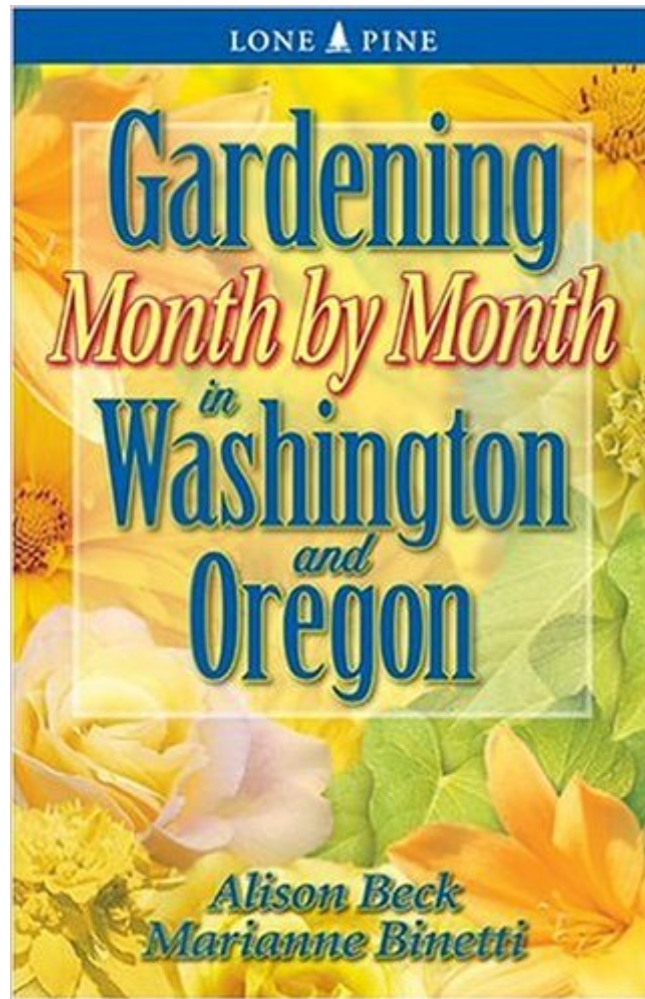


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# Gardening Month By Month In Washington And Oregon



## Synopsis

If you live in Washington or Oregon and need to know what to do in your garden each month, this is the book for you.

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## Customer Reviews

I have lived in Washington state for over 20 years. I came from a northern plains state, so I had to learn what plants and trees grow well here. I do garden: vegetables, fruit trees, flowers and berries. This book would have been helpful to me when I first started out. I needed help with issues like shade, soil drainage, slugs, vegetables that like cool weather and don't need as much sun. I needed to know the names of the shrubs, trees, flowers and vegetables that I could see growing well in my area. There is a large soil and weather difference between the coastal areas and the inland areas; this book does give advice for both areas, as well as for each season. That being said, it is not a technical manual. It has general information on planting, seasonal changes, seasonal chores in the garden, soil, yard planning and tools. The seasonal emphasis is a great feature of the book. It can give a beginner a framework to make the garden attractive all year long. The other benefit is many beautiful photos with common and Latin names one can learn what plants we are seeing and purchasing. Every other page does have a calendar portion for keeping notes like plantings, purchases or pruning. The back of the book has a reference section: gardens to visit, online resources, books, soil testing facilities, horticulture societies, climate normals, climate extremes, frost date maps.

A small book with little space for notes yet she says "plenty of space is also included for you to write in your own thoughts and ideas. Keep the book handy, and jot information down year in and year out, all year long." I thought...well, maybe this was originally out in a much larger and longer edition. That would also explain having 2-6 pictures on one 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 page. But there is really very little info here, and some of it, such as this tip "Remove containers before planting. Plastic and fibre pots restrict root growth and prevent plants from becoming established." kind of boggles the mind. I guess there are instances when you would plant with some, or all, of the plastic pot, but I've never heard of it being a common problem, even with beginning gardeners. Maybe it will help in ways I can't yet see, but at the moment I feel it was a waste of money.

This is great if you're already into gardening and know the terminology. I'm more of a beginner and found it hard to make much practical use of the advice.

Not as cool as it could have been, full of bad advice and wasn't very creative or in depth. Perhaps ok for the most dim beginner.

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