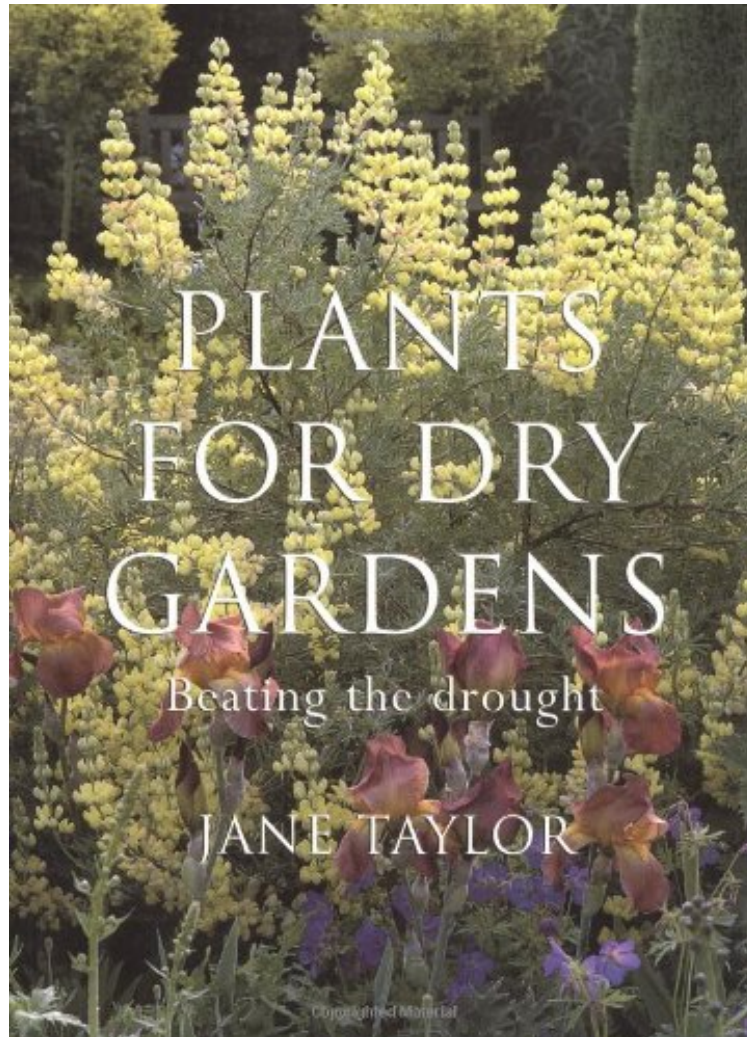


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Jane Taylor : Plants for Dry Gardens: Beating the Drought before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Plants for Dry Gardens: Beating the Drought:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Beware- Basically unusable for planningBy Longhorn firemanI am sure the person who wrote this book is very knowledgeable, however the book did not work for me. I am trying to improve the landscaping in my large yard in central west Texas and wanted ideas for plants that don't need artificial watering. I bought this book with high expectations of using it as a guide to go to my local nurseries with ideas. The books organization has completely defeated me and I can't recommend it to anyone other than a botanist studying for a lab test. The initial divisions makes sense, but they are very broad, ie, trees and shrubs (70 pages), climbers (12 pages), perennials (36 pages), etc. Then the problems arise.First problem: Within each section the plants are alphabetized by

scientific name. If you are lucky the common name will be mentioned somewhere within the several paragraphs of verbiage about the plant. Second problem: I know that everything should not be centered on the US, but mingling Mediterranean shrubs in with Californian ones in with Texas trees makes it very difficult to have any idea of what is possible in each part of the country. Third problem: Maybe you would like to zero in on your plants of interest by seeing pictures of them or mature sizes. Well get a different book, this one includes pictures for about 10-15 percent of the listings. There are no sizes either height or width. Fourth problem: A plant that my wife and I have been warned about as being very poisonous to children and pets is not labeled as poisonous at all. So unless you have a botany test tomorrow on dry plants from all around the world--DON'T BUY THIS BOOK.

This guide to choosing and caring for drought-tolerant plants includes information on drought-beating gardening techniques and designs, showing how to make gardens that should flourish during a water shortage. The book discusses the range of climates and habitats in which drought arises, and explains the special strategies such as light-reflecting silver leaves and storage organs such as tubers that plants adopt to survive. It also looks at the techniques that can be applied to minimize water loss and help plants cope with dry conditions, and demonstrates a range of successful garden designs using drought-tolerant plants. A catalogue of 1000 plants that should flourish in drought conditions is included.