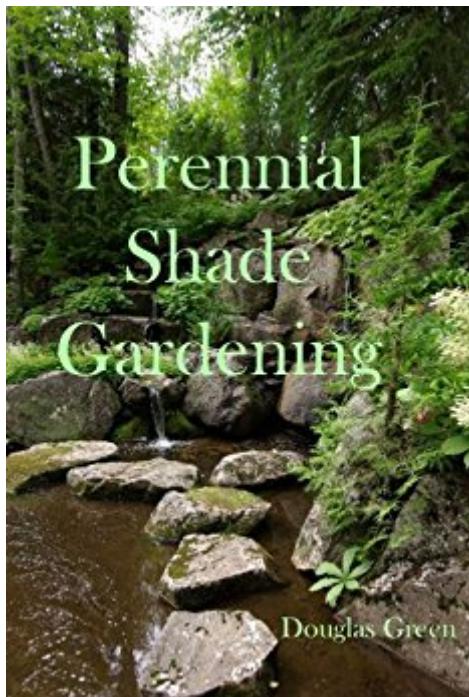


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# Shade Gardening



## **Synopsis**

There is a romance and magic in a great shade garden that attracted award winning garden author Doug Green to his new gardens. There are significant differences in the soils for sun and shade plants and Doug explains both how to create the ultimate shade garden soil (used by plant experts and little known outside of a select group of plantsmen) and how to build good beds and get maximum flowering from your plants. There are several "tricks of the trade" for growing under large trees and Doug describes them; as well as telling you what you can grow under and what you can't. This is a 30-year specialist nurseryman sharing his specialist growing secrets you can apply in your home garden. The old nursery was a very sunny spot but this new garden is surrounded by mature trees, shading and providing protection from the sun. Doug has long admired the large number of shade plants available but he had to provide special shade greenhouses for growing the hundreds of plants in his old gardens. There are specific growing instructions in this ebook for 41 excellent backbone plants that could fill any shade garden with hundreds of varieties. Plus Doug gives you a master list of 314 different species of plants available for shade gardening (and there are hundreds if not thousands of varieties of some of the 314) This is an excellent starting point for tuning your shady backyard into a great garden.

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## Customer Reviews

Love this book! Always had trouble with anything I put under my big oaks. Now I know what I can plant there and how to keep it alive. Lots of photos so you can see how unfamiliar plants will look and plenty of information on each plant. Wonderful for gardeners of any amount of experience.

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.

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!

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.

This is a nice little book. I'm having better success gardening beneath our gigantic oaks, since incorporating some of these concepts, especially the techniques in building up the soil! Makes a difference!

A quick read, entertaining and packed with info to create a great shade garden. I cannot wait till the fall (just kidding...i can wait!) to create a couple shade beds for 2013 planting. Actually I'm going to create a sun bed like this for my 2013 veggie garden also. Very helpful to me. 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.

I like his suggestion on building the soil but it would have been nice to get some recommendations on garden design. I find myself often buying one of each which does not create a very attractive garden

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