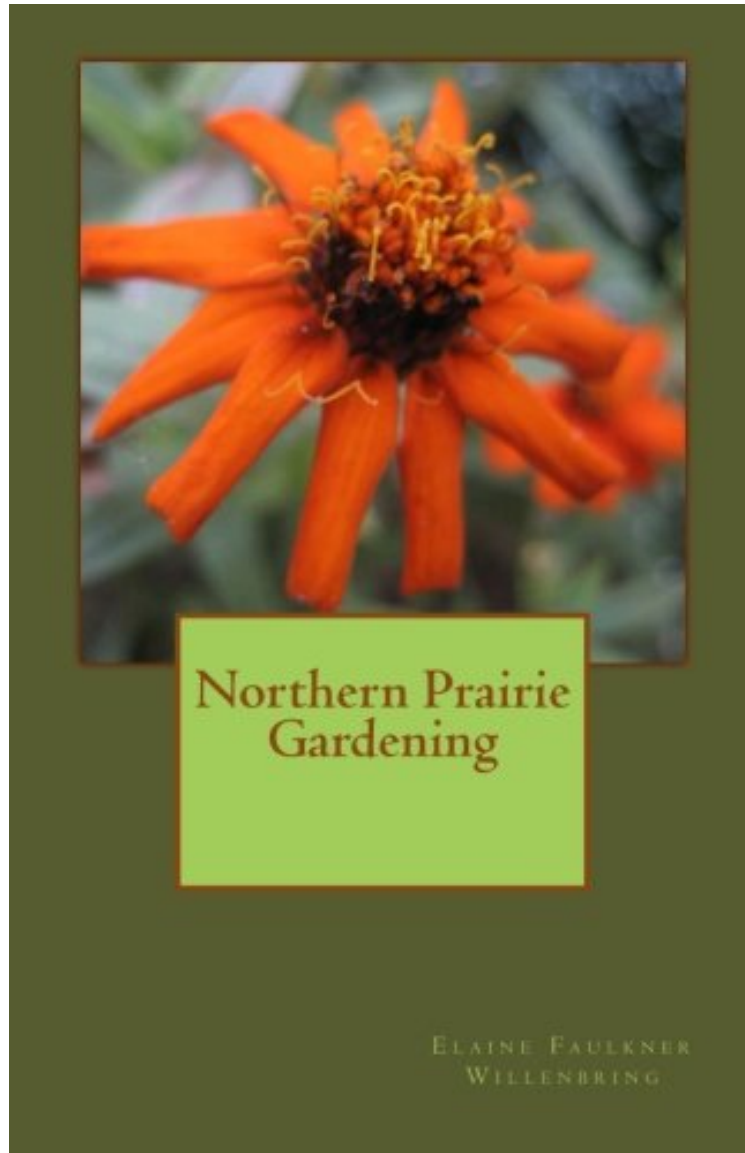


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Elaine Faulkner Willenbring, M. Colleen Willenbring : Northern Prairie Gardening before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Northern Prairie Gardening:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Awesome book for any area of the US - not just the great white north!By Veggie_Lover_JaneI received this book as a gift and I wasn't sure how applicable it would be to me anymore given that I'm a resident of Philadelphia - transplanted from (NoDak). However, I have to say it is teeming with info

that is really useful regardless of where you might happen to live. There are so many little gems in this book! I fancied myself a pretty decent gardener and even had worked in a garden center as a student but I still learned *most* of what I learned about gardening from this book. The great thing about this book is that this one is all you need. It serves as primer and advanced reference book all wrapped up in one great book. There is a really useful chart for everything one would need to know about planting garden seeds and plants and I'm sure that my copy is now as used and dirty as yours will be. The author has illustrated the book with charming and instructional diagrams that help describe some of the text. I guarantee you'll be happy with it. Makes a great gift for anyone because everyone will learn something reading it.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Abundant and Useful Information
By PAREaderNorthern Prairie Gardening by Elaine Willenbring is a rich and entertaining source of information, whether you're an eager but nervous beginner or a seasoned gardener who wants to try new plants or growing techniques. As her title says, this book is especially geared to the prairies of the Dakotas, Montana, and Canada, which present their own set of challenges to gardeners. But I live in central Minnesota and found on almost every page information and tips that I plan to use if spring ever arrives! One of the strengths of Elaine Willenbring's book is that her advice comes from several sources: her long experience as a gardener and seller of seeds and plants, her scientific knowledge and up-to-date research, and her conversations with other gardeners, who provided both questions and answers. In addition, she offers explanations for almost every piece of advice she gives. Those explanations help me remember the advice much better than a list of dos and don'ts would. (She explains, for instance, that beet seeds are aggregates, meaning that every seed will produce several small beets that need to be thinned if you want big beets. She tells us how and why to test the soil for moisture and temperature before entrusting our seeds to it.) She answers both simple and more complex questions without implying that the questioner should have known the answer. I've read this book from cover to cover and know I'll return to it many times. But it has a useful table of contents and index for readers who want information about specific plants, problems, or pests. It's easy to read and lively, with touches of humor. I recommend it highly.

Gardening in the northern prairie region of the United States is very different from gardening in other areas of the country. It is important to understand that some of the gardening tips gleaned from other books do not give satisfying results on the prairie. This book offers specific advice for gardening in the northern prairie regions of the United States, including the Dakotas and south central Canada. In addition, the book offers thorough, easy to understand advice for both the novice and experienced gardener, no matter where the garden is located.

About the Author
Elaine Faulkner Willenbring was born and raised in Mandan, North Dakota, where her parents, Hattie and Dennis Faulkner gardened and sold fresh produce at the market they opened in 1943. She majored in Biology at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota and went on to graduate school at North Dakota State University where she met her botanist-garden-tiller husband, Roys. After she earned her Masters degree in biology, they moved back to Mandan, and she began to help her mother run Faulkners Market, now a garden and seed store. She eventually bought and expanded the business and served as its proprietor for many years before retiring in 2011 to tend her garden full time, which she continues to do with a charming, calculated passion and scientific zeal.