year by month and then by type of plant (lawns, trees, shrubs, etc...), with helpful do's and don't's sprinkled throughout. There is also a section in the back, 'Pests Problems', devoted to harmful plant insects, etc. The book has many nice pictures and is printed on glossy pages that will stand up to moderate use. What this book is NOT: This book is not a be-all-end-all resource on everything you need to know about everything, but rather a general guide to point you in the right direction and help you focus on the tasks appropriate for each month. Unless you possess an extensive knowledge of plants and gardening, you will probably need to supplement it with sources of information specific to the plants you have in your own yard. The only NEGATIVE thing I can say is that this book recommends use of dangerous chemicals for treating and fertilizing. It would have been nice if the author had included more organic and non-toxic alternatives, other than those mentioned in the section on vegetables.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A little disappointed
By W. KleinThis is a good general book for folks who have very little gardening experience. There isn't too much here for the experienced gardener, however. Also, the author considers the South anywhere below Maryland. This causes some timing issues with his suggestions for planting or pruning. He does take this issue into consideration with some comments on how to identify the best times for your exact area, but I don't think this will work for most folks. A better method would be to pick a central geographic point and add or subtract weeks based on your distance from there. Some good info in side bars about specific techniques.

Renowned horticulturist Don Hastings and his son Chris present step-by-step instructions for year-round care of lawns, gardens, flowers, and houseplants from Virginia to Texas.