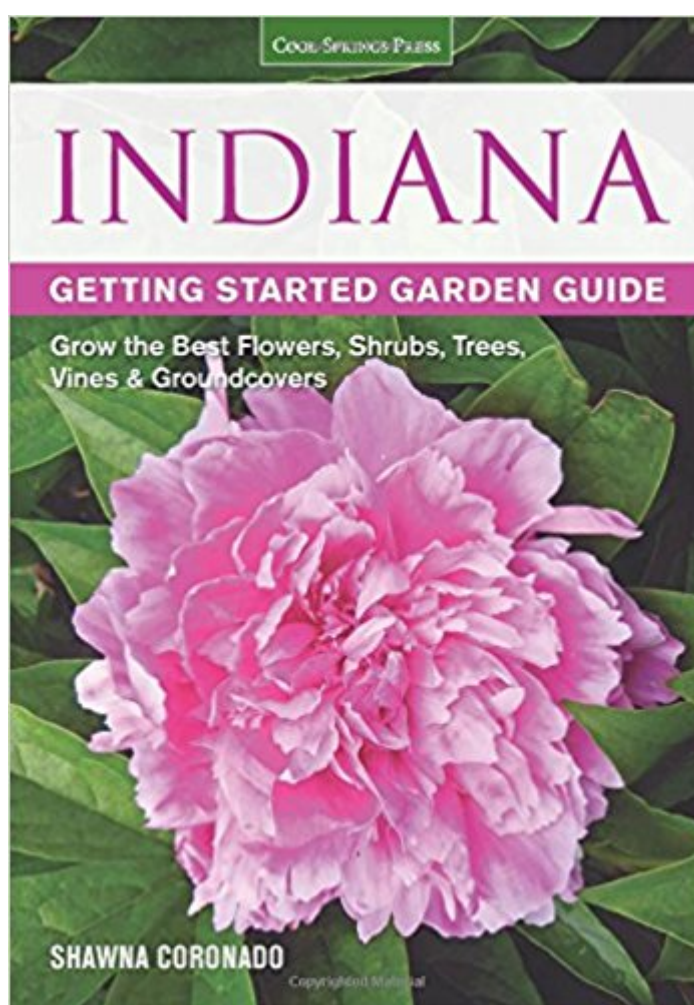


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# Indiana Getting Started Garden Guide: Grow The Best Flowers, Shrubs, Trees, Vines & Groundcovers (Garden Guides)



## Synopsis

Master the Indiana gardening climate with this photographic guide to more than 150 state-specific plants. It's no secret that the post-glacial soils of Indiana are some of the most fertile that the midwestern United States has to offer. If you're lucky enough to live there - be it on the shores of Lake Michigan in Gary, nestled along the Ohio River in Evansville, or in a small town near one of the state's 1,000-plus lakes - you've found yourself in one of the nation's best gardening countries. In *Indiana Getting Started Garden Guide*, internationally renowned gardening expert and Indiana native Shawna Coronado presents foolproof planting advice for over 150 species, handpicked for their ability to flourish in the Hoosier State. Organized alphabetically by plant type and common name, this book's format makes it as simple to come upon plants you've never heard of as it is to look up your old favorites. Every species - from annuals and perennials to shrubs, natives, and trees - is featured with gorgeous full-color photography, a name pronunciation guide, instructions for planting and care, and a list of ideal companion plants. A smart set of icons acts as a quick reference for sun and shade requirements and plant-specific benefits, and a color-coded USDA map lets you find your specific plant hardiness zone. So whether you're craving the colorful fall pop of burning bush or the springtime splendor of Siberian squill, *Indiana Getting Started Garden Guide* is your manual for harnessing that beautiful Indiana countryside.

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## Customer Reviews

Shawna Coronado is an author, columnist, blogger, photographer, and spokesperson for organic gardening, green lifestyle living, and culinary preparation who campaigns for social good.

