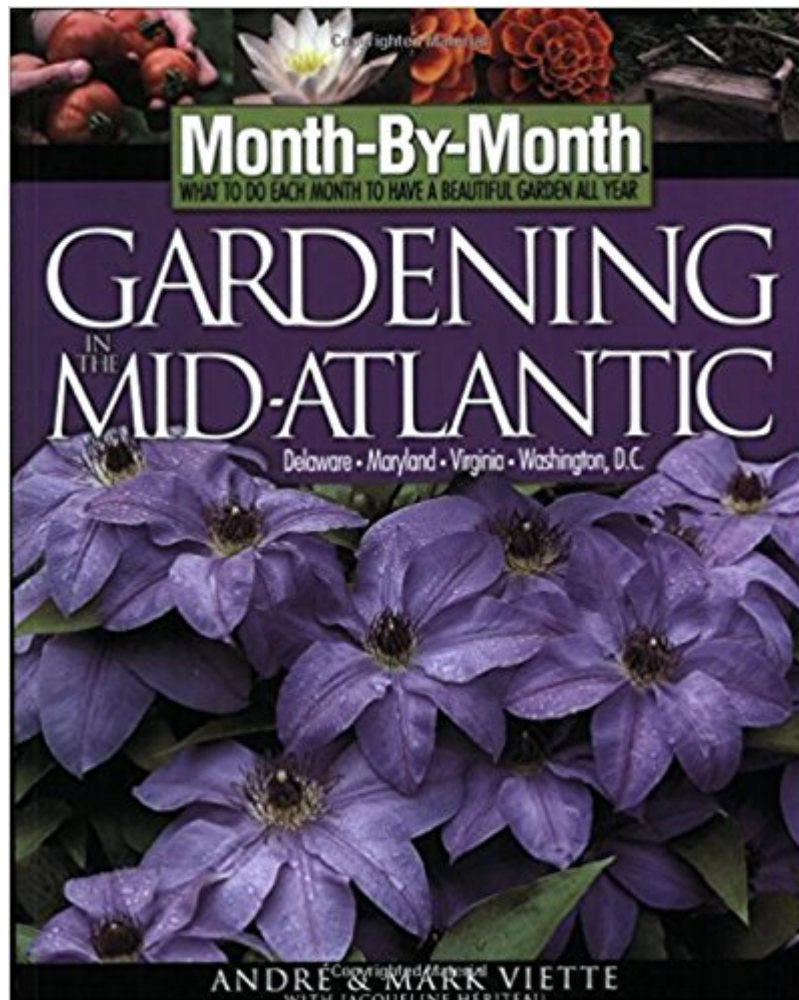




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The Month-By-Month series is the perfect companion to take the guesswork out of gardening. With this book, you'll know what to do each month to have gardening success all year. Written by authors in your state, the information is tailored to the issues that affect your garden the most. When is the best time to plant trees and shrubs? Should I fertilize my lawn now? Is it time to prune my roses? What should I be doing in my garden this month? You'll find the answers to these questions and much more inside. This easy-to-use book highlights each of the ten major plant categories using a monthly format. It guides you through each month of the year, telling you exactly what your garden needs. It is like having an expert in the garden with you all year long. Valuable hints are located throughout the book, and beautiful photographs will inspire you. Written just for gardeners where you live, you can be confident that the information is right for you-and your garden will show it.

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Customer Reviews

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Garden Plants, The American Horticultural Society Flower Finder, and Glorious Gardens. She has contributed to Horticulture, Fine Gardening, Coastal Living, Country Gardens, and Traditional Home magazines.

I really like this book and feel that it is far superior to all other gardening calendars I have tried. Basically the DC region is different from typical zone 7 recommendations and this book helped me sort things out. I find it very helpful and well organized.

Although the book has a lot of useful information, it's very difficult to find all the info you need for the plants that you're working with.

This book was exactly what I was looking for. Being unfamiliar with Mid-Atlantic gardening it provided the guidelines that I needed.

I just moved to Maryland from a quite different climate and was unsure how to deal with the changing seasons in this part of the country. It's very helpful to be able to look under a particular month and plant type and figure out what I'm supposed to be doing this time of year. Should I still be pruning my flowers? Is it okay to plant ANYTHING this time of year? What about preparing my garden for the winter? How do I deal with humid summers? My new home has a long-untended yard and garden, so I will pretty much be starting from scratch, and it's great to have some idea what can be planted, when it can be planted, and how to care for it.

At first glance, the book seems to be nicely organized, with month-by-month information for various types of plants/tasks. However, finding information about a particular plant can be frustrating, as the index is inadequate, and not detailed enough. For example, the index for azaleas contains a list of 27 different page numbers, which are not sub-indexed. This group of 27 pages actually covers a large section of azaleas as houseplants, and azaleas as shrubs. It would have been easier to find the information I was looking for if the index had listed "azaleas: houseplants" and then "azaleas: shrubs". Other plants suffer similar indexing fates. Another gripe is the lack of any easily found index information for pests or for weeds. I recently moved from the West coast, and have found that most of the pests and weeds are completely different. In fact, I have no idea what a "chinch bug" looks like, and this book leaves me in complete ignorance. The book mentions a chinch bug several times, but nowhere is there a picture, nor can I find chinch bug in the index. Likewise, I cannot find a

picture of, for example, nutgrass. Nutgrass is mentioned a few times, but alas, this book fails to help me learn how to identify it. Overall, I am truly sorry that I spent money on this book.

I really like the information in this book. However instead of being organized by Month as the title suggests, It is organized by Plant type (perennial, annual, etc.) I find it time consuming and frustrating to have to continually flip from one section to another just to find out what to do for a specific month.

I like the idea behind this book a lot. It has a lot of good tips, but it needs to be reorganized. There are January - December sections for annuals, perennials, bulbs, etc. I don't like having to have to go to several different sections for each month. It would be a nicer book if it was better organized.

This book is the perfect tool for me, as I'm always wondering what I should be doing when to get the best results. It's unique in the way it's written and I don't believe it's meant to be your only resource for gardening information. It's very good at what it does and I actually like the way it's broken down, it works well for me.

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