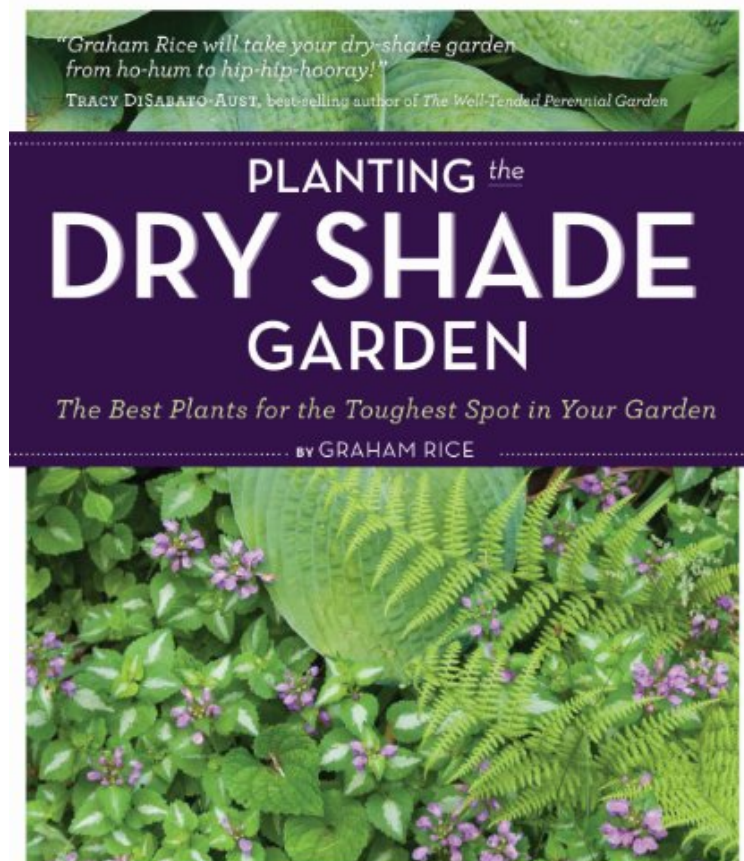


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10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Good book advising on dry shady areasBy gt surberPlanting the Dry Shade Garden is a very useful book for anyone working with a dry shady area. The book is well written with excellent comments on improving shady dry areas, and many suggestions for plants to put in such areas. The pictures are beautiful and sharp and informative. The information on the plants is complete with excellent comments. Specific suggestions are made as to specie and varieties of most of the plants that are best suited for the dry shady areas.But, as the author suggests much care must be taken in using many of the cultivars suggested. Many of these plant suggestions may be hard to find. Some can turn into real garden thugs if allowed to escape the dry, shady areas into more moist or less shady areas. The shade and dryness limit their natural propagation.The author's suggestions are limited to the exact specie and variety he suggests. There other species and varieties of these plants that are not so shade or drought

resistant. Also, the author gardens on both sides of the Atlantic, and some plants may be better suited to one side or the other of that ocean. I strongly recommend this book as a reference book for finding beautiful plants for dry shady areas, with the caveat that the gardener do his/her homework as in further research on the plants before planting these plants. 14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Initial review encouraging. By Catherine M Peck Initial response is positive because it includes zoning for plants. Being a Zone 3 gardener limits our choices considerably but this author addresses that issue. He also understands and explains tree canopies, northern latitude shade challenges and benefits - the underlying challenges of gardening under trees and next to buildings and shade structures. I think this will be a big help when I garden and when I do gardening presentations so will probably recommend the book to others. 9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By Barb MI like it but it is from England, and most of the choices don't work for Colorado

In this book you'll learn how to prune selectively to admit more light and how to amend soil to increase its moisture retention. You'll also learn about more than 130 plants that accept reduced light and moisture levels-long-blooming woodland gems like epimediums and hellebores, and even lush foliage plants like evergreen ferns and hardy gingers, shrubs, climbers, perennials, ground covers, bulbs, annuals, and perennials- there is an entire palette to help you transform challenging spaces into rich, rewarding gardens.

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