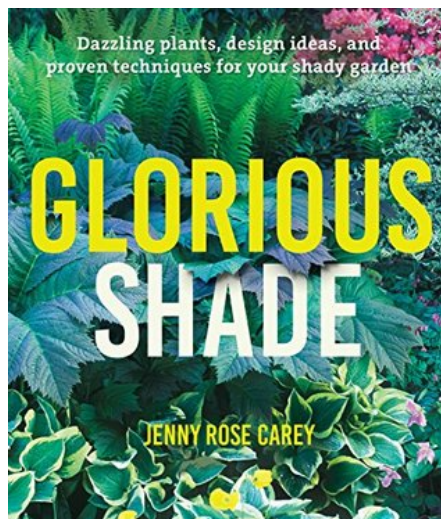




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Turn a shady yard into a sumptuous garden

Shade is one of the most common garden situations homeowner's have, but with the right plant knowledge, you can triumph over challenging areas and learn to embrace shade as an opportunity instead of an obstacle. *Glorious Shade* celebrates the benefits of shade and shows you how to make the most of it. This information-rich, hardworking guide is packed with everything you need to successfully garden in the shadiest corners of a yard. You'll learn how to determine what type of shade you have and how to choose the right plants for the space. The book also shares the techniques, design and maintenance tips that are key to growing a successful shade garden. Stunning color photographs offer design inspiration and reveal the beauty of shade-loving plants.

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Esther Marie says

Glorious Shade from Jenny Rose Carey and Timber Press is a lovely meditation on shade gardening. Carey, the senior director at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Meadowbrook Farm, is a talented writer and photographer, and she frames her book as a conversation about shade gardening. After an introduction detailing different kinds of shade, the narrative ambles through different topics related to shade gardening, culminating in an extensive and beautifully photographed plant palette. Chapter titles include "Shades of Shade: Observing Shifting Patterns in Your Garden," "The Gardener's Calendar: Seasonal Changes in the Shade Garden," "Down and Dirty: The Intertwined, Underground World of Soil and Roots," "Planting for Success: Techniques and Maintenance," "Designing in the Shadows: Bright Ideas of Shady Spaces," and "The Plant Palette: Choosing Plants for Your Shade Garden."

Carey touches on a variety of topics, and the more unique parts of her book relate to shade plants with specific seasonal interest, suggestions of appropriate under-plantings for specific trees, and, of course, her wonderful plant palette. In terms of practical advice about garden installation and design, the book is a bit too general for either a beginner or an expert. However, in all, Glorious Shade is an excellent reference for gardeners working with shaded areas who are looking for inspiration in terms of garden design and new plants to trial. For those who simply love beautiful garden books, Glorious Shade is also appropriate, as Carey's photographs are lovely and the book's visual design is excellent.

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Victoria Peipert says

This was a very well written informational book that provides wonderful photographs and content that describe shady garden conditions and a comprehensive collection of shade favoring plants. I feel that this book was well written for a novice gardener up to an intermediate level. Very well organized with an introduction to shady garden context and conditions (soil, light, weather, etc.) and a second half dedicated to plants.

June Jacobs says

Great photographs and text about a wide variety of shade plants. A good resource for someone interested in this type of gardening.

Borrowed from my local public library.

Andrea Martineau says

You can definitely tell that Carey knows her stuff. You're walked through every aspect of shade gardening, from designing your own garden to maintaining a well developed garden, finding a balance with the wildlife that will find itself in your garden, and problem shooting for every problem imaginable. I quite liked the little alphabetized sections of various shade plants at the end of the book, as well as the shorter lists of suitable plants found throughout the book. The photography found throughout was absolutely stunning. I feel like it should be mandatory for plant books to have either photography, illustrations, or both.

For myself, I normally wouldn't have read this book cover to cover, and would likely have utilized it more as a reference when I need to look up something specific. It doesn't have a conversational tone really, it's basically just straight to the point instruction.

The only gripe I really have about this book is that it caters to a very specific audience. If you've only got a tiny balcony gardening space, or a very small backyard, you'll be able to skip over a few sections of this book. Most people I know don't have property large enough for path systems or hidden nooks, myself included. It was nice enough to read these sections, but also simultaneously frustrating because the majority of these ideas I can't really implement in my own urban space. If you want to tap into younger audiences you need to add more on working with smaller gardening spaces, as most millennials and the like do not own large properties with massive garden spaces.

