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Pennsylvania Getting Started Garden Guide: Grow The Best Flowers, Shrubs, Trees, Vines & Groundcovers (Garden Guides)



Synopsis

The book that puts Pennsylvania's most knowledgeable gardener at your beck and call. Split down the middle by the Appalachian Mountains, Pennsylvania experiences a wide range of extreme weather on each side of the divide, with humid summers in Harrisburg and record-breaking snowfalls in McKean County-- but there's one thing every Pennsylvanian experiences: rain, and plenty of it. The state's well-hydrated landscape hosts a vast selection of beautiful native plants, from the gorgeous multi-season serviceberry to the stunning and underused Joe-Pye weed. In *Pennsylvania Getting Started Garden Guide*, locally beloved Patriot-News garden columnist George Weigel teaches you how to plant and care for more than 150 of different species of natural Pennsylvanian agriculture. Elegantly photographed, full-color pages impart Weigel's decades of experience gardening in this state. The flowers, shrubs, vines, trees, and groundcovers within - organized alphabetically by type and common name - are each showcased with a reference image, a name pronunciation guide, and detailed information such as: full-grown plant size, when to plant, tips for bringing your transplants to healthy maturity, and even recommendations for the best companion species. This comprehensive, easily understandable reference guide is complete with at-a-glance icons for quick plant info, color-coded USDA zone maps, and - of course - the charming writing style of Pennsylvania's most endearing and trustworthy garden writer. So even if you don't love the weather all the time, with *Pennsylvania Getting Started Garden Guide*, you'll be able to choose plants that do.

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Customer Reviews

"...great for both beginning and experienced gardeners. It's filled with great regional information about growing just about anything. It's the perfect book to enjoy by the fire planning for next year's garden." - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
"The book is folksy, fun and packed with knowledge..." - Philadelphia Inquirer

George Weigel is a garden writer, garden designer, garden speaker, Pennsylvania Certified Horticulturist, and--as his balding, plant-killing brother likes to put it--a "Certified Gardening Wacko." In central Pennsylvania, George is best known for his Over the Garden Fence columns that have appeared weekly in the Patriot-News, Harrisburg's newspaper, since 1993. The Garden Writers Association named George's column as one of America's five best garden columns in 2008. His articles have also appeared in such magazines as Horticulture, People, Places and Plants, Green Scene, Pennsylvania Gardener, and Central PA Magazine. When he's not writing, George spends his time operating his own garden-design and consulting business for DIYers, leads garden-themed tours, gives frequent lectures, and is a member of the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society's Gold Medal Plant Award committee. George is the author of Cool Springs Press' Pennsylvania Getting Started Garden Guide (2014).

I absolutely recommend this book to any PA resident interested in gardening or even just a basic understanding of what is happening when you look out your windows. This book was written in a way that is easy enough for us novices to have our "a-ha" moments in gardening, yet specific enough to give experts current information. I love this book. And surprisingly enough, it is actually funny!

A great reference for those new to PA gardening...great recommendations and tips on what does well here and what doesn't and why. Have learned a lot as a new resident to the state.

Cool book. I love books on local plants and this one is very good. In fact, he writes with a sense of humor. Every time I pick it up and read some of it, I have to laugh at something George said. He is funny and very, very interesting.

This is a fantastic guide for the beginner in Pennsylvania and a good reminder for even the more experienced gardener. One page per plant, with easily understood descriptions, and wonderful color photos. Exactly what I was looking for.

VERY informative.. covers plants for every region and gardening need.

Very nice book that I purchased for my "green thumb" husband!

Great book. Am finding it very helpful.

Useful book

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