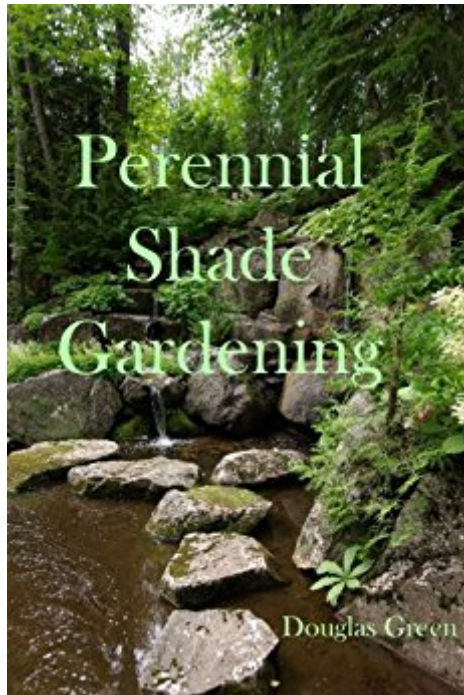




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How to cheat at growing under trees
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Customer Reviews

Thanks again Doug. This guide on Perennial Shade Gardening is a concise manual for installing and enhancing beauty in our areas of shade. Last year I planted a shade area in my yard, and I wish I had read this first, because I am struggling with tree roots and poor soil quality. Your guide offers a really straightforward path toward developing a great soil foundation and then basking in the fertility and nourishment of the bed for years to come. I appreciate the honest and specific information about how much water this garden will require. As someone who tend to underwater, I am persuaded by the reasoning in this book that I should stop skimping and start nurturing my

living, breathing plants better. I can take these tips and begin applying them now. I can't wait to see the improvements in my shady oasis this year!

This is a concise and clear description of building a shade garden from the base of a tree (or other shade producer) to the top of the planted perennials. It is easy to understand as well as punctuated with Doug Green's gardening humour that make it fun to read. It makes use of the lasagna or sheet composting (layering) system of garden construction. It's good reading material as well as excellent reference for gardening and selecting plants for shade. Thanks Doug!

If growing flowers under trees is a problem for you as it is for me, this book is excellent. It gives blow by blow directions for discouraging the competition of the tree roots for water and nutrients, preparing the flower bed and gives a long list of shade loving plants. Mr. Green also give a short description of the plants he lists and their special needs with pictures giving you the opportunity to choose best plants for your particular area. It is one of the best garden books I have ever read.

Looking back on creating a shade garden from scratch, I only wish I'd had Doug Green's clear and helpful book available. First and most important is his excellent system of creating soil for a shade bed (or anywhere else). That alone is worth reading. I see now how much better and easier this garden would have been with his simple, effective method. Also offered is an excellent list of shade loving plants with enough details to guarantee successful growing. It may not be as large as some other books on shade gardening, but it is packed with helpful information.

Three things I like about this book: it is short, it has lots of factual information, and it celebrates design. It is written clearly with just the right amount of editorial comment and, overall, reads well, as do his other books. There are always typos and/or editing mistakes which distract me from my reading pleasure but I have every confidence in the practical material. My favourite bit of general advice is to concentrate on plants that will thrive and not merely survive. Seems obvious now.

The tone of this easy read resonates with my own love of the woods and the magic of the under-growth. The formula for creating a bed for shade plants without disrupting the trees around is very intriguing. Though I have missed the Fall to begin the process, I am determined to get "out there" soon to get the foundation laid in time to plant in the Spring. What a peace-filled and hopeful book. "If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?"

My back yard is mostly shade and things there die on a regular basis, gasping for the sun. This book was most informative on how to amend your soil and then what to plant for the maximum positive results.

I love Doug Green's website and the information he provides when you follow him on FaceBook. His ebooks (this one included!) are easy to read and full of helpful information. If you love gardening, whether you're a novice or been doing it a while, you'll find something useful in Doug's book. Nice list of plants and some plusses and minuses in this book.

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