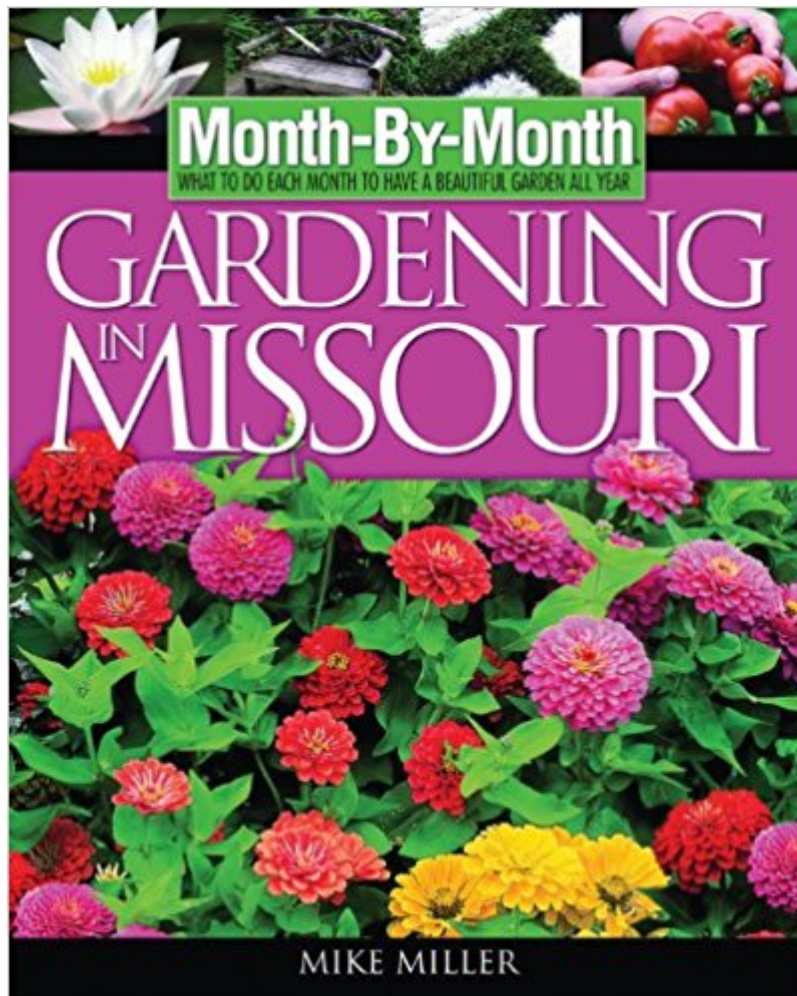




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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Mike Miller has more than 35 years experience as an interior and outdoor landscape designer after being educated at University of California (Santa Barbara) and San Diego State. Past stints include the horticultural staff at Missouri Botanical Garden (teaching evening classes for 30-plus years for the adult education and master gardener programs), a faculty member at St. Louis Community College at Meramec, and a co-founder of a predatory insect store. Miller is a Missouri State-licensed pesticide applicator for ornamental plants, lawn/turf and aquatic environments and was also a garden center general manager with a Missouri State Nurseryman certification. Mike's media and speaking engagements include being the host (since 1994) of the year-round weekly KMOX / CBS Radio Garden Hotline and podcasts. The audience is at all gardening skill levels and interests ranging from one houseplant to an entire landscape. Additionally, Mike has spoken at University of Illinois seminars, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and participated in numerous citizen and community advisory boards. Miller is the author of five garden books published by Cool Springs Press including Missouri Gardener's Guide and Missouri Month-by-Month Gardening. He's written numerous articles featured in the St. Louis Post Dispatch and Fine Gardening

magazine, and maintains his website at www.mikemillerdesigns.com. A native of St. Louis, Mike and his wife Tracy Ann make their home in the Christy Park neighborhood. There, Mike entertains family, friends, and neighbors with ever-changing landscape concepts and plants, growing just about every type of plant that can be grown.

This book may contain useful info but it is so poorly organized that it is very difficult to use. It is just to-do lists by plant category (trees, annuals..) and if you want to know what to do in say, April, you need to flip all over the book and use massive quants of post its, or type out your own list to actually get month by month help. No pictures. I would not recommend it.

I ordered this book thinking that there would be examples of the recommended plants. But Noooooo. I have been trying to find a book that would be a reference guide on ornamentals that would give me bloom from early spring to hard freeze. Well I got just what was in the description. MBM Gardening "LIST" in Missouri. What I need is more help in creating a planting guide with individual pictures to give me help in creating a floral display that will give me color for the entire year in a state that ranges from zone 5a to 6 and with weather from a windy dry plain to a deciduous rainforest. This is not the book I wanted. I will donate it to the local Master Gardener Library. Maybe they could use it for a coaster or something.

I like the month-by-month breakdown but it drives me crazy to see typos in published material and this one has some pretty easy to spot typos!! On the good side though, it is good the way the sections are broken down. You can go straight to the information you are seeking.

great book. Hopefully I will have time to read it over the Winter

While this may be an excellent resource for around-the-year gardening, I was disappointed that there were absolutely no photographs of the recommended plants or examples of blooming beds that could be created. I purchased this book and intended it for a friend who is moving to Missouri and thought illustrations of the flora that thrive there would have been an asset, especially if she is unfamiliar with something Mr. Miller recommends. End the end, I returned the book and purchased his other book, Missouri Gardener's Guide that does have a photo reference. While the book description did not say there were illustrations, I assumed (incorrectly) that a book boasting blooms all year would have plenty of pictures to prove it!

This really is a month by month guide to different areas of your landscape from the lawn to ornamentals to edibles to roses. It is not comprehensive in any one area. For instance, it does not give intricate pruning instructions for fruit trees. Instead, it gives you a list of which projects to plan, and which to practice in each month of the year.

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