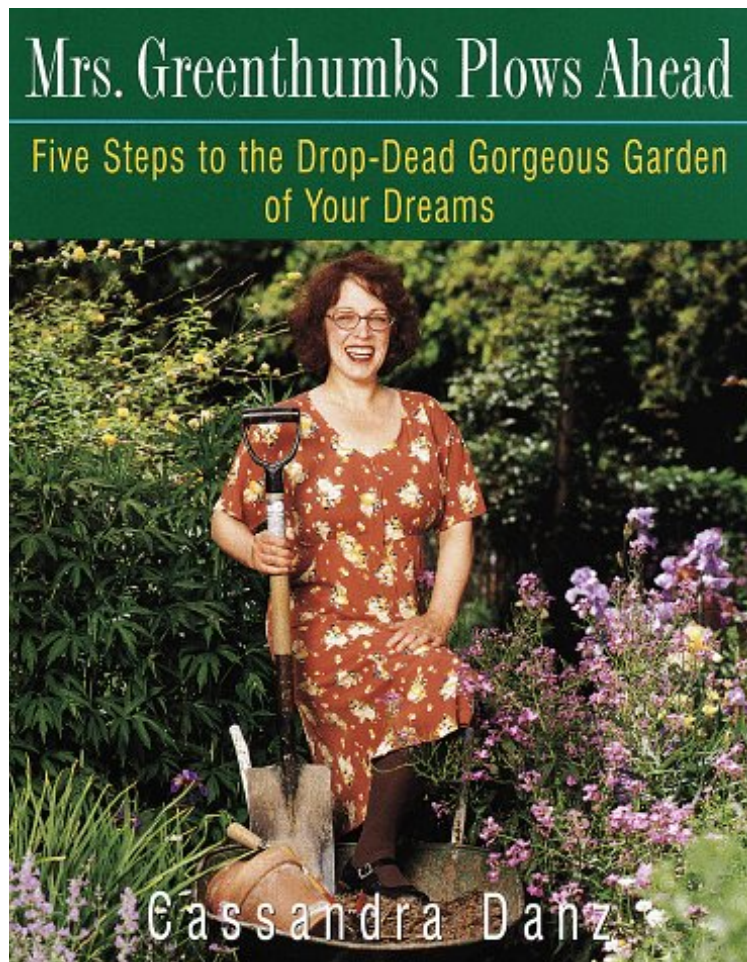


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Mrs. Greenthumb's *Plows Ahead* shows you how to triumph over climate, garden pests, and the design clichés of the typical suburban landscape to make gardening an unrivaled entertainment. Here's how any gardener, even with limited land, money, time, or experience, can create a glorious cottage garden. Siting, enclosing, and "furnishing" a garden Using the classical rules of proportion to balance your garden plan Making the most of your garden depending upon its angle to the sun Constructing a garden path, a rusticated arbor, or a wattle fence Combining trees, shrubs, and perennials for abundance and bloom throughout the growing season Using color as a unifying theme, accent, or expression of mood Propagating shrubs and perennials simply and cheaply Plus a special section on chemical-free pest control and deer-resistant plants. From the Trade Paperback edition.

.com Cassandra Danz takes her gardening seriously--she just doesn't discuss it that way. Her practical advice in Mrs. Greenthumb's *Plows Ahead* is liberally sprinkled with humor (when training a rose to climb, "Don't take guff from a plant."). Danz structures the garden from the big-picture perspective; for example, make your garden a separate "room" or rooms, and carefully develop the most stirring palettes of compatible colors. ("Don't plant magenta next to taxicab yellow!") She discusses the advantages and pitfalls of a single-color palette, such as writer Vita Sackville-West's white garden, and shows how to create illusions of greater space in a small yard. Other hints, such as "the old newspaper trick" of mulching, will make your gardening an Edenic delight. From Library Journal Finally, another practical, funny gardening guide from Danz, who won the Garden Writer's Association Quill and Trowel Award for her first book, *Mrs. Greenthumb's : How I Turned a Boring Yard into a Glorious Garden and How You Can, Too* (Crown, 1993). As in her columns and television appearances, Danz uses an easygoing, neighborly style that keeps the fun in gardening. With her typical brand of humor, she discusses garden design, touts the merits of perennials, gives tips on using color and bloom time to create a pleasing garden, and warns against plants that reproduce too freely. Anecdotes from her escapades in Great Britain are included, along with her comments on meeting gardening legend Christopher Lloyd. Her fans will undoubtedly be looking for this title. Others searching for gardening wisdom with a healthy dose of wit will enjoy it, too. Recommended for public libraries. ?Bonnie Poquette, Appleton P.L., Wis. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Few garden writers have Danz's ability to amuse while at the same time offer helpful advice based in practical know-how. The first book by "Mrs. Greenthumb's" was awarded a prize by the national association of garden writers, so it's rather obvious that Danz has the ability to delight all sorts of gardeners who may be looking for lighthearted instruction. As entertaining as the writing may be, Danz has both strong opinions and bushelsful of design suggestions. Read her book in order to be given direction toward creating a place where appropriate plantings, and lots of them, will result in a wonderful sense of sanctuary: an abundant landscape to enhance the home as well as the community's environment. Alice Joyce