Shawna's goal in authoring gardening and green lifestyle books is to promote a world initiative to encourage healthy and sustainable living. Shawna was featured as a Chicago Tribune "Remarkable Woman" and speaks internationally on building community, simple urban garden living, and green lifestyle tips for the everyday person. Shawna lives in the western suburbs of Chicago where she has a suburban front lawn vegetable garden. This adventurous garden is highlighted in all her books and has been featured in many media venues including radio, and TV. Her organic living photographs and stories have been shown both online and off in many international home and garden magazines and multiple books. You can learn more about her at [www.shawnacoronado.com](http://www.shawnacoronado.com).

The book arrived very quickly, and it is in like new condition. It is a fantastic book for a beginner gardener like myself. It is a big book, with 271 pages, and a lot of color photos. The book is easy to read, and very informative.

Quite educative and concise.

This is a glorious book! It is well-written and carefully and thoughtfully researched. It opens by discussing the therapeutic benefits of gardening and how to achieve the best success for your region. This book discusses the need for preservation of water and how to do this by constructing rain barrels for collection and water retention. It also guides the reader in testing the soil for its nutrient content and provides instructions and illustrations on how to enrich the existing soil while promoting both drainage and water retention. The reader is guided in producing a bountiful garden that promotes both a sense of wellness and a healthy lifestyle while providing exercise and therapeutic stress-relief. This book successfully illustrates how to choose and grow a variety of plants and shrubs that are indigenous to the region. It highlights the plants and shrubs that are native to the region and guides the reader in choosing these plants for successful cultivation in various growing conditions. This book outlines and directs even the beginner to gardening success. The instructions are clear and concise and the photographs are beautiful! Well done, Shawna Coronado! I give it 5 GREEN THUMBS UP!

Author Shawna Coronado is an experienced gardener who shares her practical and pretty

information with Indiana gardeners. This helpful book explains crucial gardening basics often overlooked in gardening books.. All gardeners will appreciate clear instructions on how to install a rain barrel, how to figure out what kind of soil you have on your property and how to conduct your own soil percolation (drainage) test. This useful guide lists annuals, perennials, vines, shrubs and trees that will grow well in Indiana. As a native plant specialist and a pollinator and beneficial insect supporter I very much appreciate the author's inclusion of a perennial wildflower and native grasses section!

As a child, I lived in Indiana, and I've lived all over since. Shawna Coronado's book brought some old memories back of grandma's house and some of the very special flowers she had all around her yard. Joe-Pye weed, lily of the valley...even those towering catalpas with their long beans hanging down. The pictures in the book reminded me of summers at the farm. I especially loved the "Try These" tips at the end of each listing--just like your next door neighbor talking over the fence about what had worked best for them. She writes in an appealing, easy style that gets her point across without being too jargony. I know it says "Indiana", but I'd guess Ohio and Pennsylvania have similar climates, and this book's suggestions could work there too! Enjoyed it very much.

Everything you need to know to grow a beautiful garden if you live in this climate zone. Shawna shares her personal experience from her own garden with plenty of tips that include fertilizing to composting. The book is packed with suggested annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs that thrive in Indiana making this a worthwhile guide to have with you when you visit the garden center. This book is perfect for beginner gardeners but the on going care instructions and companion planting suggestions would be valuable to seasoned gardeners as well.

Rather than just an encyclopedia of plants suitable to the Indiana climate, the author Shawna Coronado begins by giving you a glimpse into her own garden as she tells you how she has grown from the child playing in the dirt to the adult whose personal gardening philosophy is to celebrate nature and share it with others. The main text is a well laid out reference with tips on companion planting and design as well as regional advice and includes almost 200 plants. Highly recommended.

This is a very good book for Indiana gardeners of all levels. The author grew up in Indiana, and knows the area very well. Along with lots of color photos, the author (Shawna Coronado) provides

detailed plant descriptions, growing ideas and design suggestions. I especially liked the way each plant had a great photo, regional advice, companion planting tips and different cultivars to try. This midwest gardener also shows photos from her home and gives lots of inspirational advice. Highly recommended.

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