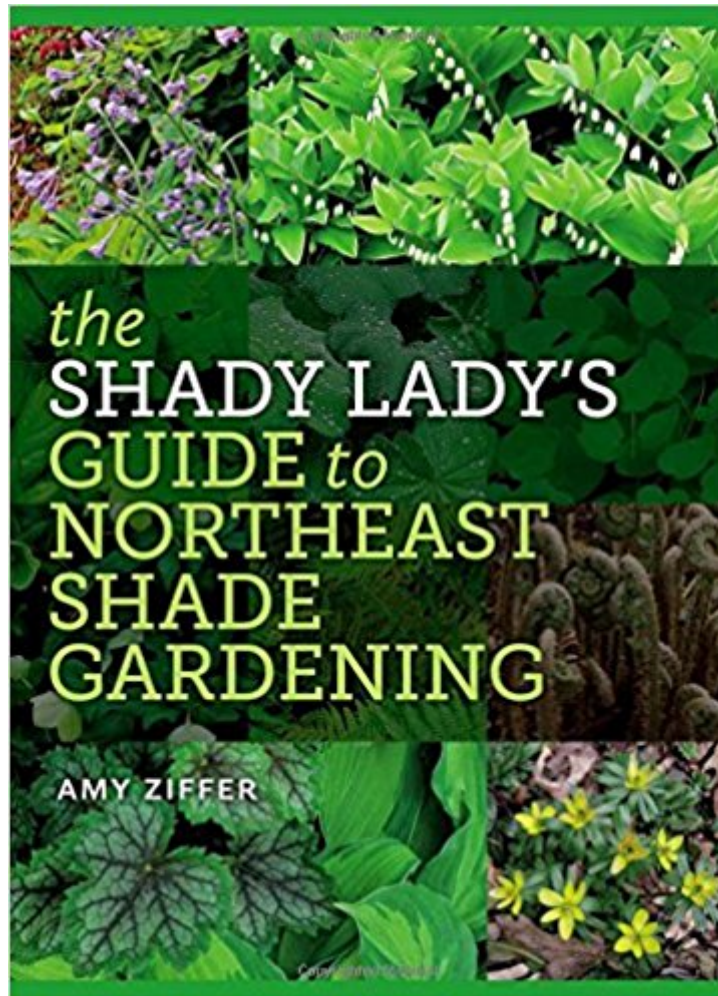




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The Shady Ladyâ€™s Guide To Northeast Shade Gardening



Synopsis

Finally, a guide to shade gardening that offers a simple and proven method for bringing those sunlight-deprived areas of your garden to life! Ziffer condenses her considerable experience and her expertise in shade gardening for New England and environs into a unique and easily digestible approach to creating an ornamental landscape in the shade. Tired of using only a few pages of your gardening books? The Shady Lady identifies best practices, best plants, and best information, specifically designed for the zones of the greater Northeast and leaves out all the rest. Ziffer gives the reader a crash course in the essentials, demystifying shade gardening and providing a large yet highly selective illustrated plant gallery that includes all the indispensable perennials, ferns, and bulbs. Rather than merely listing and describing shade plants, she categorizes them according to the functional roles they can play in the landscape and explains to readers exactly how to cultivate them with a high likelihood of success and a minimum of failure and frustration. She introduces the concept of "backbone plants" and shows why these plants should make up 75 to 80 percent of a shade garden. She also discusses plants that are resistant to deer (and other interlopers). In clear and concise language she tells readers what they need to do; just as important, she shares with them what not to do. The emphasis at all times is on enjoying success by simplifying the approach and avoiding common mistakes. The Shady Lady's Guide to Northeast Shade Gardening will become the definitive guide for all sun-challenged regional gardeners.

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Customer Reviews

âœ[W]ritten exclusively for those of us who live in this region of acidic soils, sultry summers, wintry mixes, twisters, hurricanes, norâ™easterns and, my new favorite, wind events. The Shady Lady is bossy, as well she should be. Just tell us what to do: We need help!â•â "New York Times Book Review" "For gardeners this is a fine guide to the shade garden, and Ziffer's style is funny and opinionated, which is what you want in a gardening book â•" or at least I do, since many gardening tomes, while useful, can be dry to read. A tour through The Shady Lady's Guide to Northeast Shade Gardening will have you looking at the shady spots in your garden with anticipation, rather than What-do-I-do-here bafflement." â• "Valley News" âœNortheast gardeners should consider this a specific â• must.â™â • â• "The Midwest Book Review" âœThe Shady Lady's Guide to Northeast Shade Gardening" by Amy Ziffer aims to help gardeners take advantage of not-so-sunny spots. A gallery of reliable perennials paired with close-up photographs forms the heart of the book. Ziffer defines the categories of shade, then divides listed plants into those that do well in deep shade and those that prefer lighter shade. More lists in the appendices group plants by use and zone. â• "The American Gardener

âœEvery Northeastern gardener needs to read this eyes-wide-open, tell-it-like-it-is book. Even if you don't have shade now, follow the advice in this book and sections of your garden might someday bask in the shadows of luxuriant bedfellows. Get enlightened.â• (Tovah Martin, author of The Unexpected Houseplant and The New Terrarium) âœGardens and gardeners are rooted in place, so it's a good idea to let people know where you're coming from when you offer advice. Amy Ziffer's The Shady Lady's Guide to Northeast Shade Gardening puts it right out front. Hers is no one-size-fits-all tome, but a friendly and informative guide for gardeners who deal with trees, deer and unpredictable weather of the northeast. Practical, detailed and realistic, Ziffer engagingly conveys the challenges and rewards garnered from years of hands-on gardening and close observation. Her depth of experience and conversational tone make this book the next best thing to being in the garden with her.â• (Karen Bussolini, garden writer, speaker, and eco-friendly garden coach) âœIf you are tired of watching your lawn fade in the shady areas of your property, or have decided to fill those bare spots under your oak with beautiful perennials, Amy Ziffer can help. In her timely new book, the Shady Lady challenges a common misconception in gardening: that there are very few perennials that thrive in the shade. For gardeners seeking a nondestructive compromise between all native landscapes and those decorated only with exotic ornamentals, The Shady Lady's Guide to Northeast Shade Gardening is a must read.â• (Douglas Tallamy, author of Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in our Gardens)

I wish this book was written 25 years ago, I would have saved a lot of money on plants. This is the type of book I want to buy for other people. I like that she encourages planting native plants but also mentions non natives the most people like. The pictures are very good. She does a great job explaining the nature of plants in the northeast.

An easy read, well organized and straight to the point with the information you want as a New Englander who wants a beautiful garden that doesn't take all your time and money. Very helpful!

The Shady Lady gives very practical information on what to plant in the Northeast, how, when and where, regarding shady conditions. The photo gallery of plants is very helpful. It was not high-goals-rare plants-good luck trying to duplicate - information, but stuff that I felt I could accomplish if only the rabbits will keep away!

very informative book I learned much about shade gardening.

Loving this book. Exactly what I needed to unlock my heavily shaded yard.

Good book, with helpful tips and fine photos.

This is a wonderful book, especially the "Gallery" that describes many shade tolerant and shade loving plants. It also has many useful tips about gardening with these plants. The reason it didn't quite meet my expectations is that the review I read of it said that it was written with a lot of wit and humor, but I did not find this to be the case. I found it to be a basically sober presentation, albeit a very fine one.

Great book for everyone interested in shade gardening. I love her style of writing.

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