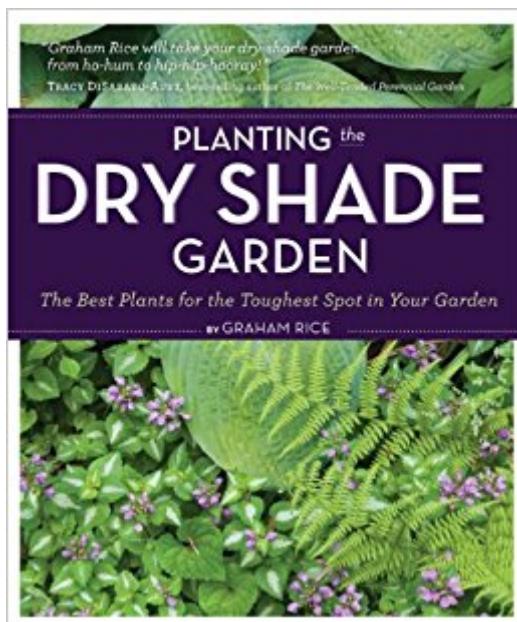


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# Planting The Dry Shade Garden: The Best Plants For The Toughest Spot In Your Garden



## Synopsis

In this book you'll learn how to prune selectively to admit more light and how to amend soil to increase its moisture retention. You'll also learn about more than 130 plants that accept reduced light and moisture levels-long-blooming woodland gems like epimediums and hellebores, and even lush foliage plants like evergreen ferns and hardy gingers, shrubs, climbers, perennials, ground covers, bulbs, annuals, and perennials- there is an entire palette to help you transform challenging spaces into rich, rewarding gardens.

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âœOwners of shaded gardens, rejoice.â •Â "Publishers Weekly âœReaders will enjoy reading this very attractive, engaging book cover-to-cover or selectively browsing for descriptions of particular plants of interest.â •Â " American Reference Books Annual âœA valuable resource.â •Â "Reference and Research Book News âœ[Dry shade] is one of the toughest garden situations. Itâ™s good to have advice from an expert!â •Â "Garden Gate âœA valuable garden tool that Iâ™ve needed for a long time.â •Â "Gardening by the Book âœA title that is desperately needed!â •Â "Terra Nova Nurseries Â

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American Horticultural Society's Encyclopedia of Perennials, and he runs the Royal Horticultural Society's New Plants blog as well as his own blog at [transatlanticgardener.com](http://transatlanticgardener.com)

Planting the Dry Shade Garden is a very useful book for anyone working with a dry shady area. The book is well written with excellent comments on improving shady dry areas, and many suggestions for plants to put in such areas. The pictures are beautiful and sharp and informative. The information on the plants is complete with excellent comments. Specific suggestions are made as to specie and varieties of most of the plants that are best suited for the dry shady areas. But, as the author suggests much care must be taken in using many of the cultivars suggested. Many of these plant suggestions may be hard to find. Some can turn into real garden thugs if allowed to escape the dry, shady areas into more moist or less shady areas. The shade and dryness limit their natural propagation. The author's suggestions are limited to the exact specie and variety he suggests. There other species and varieties of these plants that are not so shade or drought resistant. Also, the author gardens on both sides of the Atlantic, and some plants may be better suited to one side or the other of that ocean. I strongly recommend this book as a reference book for finding beautiful plants for dry shady areas, with the caveat that the gardener do his/her homework as in further research on the plants before planting these plants.

Initial response is positive because it includes zoning for plants. Being a Zone 3 gardener limits our choices considerably but this author addresses that issue. He also understands and explains tree canopies, northern latitude shade challenges and benefits - the underlying challenges of gardening under trees and next to buildings and shade structures. I think this will be a big help when I garden and when I do gardening presentations so will probably recommend the book to others.

I like it but it is from England, and most of the choices don't work for Colorado

Good photos and plant descriptions. Other than that, it's pretty worthless. I bought this because I own some heavily wooded property that is very dry, at times. I was hoping for guidance in planting the understory. This is not the aim of this book. Essentially, the advice of the book is to irrigate your garden. Not at all reflective of the book's title.

just okay. Needed more plans and less the list of suitable plants. Needed more for the serious gardner. All plants in photos not identified

Dry shade is one of the toughest planting challenges. This book gives you some unusual ideas for plants to use in this area. I was concerned about the zones, as I have seen some of the plants outside the zones mentioned, but that may be due to our climate changing. The pictures are lovely give you a really good feeling as to what the plants will look like in your yard.

Lots of great ideas for this type of garden. Wonderful pictures and good advice.

Well written chapters on understanding dry shade and coping with dry shade. Extensive plant recommendations, but mostly limited to zones 3-6. Very few recommendations for zones 7-8.

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