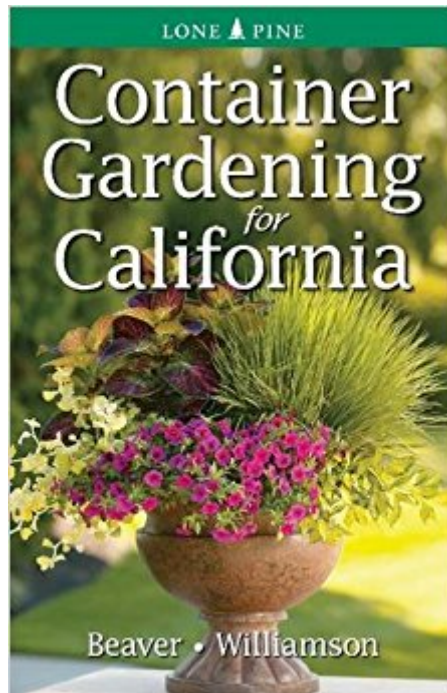




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# Container Gardening For California



## Synopsis

The climate here in California offers unique challenges to successful container gardening. This book is packed with easy solutions and exciting ideas for creating and maintaining containers for your garden space. Filled with recommended plants and designs ranging from traditional to cutting edge, it will stir your imagination to be bold and brave. This inspiring book features:

- \* Suggestions for selecting containers and plants
- \* Design tips for color, texture, scale and shape
- \* Height, spread and hardiness of each plant
- \* How to plant and care for container plants
- \* Guidelines for overwintering container plants
- \* Tips for contending with water restrictions
- \* Problems and pests.

Container gardening offers an exciting opportunity to have a wide variety of plants in dazzling combinations. This book provides common-sense tips and all the references you need for making container gardening easy and fun.

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## Customer Reviews

Master Gardener JENNIFER E. BEAVER discovered a passion for plants after witnessing their transformative power in neighborhoods. She helped found a group that successfully saves urban landscape trees, thereby reducing pollution and preserving property values. Captivated by the delights of container gardening, she is always on the prowl for new plant combinations to fill re-purposed containers. DON WILLIAMSON, who has turned a passion for gardening into his life's work, has a varied background in landscaping, golf course construction and management and now garden writing. He also has extensive experience in the design and construction of both annual and

perennial beds in formal landscape settings. Don has a degree in applied horticultural technology and professional certificates in turf management.

I didn't know that I loved container gardening until I read this book!! I don't even like gardening, but Container Gardening made me realize that I could have all the beauty with minimum fuss and dirt. So now I am a convert! In my enthusiasm I have bought five more books to give to friends who ARE garden experts, and they loved it!!!

Container Gardening for California is brimming with full color, detailed photos of plants that you will be able to find in California garden centers and can successfully grow in a pot or some other container. The layout of the book is fantastic. It starts with a "The Plants at a Glance" section, where a thumbnail photo of every plant in the book is shown, along with its name and the page where you can find more info about it. Then comes a 38 page introduction to container gardening that briefly discusses all sorts of useful topics, like how to combine colors for a visually appealing container, using drought tolerant plants, grouping multiple pots together, etc. The meat of the book is made up of 1 to 2 page "reports" on approximately 120 plants. Each listing is thorough but concise. You'll find at least one large, full-color photo and often as many 4 or 5 photos that show the plant in container designs with other plants (great if you need combination ideas!). Also provided are growing information (what amount of sun, what type of soil, etc), tips for how to use the plant in a container, and recommended varieties of the plant. The back of the book has a glossary, quick reference guide, and index. The quick reference guide is extremely useful, and I find myself flipping to it often. It is a chart that shows every plant in the book, and quickly lists what type of sun it requires, the soil mix to use, what special features that plant is known for, how often to water it, how much fertilizer it needs, the shape of the plant (upright, bushy, trailing, architectural), and the page number where you can find more information. In addition to the actual content, what is really great about this book is that it is small enough to take with you to the nursery and use to help you decide which plants to select. It also has a great water proof cover, so it is rugged enough to withstand daily use in and around your potting bench. I'd give it six stars if I could!

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