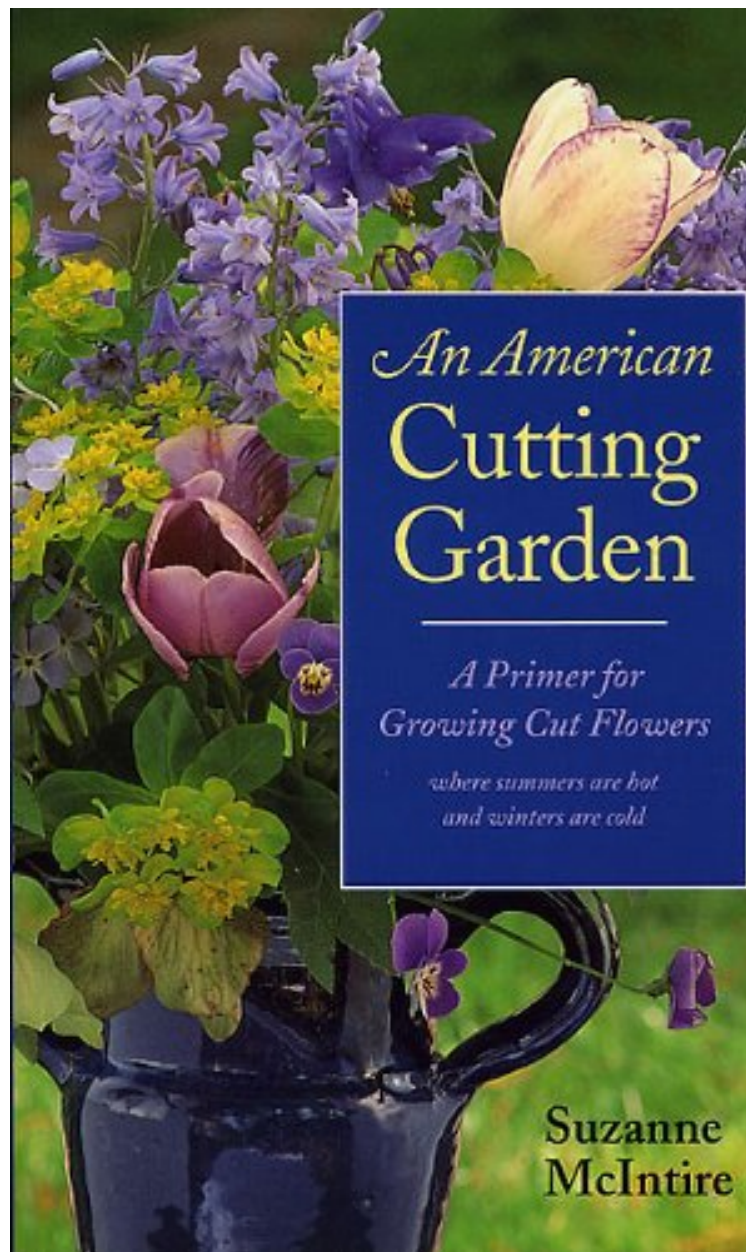


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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *An American Cutting Garden: A Primer for Growing Cut Flowers Where Summers Are Hot and Winters Are Cold*:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. since so many of us who like to garden don't enjoy the typical English climate that ...By Sean Lee This book is a spectacular find. It is refreshing to find an cut-flower book written for American gardens, since so many of us who like to garden don't enjoy the typical English climate that many of the books are written for! Most of the flower gardening books are 90% pictures with very basic information about growing the flowers themselves. Not this one! McIntire does what I'd wish all other books would do... sharing their successes and disappointments with different flowers as well as lovely stories with some of them. Much more information than I expected on each variety and that is where it really shines. The introduction sections about creating a cutting garden are nice for beginners but the real "meat" of the book is found in the flower profiles. It does lack many pictures, but in this day and age those are just a quick Google search away, so I don't fault her there but rather thank her for using the page limit to give us all the information she could! 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Very good reference book By Arkay This is my "go-to" book on the topic of cutting gardens. Time and time again the author shows she knows of which she writes. The main text is invaluable and the index of plants (encyclopedia) section is priceless - several species and named varieties of many important genera are listed and described. Photography is limited to one small photo section in the middle, but the seasoned gardener will have plenty of photos in other reference books so this is not a serious drawback in my opinion. If I were limited to just one book on the topic this would definitely be THE book of choice. Bravo Ms McIntire - Well Done! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Practical and fun to read By Christine B. This book gave me so many ideas for new plants to try, as well as new information on some of my favorites. I liked her personal experiences - they helped me avoid planting some things that sounded great in the seed catalog, but weren't that great in real life. I've already had too many experiences like that myself! Very useful suggestions for working with many different light conditions also helped me fine-tune where I'd be planting new varieties. A terrific book no matter what your level of experience with cutting gardens, and an enjoyable read. I refer to it often.

In *An American Cutting Garden* Suzanne McIntire describes how to plan a cutting garden, choose suitable plants, keep the garden in good order, and harvest a bountiful crop all with charm and humor. Using both common and botanical names, she discusses in depth a wide variety of herbaceous perennials, biennials, annuals, and bulbs. McIntire includes information on topics such as the length of stems one might expect from the cutting garden, how many plants are needed of any one kind, when and how to sow seed outdoors, the heat-hardiness of plants, and strategies for coping with the effects of hot summers and cold winters. Suzanne McIntire is a freelance writer and seasoned veteran of gardening in northern Virginia. She is the editor of *The American Heritage Book of Great American Speeches for Young People*.

"A useful addition to every flower arrangers bookshelf, this is a book to have at hand when you place your seed/plant order. (American Gardener)" A refreshing how-to book for creating a cutting garden. McIntire writes with a wonderful sense of humor and provides continually useful information throughout the book. (Holly H. Shimizu, cohost of PBS's *The Victory Garden* and Executive Director, U.S. Botanic Garden)] "For those who would rather grow bouquets than buy them.... First buy the ultimate primer for growing cut flowers, *An American Cutting Garden* by Suzanne McIntire. This book offers everything you need to know about growing a cutting garden preparing a site, laying it out, coordinating bloom, harvesting. It covers the culture of hundreds of annuals, biennials, bulbs and other perennials. Its appendixes include instructions for starting seeds under lights, lists of plants and resources for materials. (Washington Post) About the Author Suzanne McIntire is a freelance writer and seasoned veteran of gardening in northern Virginia. She is the editor of *The American Heritage Book of Great American Speeches for Young People*.