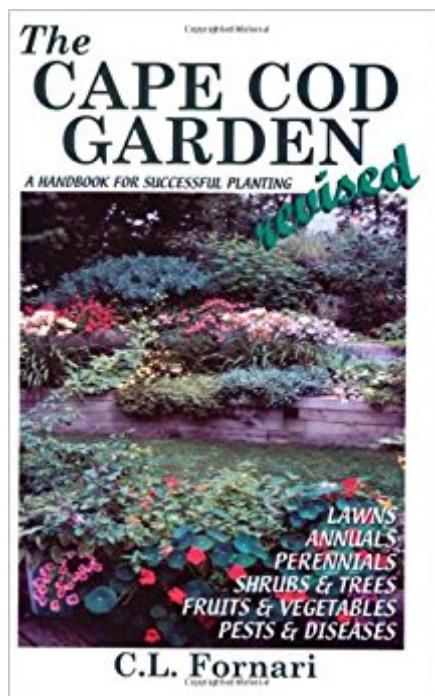


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The Cape Cod Garden



Synopsis

With style, wit, authority, and a mad love for plants, C. L. Fornari has written the ultimate guide for those who want to cultivate gardens in the unique conditions of Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket. Since the first edition of this book was publishing ten years ago, it has been a steady seller, embraced by plant-lovers as the definitive book on the subject. In the sea-sculptured lands of southeastern New England, gardening is largely determined by sandy soils, moist off-ocean air, cool springtime temperatures, and wind. The Cape Cod Garden addresses the challenges posed by these lovely coastal landscapes and diverse growing conditions, providing hundreds of how-to tips for the gardener and home landscaper. Fornari offers practical information on choosing, planting, and maintaining trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, and fruits and vegetables. Here too are the least toxic ways to deal with pests and diseases, and a complete listing of plants recommended for the area. For beginners and experts alike, The Cape Cod Garden is an invaluable guide to the pleasures and challenges of gardening by the sea.

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C.L. Fornari is an artist and the author of The Cape Cod Garden, Your Garden Shouldn't Make You Crazy, and Gardening in Sandy Soil. She is the host of GardenLine, a weekly gardening program heard on WXTK Radio, 95.1 FM, on Saturday mornings from 8 to 10. C.L. writes articles about gardening for several publications, and is a frequent speaker on a variety of garden-related topics.

I gave this book to my mother as a birthday present after she retired and moved to Cape Cod. She is an experienced gardener, and found it very helpful in her quest to adjust her hobby to the particular challenges created by the weather and soil conditions. As an upstart gardener, I too found it a useful read. One drawback (4-stars), is that there are not many pictures, and the ones they have are not particularly impressive looking. Overall I find this book very helpful, and would recommend it to other seaside gardeners.

Information is good but NO pictures or sketches. This kind of book really needs pic's especially so the reader can identify the differences in plant characteristics. Without pic's, I have to constantly refer to the internet - extra step.

I bought this for a friend who lives on the Cape. It is a great book for that specific location. There is good information on evasive species in the area and how to combat specific weeds found there, as well as what plants will be most successful in cape conditions. For more detailed plant information... or quick reference I would have other books on hand, though this is an important book to use in planing your cape cod garden!

...when I started reading this I felt vindicated! Many of the things that C.L. talks about are unique to the Cape and Eastern Massachusetts gardening, (i.e. late Springs, high ocean winds, temporate zones, sandy soil, etc) and the book discusses how to deal with them. She writes very practically about these issues in a nice Q&A format.

This is a very user friendly book. Good for quick reference and for the beginner.

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