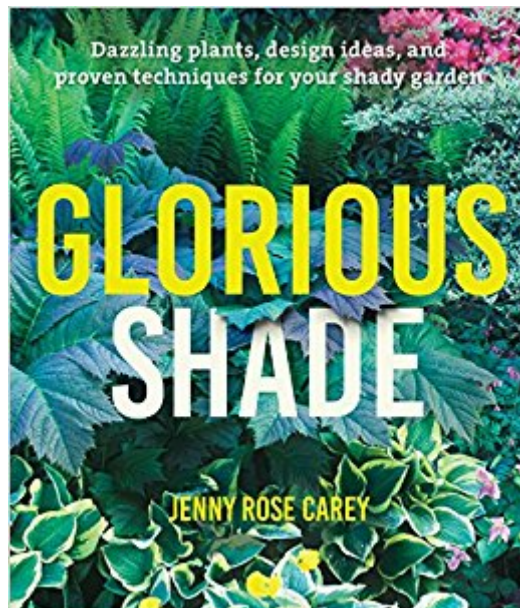




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# Glorious Shade: Dazzling Plants, Design Ideas, And Proven Techniques For Your Shady Garden



## Synopsis

Turn a shady yard into a sumptuous garden. Shade is one of the most common garden situations homeowners have, but with the right plant knowledge, you can triumph over challenging areas and learn to embrace shade as an opportunity instead of an obstacle. *Glorious Shade* celebrates the benefits of shade and shows you how to make the most of it. This information-rich, hardworking guide is packed with everything you need to successfully garden in the shadiest corners of a yard. You'll learn how to determine what type of shade you have and how to choose the right plants for the space. The book also shares the techniques, design and maintenance tips that are key to growing a successful shade garden. Stunning color photographs offer design inspiration and reveal the beauty of shade-loving plants.

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## Customer Reviews

“Great plant lists and design tips” • *Glorious Shade* is full of helpful advice from a true gardener. • David Culp, author of *The Layered Garden* “For anyone planning a shade garden, this book is a must. It will inspire you to start digging.” • Holly Shimizu, former executive director, U.S. Botanic Garden “Jenny Rose Carey simplifies the complexities of shade. This beautifully illustrated book glorifies the picturesqueness of green, while giving practical advice on bringing color to dark areas.” • Bill Thomas, executive director of Chanticleer, author of *The Art of Gardening* “Approachable, well-illustrated, thorough guide to shade planting. . . . especially

recommended for collections lacking shade-gardening titles. • Booklist “An excellent reference for gardeners working with shaded areas who are looking for inspiration. • NYBG’s Plant Talk “A practical guide to maintaining a shade garden with a useful calendar of seasonal tasks, plant directory and inspiring design ideas. • Gardens Illustrated “Shade is glorious, and this book helps to make it possible for every garden and gardener. • The Reading Eagle “Well researched and packed with valuable information. . . . this is a book that shows you that shade can indeed be glorious. • Three Dogs in a Garden “Beautiful and instructional. . . . comprehensive. . . . one of the best. • The Recorder “A stand out. . . . can’t think of a better volume of shade gardening that’s as useful. • Garden Design Online “The book feels like you are learning all about shade gardening from your favorite, chatty neighbor. It covers a lot of ground, from the usual seasonal interest, plant selection and design perspective. But it also covers types of shade, seasonal shade shifts, soil improvement, what to plant when there’s root competition, maintenance, pests and diseases, deer resistance and more. • The Oregonian

Most gardeners treat shade as a problem to solve. Jenny Rose Carey, senior director at Meadowbrook Farm, sees shade as an opportunity to be embraced and celebrated. In *Glorious Shade*, she shares a calendar of seasonal tasks and delights, a plant directory of brilliant choices, and time-tested techniques for designing and maintaining a shade garden. Let her ideas inspire you to turn the darkest corner of your yard into a cool, enticing retreat. *~ ~*

