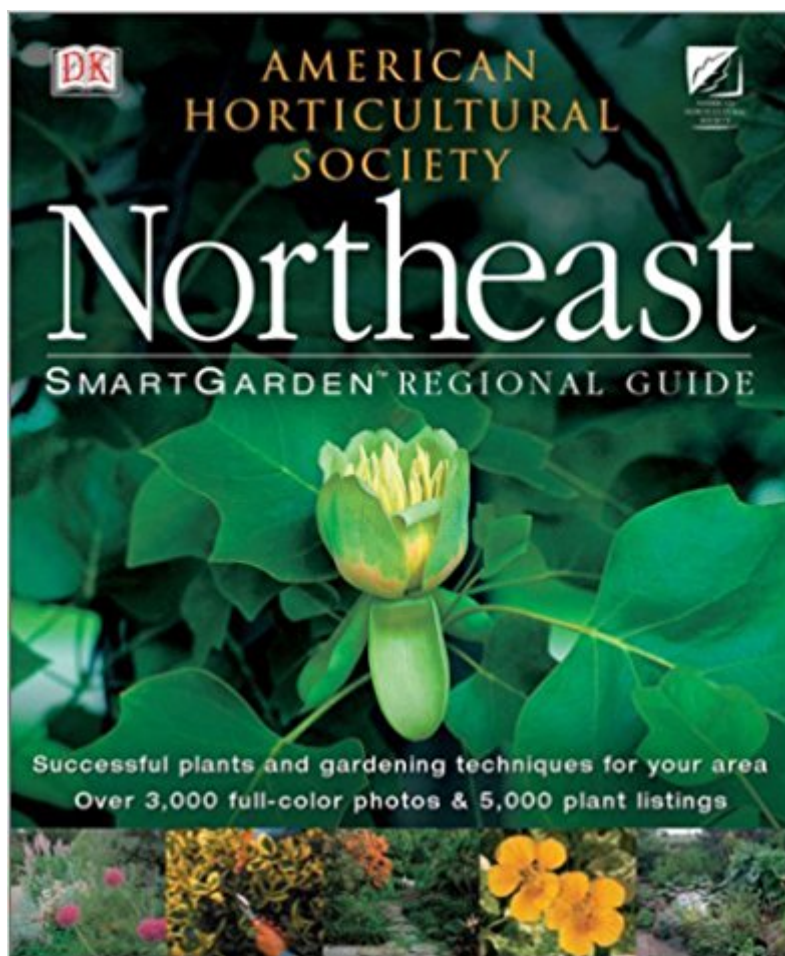




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Excellent!

So so. I don't like how the book is arranged. Not alphabetical order. Rather, arranged by planting situation or foliage color or flower color. I prefer references book that have the plants arranged in Alphabetical order and then include lists in the appendix. Also, many of the trees aren't photographed well. A decent book but I've used much better.

This was a gift, and she loved it!! I chose it over others because I really liked the 'personal' over the 'professional' presentations. Great intro, info and pictures.

I bought a couple of guides to help me redo a large garden at a house we'd bought - the garden had fallen into neglect. No guide is perfect, and I've found that it may be simpler to experiment and talk to neighbors. I've found that all guides are fallible in the way they describe plant hardiness, sun requirements, and so on. Helpful, but visit a local garden center and get some direct advice first.

A good resource...lots of good information on the plants named. If one already owns several plant encyclopedias such as A. Armitage's Perennial source or Dirr's Manual of Woody Landscape plants...this may only add in respect with its value of the wonderful photos. That said...photos are often worth their price even though we've seen that plant in a pot at the nursery....seeing plants situated in a landscape often helps us envision its possibilities of use in the garden. For that alone...this book is a complimentary companion perhaps to the more well researched & thorough volumes available. Check it out at the book store first...to get an idea at how nice the photos are if you're still not convinced.

I am a garden designer and customer service guru at a large garden center in Ma. This is the book I recommend to customers for the most concise information to garden on our plant zones. A must have for the beginner and master alike!

great book

My title bout sums it up. This is a great book, in that it is an encyclopedia of plants, with good photos and descriptions for a specific region (finding regional plant books is difficult). I found it very useful as a landscape design student, and have found nothing else like it. Most of the books in this series are also very useful. Do not buy this if you're seeking design ideas, or a beautiful photo book of landscape designs, this is for reference, and is the best I found.

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