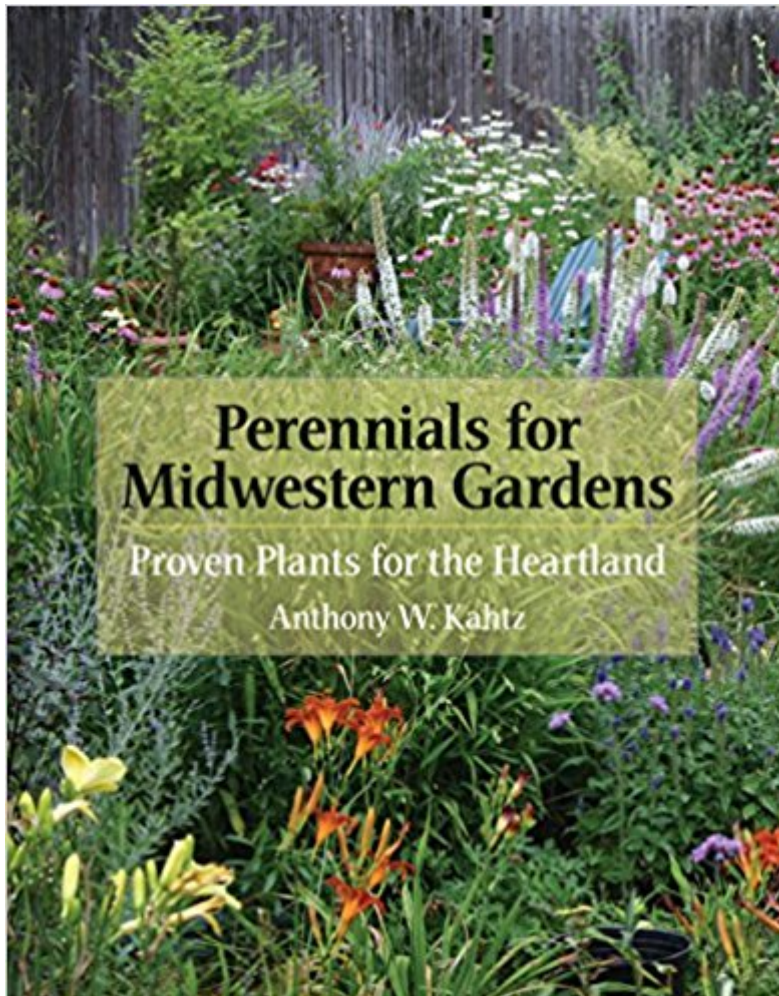




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Perennials For Midwestern Gardens: Proven Plants For The Heartland



Synopsis

Gardeners everywhere want to grow perennials. But with its hot, humid summers and often bitterly cold winters, the Midwest presents a formidably challenging climate. This book provides concise, experience-tested information about popular perennials-including herbs, ornamental grasses, and bulbs-that can be grown successfully throughout a wide range of the midwestern United States (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin). From the unusual yellow-edged, mahogany-red, disk-shaped flowers of Mexican hat (*Ratibida columnifera*) to the demure charm of blue-eyed grass (*Sisyrinchium angustifolium*), beautifully illustrated descriptions also tantalize with perennials that deserve wider appreciation for their superb garden qualities. In all, more than 400 plants are recommended, grouped into 140 main descriptions arranged alphabetically by botanical name. Each entry gives the plant's common name and describes its flowers, leaves, habit, soil and sun or shade requirements, propagation, insect and disease problems, outstanding cultivars and similar species, recommendations on where to use it, and other plants that will complement it. An easy-to-use box at the beginning of each description summarizes key characteristics. Native midwesterner Anthony Kahtz holds a Ph.D. in horticulture from the University of Illinois. His plant selections are based on his many years of professional and personal experience and represent perennials noteworthy both for their ornamental features and for the ease with which they can be grown. This trustworthy guide will be an indispensable aid to gardeners in America's heartland who seek to make their time in the garden easier and more fun.

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Customer Reviews

“Make your next garden easy, elegant, and error-free when you design it with plants in this book. *Perennials for Midwestern Gardens* is a detailed encyclopedia that takes the guesswork out of perennial plant selection.”
—Iowa Horticulturist

Anthony W. Kahtz was born and raised in Illinois and has gardened in the Midwestern United States as well as around the world. among other locations, he has worked at the national Cathedral Bishop's garden in Washington, D.C., the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University in Jamaica Plain, MA, the Royal Horticultural Society's Wisley Garden in Surrey, England, and a landscaping company in Copenhagen, Denmark. he holds a Ph.D. in Horticulture from the University of Illinois and has written numerous articles on plants and gardening.

I live in upstate New York and couldn't find a book like this for my area but this one is just fine since it covers my zone (zone 5). I have other perennial books but this one is one of my favorites because it gives quite a bit of information on each plant including a good description, the common and Latin name, a color picture, growing conditions, how to propagate, where to place it in the garden and some information on different varieties. I find this book particularly useful compared to my others in that it includes only plants that will grow in my zone.

This book has given me great ideas on what I can do to make my yard and garden look so much better.

My wife loved this book.

This is one of my favorite bathroom books. Although the descriptions are rather repetitive (requires rich, well-drained soil, blah-blah-blah), the photos are excellent for picking out new plants to try, and the index makes it easy to look up common plant names. Just be aware that you may become obsessed with finding the less common flowers for your garden. *Lobelia vedrariensis* and Joe-Pye weed. Hmm!

For a limited size volume, the text and illustrations are fine. It would make a great aid to someone in the early stages of garden addiction. Knowing what is likely to be successful or desirable when investing time and money on the garden should encourage a new "grubber."

A great resource for the not-so-knowledgeable gardener. Lots of pictures, descriptions, and info about the type of soil and water different plants like.

Book arrived as described. Great information. Meets the needs I was searching for.

Nice book

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