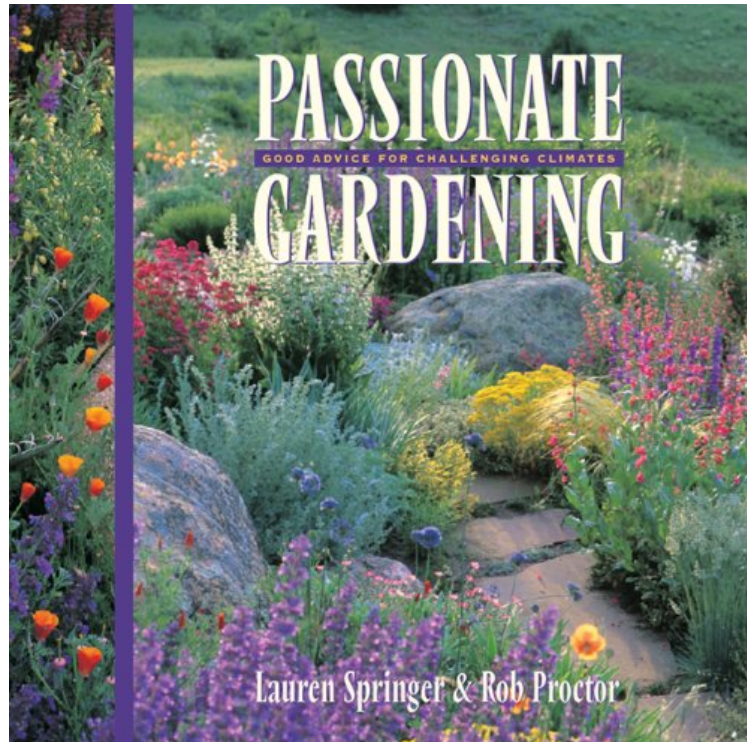


## Passionate Gardening: Good Advice for Challenging Climates

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**Lauren Springer Ogden, Rob Proctor : Passionate Gardening: Good Advice for Challenging Climates** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *Passionate Gardening: Good Advice for Challenging Climates*:

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The ultimate reference and inspirational guide for gardeners in challenging climates. Takes the reader through the seasons in a most comprehensive, yet pleasurable way, as the authors celebrate a diversity of plants for every site and

every season. *Passionate Gardening* tackles every subject, from early snows to slugs, from bulbs to botanical Latin.

From *Library Journal* This series of short, easy-to-digest essays by noted garden writers Springer (*The Undaunted Garden*) and Proctor (*Herbs in Pots*) addresses the horticultural needs of gardeners in difficult climates, discussing design, "challenges" (dry shade, deer, underused plants), the seasons, and "perspectives" (favorite tools, gardening while pregnant). Most of the essays are personal in approach and specific to either Proctor's urban garden in Denver or Springer's new sprawling rural landscape. Gardeners in Colorado and similar high and dry states will value the wealth of practical advice and commiseration in dealing with this challenging but rewarding environment. But the book's appeal is not limited to the West; the text is bursting with good ideas and the joy of growing and designing with plants. Highly recommended for most public libraries. DBeth Clewis Crim, Prince William P.L., VA Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. "Full-color book explores every facet of gardening. A book for everyone, it would look almost as lovely on a pristine glass coffee table as it would sprinkled with dirt next to you in your garden." *Garden and Greenhouse* magazine "Bursting with good ideas and the joy of growing and designing with plants. Highly recommended." *Library Journal* "Whether sharing process, making us think, or simply making us laugh out loud, Lauren and Rob encourage us to share their passionate approach to gardening." Ann Lovejoy, author "Readers throughout North America will gain from the wit and wisdom of these two passionate gardeners." *Pacific Horticulture* magazine "Rob and Lauren are the Sonny and Cher of horticulture. Witty, entertaining, and knowledgeable, they are divas in their own right. These two passionate gardeners live and work their passion and this book describes it." Chris Woods, director Chanticleer, a pleasure garden *Foreword Magazine* Book of the Year *American Horticultural Society* Annual Book Award Benjamin Franklin Award Finalist Quill and Trowel Award