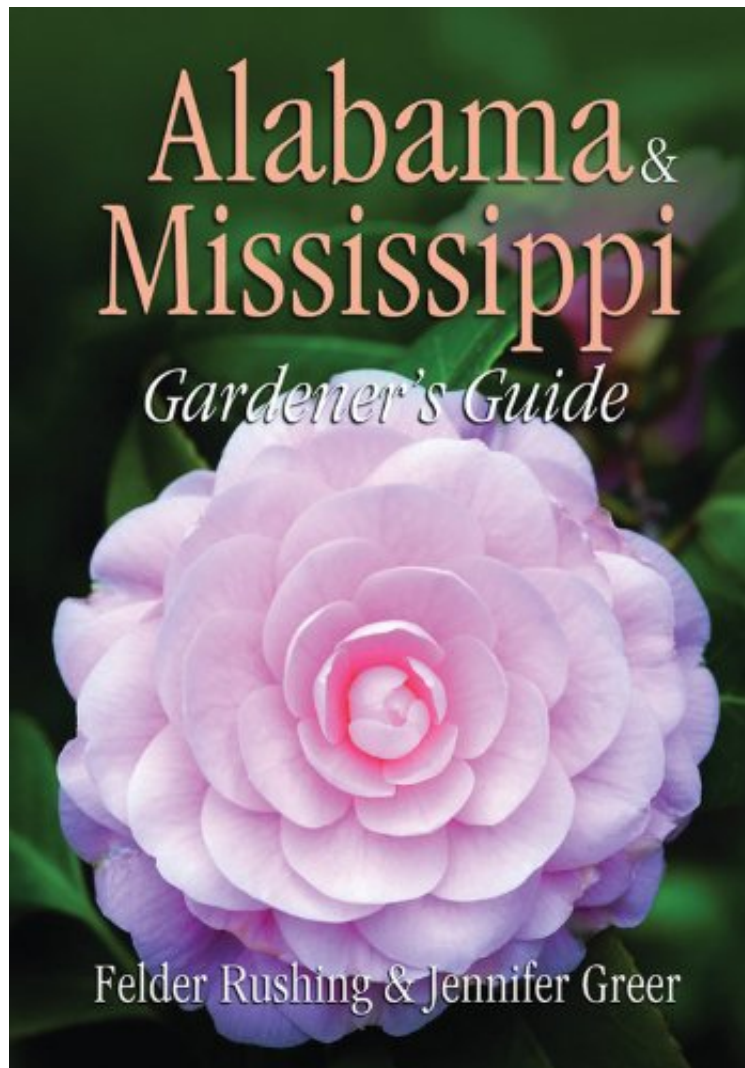


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Alabama Mississippi Gardener's Guide (Gardener's Guides) Paperback January 1, 2005 by Felder Rushing By CDP's Once again habit of purchasing I have now ordered two books by Felder Rushing. His work is very gratifying to those of us who struggle with our weather, rainfall, heat spells that devastate the best laid plans and he offers many helpful hints and guidelines to the grower. I like it a lot and hope to use it for years to come. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A must for someone new to Alabama By D.

Coleman I bought it for my wife. We moved to Alabama 18 months ago. The wife loves flowers but doesn't know the blooming rotation for the local flowers. This book has great pictures of the plants and good explanations. Just thumbing through it, it answered many questions about the many flowering plants, bushes, and trees that we see blooming all around us. I'm an engineer and wouldn't know a daffodil from a dahlia. - Heck, I can't even spell them. Nor do I care to. But, my wife does and she likes this book very much. We bought a second book by the same author. It has more explanation but no color pictures. My wife is very happy and can cross reference between the two books. Next year, I will get more involved and this book will be the first one that I will pick up to read and learn. With this book, my wife will make our yard beautiful this year and I will work toward "Yard of the Month" next year. Again, this book has great photos. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Highly recommended by Phillip O. This is a handy reference for Alabama and Mississippi gardeners and one that you'll refer to again and again. It is especially great for beginning gardeners who are often confused with the large variety of plants profiled in general gardening guides. The plants profiled here are wise choices for AL and MS although some will perform better in the northern areas of the state and vice-versa. There are 186 tried and true individual plants featured, organized in sections of "Annuals," "Bulbs," "Groundcovers," "Herbs," "Ornamental Grasses," "Perennials," "Roses," "Shrubs," "Trees," "Vines," and "Water and Bog Plants. Each plant's profile covers an entire page and includes sections on "When, Where and How to Plant," "Growing Tips," "Care," "Companion Planting and Design," and "Personal Favorites." A color photograph, common names, bloom period and seasonal color and mature height and spread of the plant is included. Chapters in the back of the book include "The Low Maintenance Lawn," "General Pest Control," "Landscaping with Native Plants," "Plants to Attract Butterflies and Hummingbirds," "Landscape Tips for Winter Months." This is a guide that can ease the pain of choosing plants appropriate for the area for beginning gardeners and experienced gardeners will appreciate the practical advice of caring for the plant. I would hope that future editions would include even more plants (there are some that are mysteriously absent) - that would make this an invaluable reference indeed!

"Gardening is now the favorite leisure pastime in America. Homeowners are realizing the health benefits derived from gardening and the increase in their home's property value. This book contains easy-to-use advice on the top landscape plant choices. It also recommends specific varieties, and provides advice on how to plant, how to grow and how to care for the best plants.

About the Author Felder Rushing is a hard-core, 10th generation Southern gardener residing in Jackson, Mississippi. His garden has been featured in Garden Design, Southern Living, Horticulture, House and Garden, and the New York Times. Rushing's books include Gardening Southern Style and Passalong Plants (named the best-written garden book nationally in 1994 by the Garden Writers Association), Tough Plants for Southern Gardens and Tough Plants for Northern Gardens. The author has served as one of six members of Southern Living magazine's garden advisory committee and was recently named as a national director for the prestigious American Horticultural Society. Jennifer Greer, certified Master Gardener and accomplished journalist, is the garden writer for the Birmingham News. Reporting on gardening, forestry and the environment, Jennifer also writes for Our House, Alabama Magazine, Southern Living, and Oxmoor House, Inc. She has contributed to books on annuals, perennials, herbs and vegetables for the Southern Living Gardening Guides. These and other works have established her as one of the top garden writers in the state. Jennifer and her husband, forester Robert Gandy, live and work on fifteen acres outside of Harpersville, Alabama.