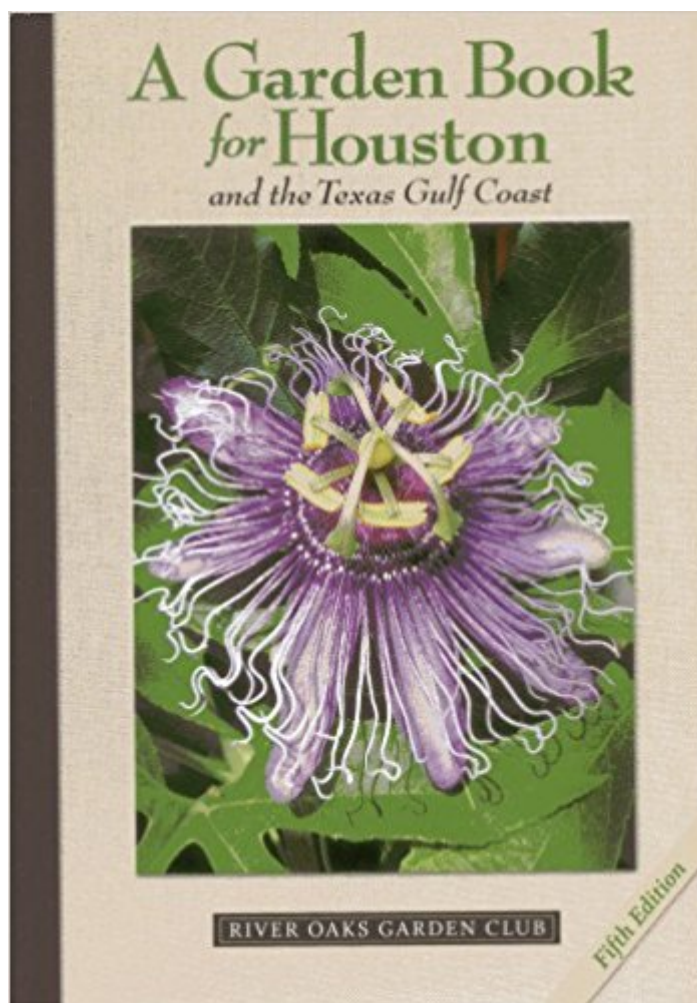


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"After years of use, I'd worn the cover off the fourth edition of A Garden Book for Houston and the Texas Gulf Coast. So I was truly happy to receive the fifth and completely revised version of this must-have book. And what a version it is. Lynn M. Herbert has written and edited 672 pages of the most comprehensive information available in book form on gardening in our special conditions. Color photos fill this encyclopedic volume that takes an environmentally friendly approach to creating healthy, beautiful and enjoyable gardens. Readers will learn the importance of good soil and the benefits of organics before delving into descriptive tables that reflect the amazing range of plants we can grow here. The chapters on hardy roses and edible landscapes are most appropriate for today's gardeners. Those on envisioning and designing a garden and maintaining it through our weather extremes are most welcome. Thank you, River Oaks Garden Club. (Kathy Huber Houston Chronicle and Herald-Zeitung) I have been a member of the Houston

Cactus and Succulent Society for more than 20 years and I am the owner of a well-worn copy of the 4th edition of A Garden Book for Houston and the Texas Gulf Coast. As an avid gardener, I am eager for the new edition's wealth of information about all the new plant varieties that have adapted to our growing conditions. I will definitely be trying some of them in my garden. (Houston Mayor Annise Parker) The River Oaks Garden Club's fifth version of A Garden Book for Houston and the Texas Gulf Coast is a wonderful addition to our region's horticultural resources and will quickly be on every good gardener's desk. This 650 page book is nothing less than an eye-popping encyclopedia of best organic practices for growing our region's many plants. Lynn Herbert's focus on organic soil, wisely-selected adapted plants, and nature friendly designs and techniques marks this as a fitting 2012 improvement of a distinguished effort begun by William Hogg in 1929 and last revised in 1989. (Bob Randall, co-founder and former executive director of Urban Harvest)

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This is the "must have" garden book for Houston and the Gulf Coast area. The distilled and expanded essence of the knowledge of thousands of grannies and their gardeners over the years. They have some real heavyweights doing the science and they never, ever lead you astray. These folks know what they are talking about. Listen to your Mother!

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