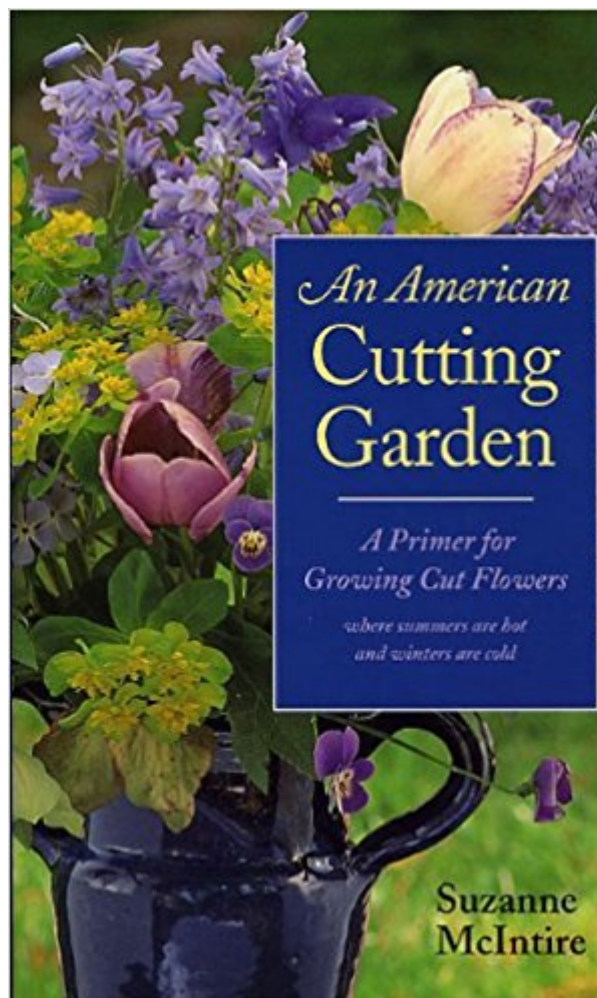




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An American Cutting Garden: A Primer For Growing Cut Flowers Where Summers Are Hot And Winters Are Cold



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Synopsis

In *An American Cutting Garden* Suzanne McIntire describes how to plan a cutting garden, choose suitable plants, keep the garden in good order, and harvest a bountiful crop—all with charm and humor. Using both common and botanical names, she discusses in depth a wide variety of herbaceous perennials, biennials, annuals, and bulbs. McIntire includes information on topics such as the length of stems one might expect from the cutting garden, how many plants are needed of any one kind, when and how to sow seed outdoors, the heat-hardiness of plants, and strategies for coping with the effects of hot summers and cold winters. Suzanne McIntire is a freelance writer and seasoned veteran of gardening in northern Virginia. She is the editor of *The American Heritage Book of Great American Speeches for Young People*.

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"A useful addition to every flower arranger's bookshelf, this is a book to have at hand when you place your seed/plant order. (American Gardener)"A refreshing "how-to" book for creating a cutting garden. McIntire writes with a wonderful sense of humor and provides continually useful information throughout the book. (Holly H. Shimizu, cohost of PBS's *The Victory Garden* and Executive Director, U.S. Botanic Garden)]"For those who would rather grow bouquets than buy them.... First buy the ultimate primer for growing cut flowers, *An American Cutting Garden* by Suzanne McIntire. This book offers everything you need to know about growing a cutting garden—preparing a site, laying it out, coordinating bloom, harvesting. It covers the culture of

hundreds of annuals, biennials, bulbs and other perennials. Its appendixes include instructions for starting seeds under lights, lists of plants and resources for materials. (Washington Post)

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This is my "go-to" book on the topic of cutting gardens. Time and time again the author shows she knows of which she writes. The main text is invaluable and the index of plants (encyclopedia) section is priceless - several species and named varieties of many important genera are listed and described. Photography is limited to one small photo section in the middle, but the seasoned gardener will have plenty of photos in other reference books so this is not a serious drawback in my opinion. If I were limited to just one book on the topic this would definitely be THE book of choice. Bravo Ms McIntire - Well Done!

This book gave me so many ideas for new plants to try, as well as new information on some of my favorites. I liked her personal experiences - they helped me avoid planting some things that sounded great in the seed catalog, but weren't that great in real life. I've already had too many experiences like that myself! Very useful suggestions for working with many different light conditions also helped me fine-tune where I'd be planting new varieties. A terrific book no matter what your level of experience with cutting gardens, and an enjoyable read. I refer to it often.

Nice writing too.

wish there were more pictures...but a great resource.

Provides a vast amount of information on each flower in addition to planting guidelines. I would have enjoyed a few more pictures, but overall a good purchase.

This book has become my bible for gardening. I'm only half way thru reading it and I've gained so much information.

I am putting together new landscaping. This is a great resource for that. Great ideas in great detail for gardens.

A little harder to read than I anticipated.

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