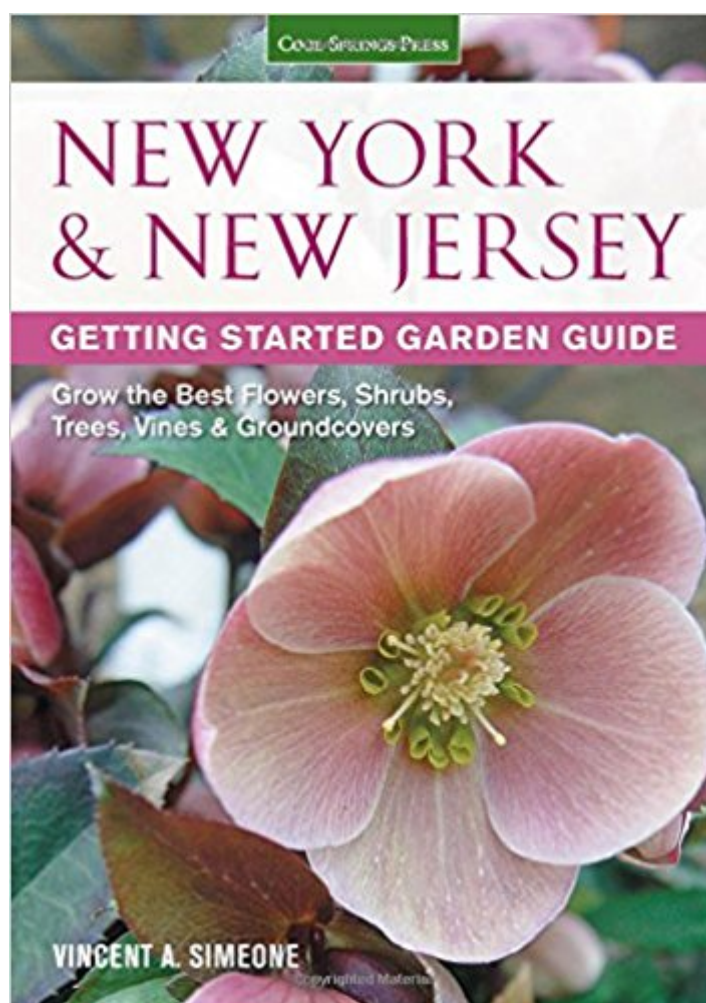


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# New York & New Jersey Getting Started Garden Guide: Grow The Best Flowers, Shrubs, Trees, Vines & Groundcovers (Garden Guides)



## Synopsis

Even beginner gardeners can select plants to create a stunning garden as unique as the Empire or Garden State - with expert help to ensure success! *New York & New Jersey Getting Started Garden Guide* is a plant selection guide, perfect for when you're choosing plants and starting a garden in a climate that can be as challenging as it is beautiful. Choose the right plants and care for them properly, with help from an expert. Vincent Simeone, one of the area's most highly respected and experienced gardeners, shares his deep knowledge of the region, gardens, and plants in a lively, upbeat style. The author's top picks for plants that will thrive in this area's winter cold, soils, coastal conditions, urban living, and other unique growing conditions guarantee success for area gardeners and home landscapers. Plants are divided into easy-to-browse chapters such as Annuals, Bulbs, Groundcovers, Ornamental Grasses, Perennials, Shrubs, Trees, Lawns, and Vines. Each plant is highlighted in its respective chapter with a large full-color photograph and tips on how, when, and where to plant. *New York & New Jersey Getting Started Garden Guide* doesn't stop at plant selection. Methods for preparing soil, watering, fertilizer application, and pest management are also covered in detail. Along with the "nitty-gritty" of tending your garden, Vincent shares his inspiration for garden design, offers ways to incorporate your plants into the landscape, and names some favorite cultivars or species. His sound, practical advice is clothed in beautiful descriptions of each plant that will inspire you to get your hands dirty!

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## Customer Reviews

Vincent Simeone (Oyster Bay, NY) is an experienced lecturer, instructor, horticultural consultant, and author of books and magazine articles. His education and training is in the field of ornamental horticulture, which he studied under world-famous professors Dr. Allan Armitage and Dr. Michael Dirr at the University of Georgia. Later, Simeone added to his education by receiving a master's in public administration from C.W. Post Long Island University. In addition to his media appearances, Simeone is director of the Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park, where he hones the art of sustainable gardening by practicing what he preaches.

Horticulture in NY and NJ presents great challenges and opportunities due to the specific climate, soils, etc of this region. Vinnie Simeone, as director of renowned Planting Fields Arboretum, is highly qualified to guide the reader around these obstacles to help ensure success in the garden. The first chapters of this book orient the reader to important general topics while the bulk is devoted to an exploration of plant material well suited to local cultivation. The author's style is relaxed, non-threatening and easily understood, making this volume suitable one stop shopping for anyone looking for a concise blueprint for productive gardening in the tri-state area.

With all the new varieties, cultivars and brand names being released every year, it is easy to get overwhelmed by the choices. Whether novice or green thumb we could all use help. Vincent Simeone sifts through all the noise and makes concise well-reasoned recommendations for NY and NJ gardeners. In reading the specific "Tips" for the selections he puts forth, there is no doubt of his experience with these plants. By covering everything from Trees to groundcovers you can easily populate a whole garden or find the right plant to fill a specific hole in your existing garden. This guide book is a refreshing take on horticultural guides for these challenging communities and makes a great addition to the collection of books V. S. has written on plants and sustainable gardening.

One of the best garden guide books for the NY/NJ metropolitan area. Extremely smooth read and incorporates many personal experiences to guide you through plant selections that thrive in our region. Perfect book to give to any new home owner or budding new gardener. It is clear why Vincent is one of the tri-state's most popular and interactive speakers - you can almost hear his passion through his pen. This is my third book of his and look forward to his next one!

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