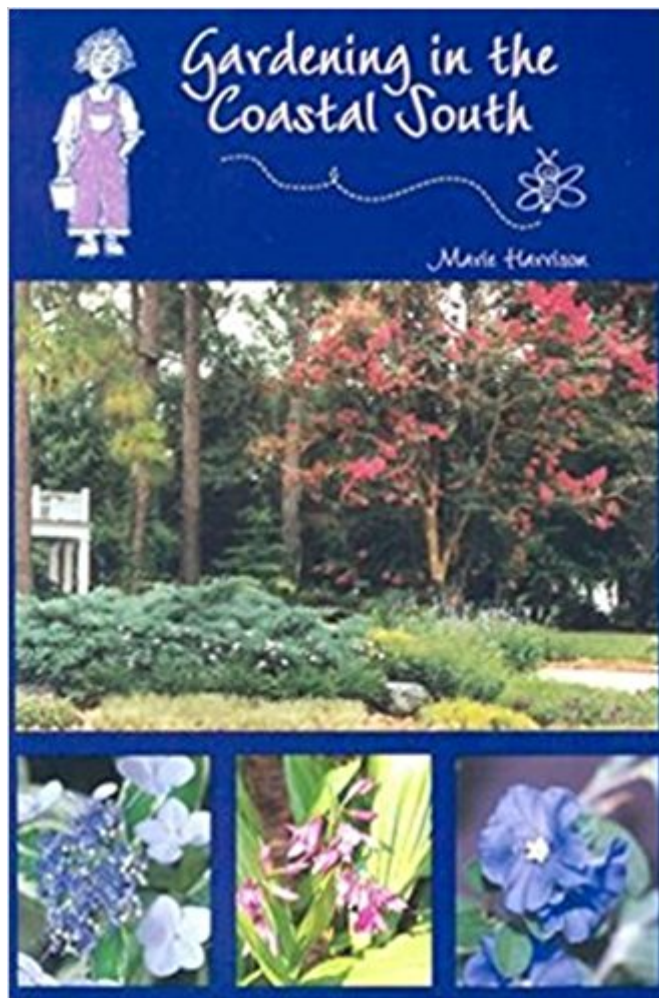




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# Gardening In The Coastal South



## Synopsis

Take a stroll through the garden of a self-confessed hortimaniac. Gardening is Marie Harrison's avocation, passion...some might say, obsession. In her personal, witty style (she refers to her husband as Amiable Spouse, or A.S. for short), Marie divulges her own tried-and-true ways of gardening along the coasts of the southeast United States. Marie covers perennials, flowers grown from bulbs, herbs, shrubs and small trees, vines, edible flowers, and herbs for flower borders. A section of full-color photos captures these beautiful plants and flowers in all their vibrant glory. Charming pen-and-ink illustrations are sprinkled throughout the text. Marie discusses the edible and medicinal properties of various plants (there's even a quick or two!), as well as coastal considerations such as salt tolerance; environmental issues such as pesticide use, beneficial insects, and exotic invasives; and gardening for birds and butterflies. She also offers her musings on the seasons in Florida and how she spends her time in the garden during each phase of the year. Whether you're seasoned gardener like Marie or a tentative beginner just starting out with a windowsill herb garden, this delightful book will make you appreciate the dirt under your fingernails.

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## Customer Reviews

Marie Harrison is a Master Gardener and director of District I of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. She writes gardening columns for a number of newspapers and other publications and also teaches gardening at her local university and community college. Along with lecturing frequently at garden clubs and seminars, she often judges at flower shows. She was an English teacher in

Mississippi and Florida for thirty years. She lives with her Amiable Spouse in the midst of her lovely garden near the Gulf Coast in Valparaiso, Florida.

I bought this for my Aunt who moved from Maryland to costal North Carolina. She needed help finding plants that could survive the salt. She loved it and has a whole garden planned.

Seems to have a lot of good info, am planning to use it a lot this spring in laying out my garden.

Was more info than my amateur gardening mindset needed, but still a very good reference book.  
Would have liked to see more colored pictures.

Not only did I find this book full of helpful information, but I really enjoyed the author's downhome comfy style. It was like I was talking with one of my gardening friends over the backyard fence.

Special & useful little book, lovingly written – a big thank you!

This was a great way to find this book which I had heard. It was a good price and it arrived quickly.

Gardening In The Coastal South by Master Gardener, educator and journalist Marie Harrison (Director of District I of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs) offers an impressive and practical collection of advice, tips, musings, and reflections written for the benefit of neophyte and seasoned gardeners alike. Tips and techniques for growing Popular Perennials, bulbs, tubers, herbs, shrubs, small trees, vines, and more, are discussed, as well as climate issues to be aware of along the coastal south, as well as regional environmental issues and personal insights from the author. A relaxing and engaging guide for those who love to garden, or who simply love to read about gardening, Gardening In The Coast South is a superb reference and a highly recommended regional gardening guide.

I was given 'Gardening in the Coastal South' as a gift. I had few expectations until I opened the book. Once opened, I could not put it down. I gardened in coastal Louisiana for 23 years. There I grew many of the plants that Marie Harrison discussed in her book. My recent move to Mississippi has opened a few new gardening doors, but I still relate to the stories told by Marie. I, too, am a hortimaniac, and I have particularly enjoyed her descriptions of this enviable condition. Not only have

I enjoyed Marie's stories, but I have found her advice and gardening strategies down to earth and very practical. This book will always be at my fingertips when I shop for new plants for my new garden. I say, "Thanks, Marie Harrison, for your delightful book." I love it.

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