This book promises everything in its subtitle: Dazzling Plants, Design Ideas, and Proven Techniques for Your Shady Garden. The book is divided into sections, the first one stressing the importance of learning the shade patterns in your garden. Jenny Rose Carey describes the various types of shade and the plants that benefit from each kind. There is a section about soil and roots. I so agree with Jenny Rose Carey on the importance of adding organic matter to encourage root growth and promote healthy plants -- a great way to improve soil structure. She gives clear directions for making 'fabulous, friable, or crumbly leaf mold.' She explains the purpose of roots, reinforcing the importance of avoiding the application of high rates of fertilizer around trees in order to maintain a healthy relationship between microscopic fungi and roots. I learned some tips, such as building a tree pit to avoid smothering roots when I change the soil level with each new lasagna garden that I make. Jenny Rose Carey gives very inspirational descriptions of several design styles

in her section called 'Designing in the Shadows: Bright Ideas for Shady Spaces.' She discusses woodland gardens, moss gardens, Japanese- or Chinese-inspired gardens, rock gardens, xeric gardens, tropical gardens, water gardens, walled or courtyard gardens, container gardens, and orchard gardens. Whew! In this section she also talks about designing with paths and includes gardens that attract wildlife. My personal favorite is about designing areas for children and I love the whimsical teapot water feature she added to her own garden. There is a gardener's calendar in one chapter and numerous techniques and maintenance tips in another. The gardener's calendar describes the garden through the year with tasks for each season. The maintenance chapter gives an in-depth guide to taking care of your shade garden. The final chapter tells you how to choose plants that thrive in the shade. Jenny Rose Carey describes 200 genera of plants with photographs for each genus. They are stunning. I love the 'substantial' feel of this volume with its glossy pages that are loaded with colorful illustrations. In this review I touch upon only a small fraction of the valuable information that the book contains. In every chapter, the author's voice comes through as passionate, enthusiastic and inspiring. It is as if Jenny Rose is speaking to the reader one-on-one. This is a perfect book for anyone who gardens in the shade.

Part of the fun in gardening is in designing a solution that overcomes the challenges on the plot. Those with mostly shade may feel frustration over their inability to sustain a crop of veggies or annuals in such a light-deprived location. Remember the old adage that we should brighten the corner where we are? Well, to my fellow shade-owners I say, *Embrace our shade.* We can support our local farmer's market to acquire the fresh veggies then go ahead and fill our shade with breathtaking beauty. The book to help us start well and master the process of shade gardening is Jenny Rose Carey's work, *Glorious Shade*. Carey comments (page 11), *"My shade garden is a constant source of joy to me."* Then she shows others how to turn a shaded location into a source of joy for themselves. The author warns *"gardening in shade is a long-term process"* but the dedicated gardener understands that patience is as important as soil nutrients. From defining types and degrees of shade to instructions for improving the soil this volume has everything for shade gardening. Multiple plant lists such as Plants for Spring Interest, Plants for Summer Interest, and Plants for Acidic Soils pepper the text making this a ready reference for gardeners on the hunt for the right plant for an open spot. An extensive Plant Palette gives detailed information on cultivars which thrive in shade. From ground covers to plants to shrubs to trees *Glorious Shade* removes the guesswork from selecting and planting the right combinations

for stunning displays. The author provided most of the excellent photography used in the book. While this is a volume that lends itself to browsing, Glorious Shade will become a well-worn companion for the serious shade gardener.

This was such a fun book to read! I love the practical advice and fun stories. The photos are beautiful, and I am so excited to try some of these plant combinations in real life!

If you have or plan a shade garden, don't miss this.....it is amazing, really!!!!

Bought for a gift. She enjoyed the book.

Packed full of useful tips from design to improving soil quality. I loved the plant references with pictures. Had no idea I had so many beautiful options for shade!

Wonderful suggestions and recommendations for all kinds of shade plant material. And terrific photos as well!

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