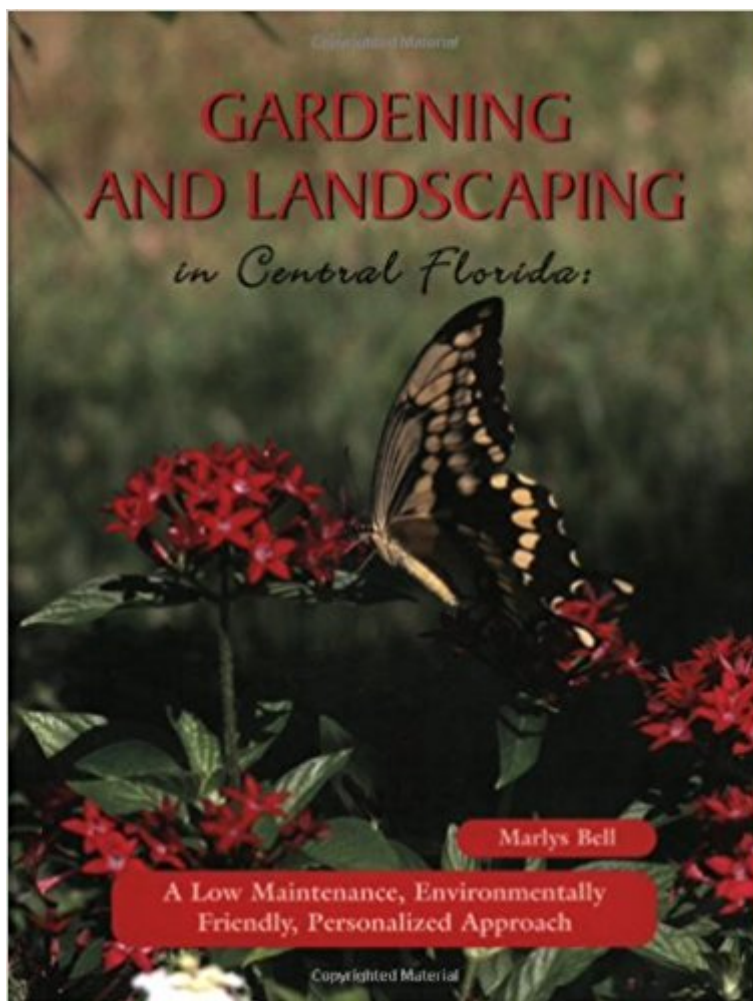


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# Gardening And Landscaping In Central Florida



## Synopsis

This 8 1/2 by 11 paperback book with 232 pages and 450 color pictures is a comprehensive guide to gardening and landscaping practises in central Florida. The area it covers is from Jacksonville to Melbourne on the east coast, the middle part of the State including Orlando and its environs and Tampa on the west coast. It focuses on what is unique about gardening in this part of the State and illustrates plants which thrive here and how to use them in the landscape. GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING IN CENTRAL FLORIDA takes readers from planning and planting, to what to do when there are problems, and where to go for help. Newcomers and long term residents alike will find pictures and information of interest, whether they are doing the work themselves, or having it done for them. With its emphasis on low maintenance, environmentally friendly, personalized approaches, it synthesizes current research and best practises which should be considered by all homeowners. It is practical enough to take to the nursery to aid in plant selection but also so beautiful that it deserves a place of honor on the coffee table.

## Book Information

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This is a book which will help homeowners minimize costly mistakes and maximize chances for gardening success. It answers questions like: what grows here and when, how to reduce lawn and landscape maintenance costs and effort, and how to beautify landscapes. It is well designed, easy to use and lavishly illustrated.

Much of the information I already have in other Florida native plant books. By itself it's very good however if you don't have lots of other reference books already. This is kind of funny but books are very difficult for me to buy online because I can't always tell if they will duplicate information I already have. I'm older and I think I like to see and feel a book in my hands before I buy it!

Even as a semi-novice I found almost nothing in this book to help me. I am trying to set up a flowering garden in Pasco County, where there have been about 8 frosts in the past two years. Looking for specific information like -- withstand frost ? How long do the flowers last ? Planting tips ? There is almost none of this. For example, I just discovered the wonderful Knockout roses. This book does not even mention them ! The discussion of roses is extremely short and useless. Another example: There is just a hint that some Hibiscus are hardier than others, but every Hibiscus I saw at Home Depot and Loews is the tropical type which dies below 31 degrees. You'd think the book would specifically warn you about these and tell you to get the Hardy type which can go as low as zero degrees or below. But it doesn't. There is zero discussion of how to do plant propagation.. cloning, etc. In fact, there is very little discussion of specific plants except in generalities. For \$30 and over 200 pages I expected more. I could go on, but .....

We just moved to central Florida and had no idea what to buy and plant in our yard that would grow well. We ordered this book and it was here within a few days. We love it!! The book is big with large color pictures and large print making it very easy to read. It gives you all the specifics of every type of plant, bush, flower, tree, etc. that will grow in central Florida. We put our list together from this book and to the nursery we went. We didn't have to do any guess work as we went with exactly what the book said. Now our landscaping is complete and it looks absolutely gorgeous. Buy this book if you live in Central Florida, you won't regret it!

This is an excellent book to have on your book shelf. I work out in the landscape and this book is an excellent reference book to have around. The only one thing that I would of liked to of seen is a little

larger pictures with more detail, but this is not enough of a problem to drop a star rating. I am from London, England and the soil there is nothing like the soil here in Florida. I moved from there to Washington DC, the soil there is different too. So moving here was a whole new ball game...sandy soil where nutrients won't hold to well is where you need to know what will grow here and what to do, this book has it.

This is a great book for the beginner, transplant and expert. Central Florida is unique. The northern gardener will be frustrated if you try to grow plants and trees like you did back home. The dampness and heat are brutal. If you use this book to embrace what does well here and grow veggies and flowers in the winter this place is paradise

I checked this book out from the library and had to have it. Best gardening book ever for Central Florida.

This was a gift for a friend and she loves it. They have a second house in the Clearwater, FL area and she says it is very specific and great for the area. She has gotten a lot of use out of it.

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