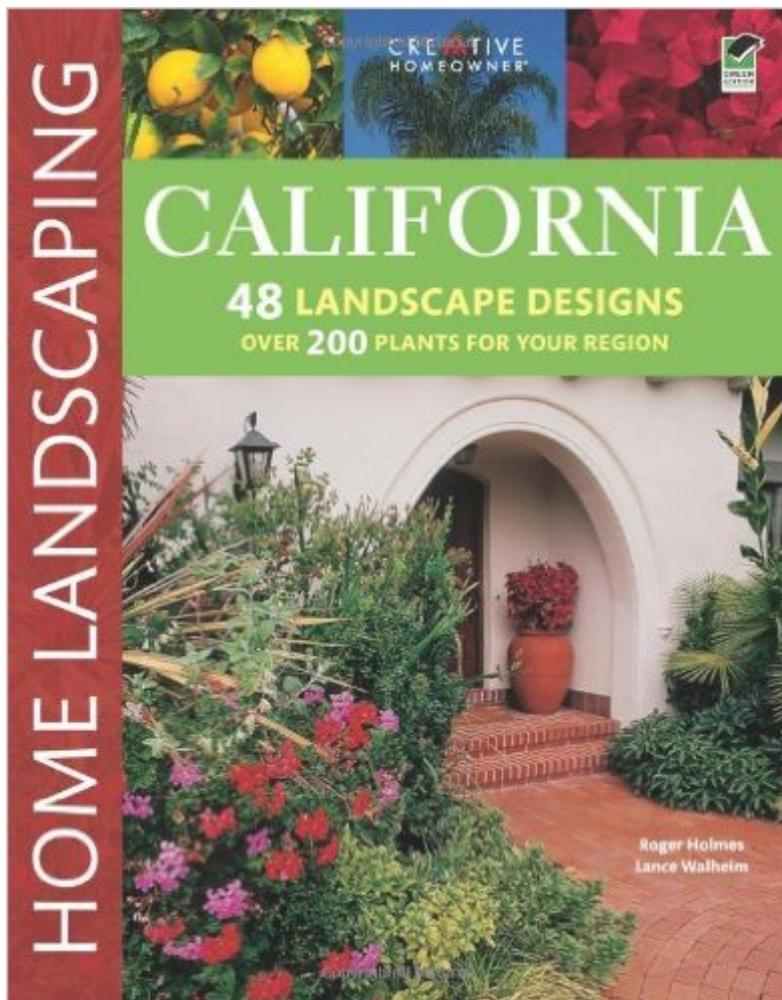


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California Home Landscaping, 3rd Edition



Synopsis

Make a Californian home landscape more attractive and functional with California Home Landscaping, third edition. Like the other titles in this series, this book contains three parts: Design Portfolio, Guide to Installations, and Plant Portraits. In the "Design Portfolio" section, readers will find 48 designs created by landscape professionals in California. "Guide to Installations" explains how to install the plants, paths, patios, and arbors used in the designs. More than 200 of the best plants for the region are fully described in "Plant Portraits." Clearly written in a friendly style and with 450 color photographs and paintings, California Home Landscaping, third edition, provides everything Californians need to know to landscape like a pro.

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Customer Reviews

I recently moved to Northern California and have been looking for a landscaping book that provides geographically suited plants, shrubs and perennials. This book provides ideas, alternatives for shady and sunny spots, planting graphs for annual growth and great arbor ideas. Well worth the price, packed full of ideas for the beginner and expert gardener. You won't be disappointed.

If a person were limited to only one book of this type, "California Home Landscaping" would be my choice. Twenty-four different landscaping situations are presented in detail with variations and the

plants illustrated are identified by name. The mid-section of the book discusses hardscaping, water delivery and basic care of plants and the last section contains plant profiles with color photographs. All in all, a great resource!

This book is put together just fine. Certainly geared towards the novice. Covers extremely traditional designs - a bit boring for my tastes. If you want your yard to look like any newly landscaped home or business in CA, this should do fine. If you are looking for design ideas that could help you create a unique design keep looking. Best section is the plant references at the end - but again, these are largely the tried and true and very common species.

I was a bit disappointed in this book. Almost all of the illustrations in the book are drawings that make it difficult to tell what the plants really look like, only the most general compositional effects (e.g., colorful blobs next to long green fronds). The photographs they've included are much more interesting than the drawings, but the plants aren't labeled. Also, they frequently reused the same plants in the different examples. Although this is ok to a degree, I was expecting to encounter a wider variety of plants and some more creative combinations.

This is a terrific book. I already had many assorted Sunset books and others, but still needed help! This this one is full of many useful ideas.

For us gardeners who are designed-challenged, this book is the cure for our artistic inabilitys. I tend to plant in straight rows, with no conception of color coordination or eye-pleasing placement of plants. California Home Landscaping is filled with easy-to-follow "garden planting maps": the right plants, the right spacing, the right shape! One great section offers designs for a very common hard-to-plant area... curbside strips. This zone between the street and the sidewalk doesn't have to be a rectangle of beat-up lawn. California Home Landscaping has suggestions for beautiful yet tough plants that can fill this difficult part of the yard. And if deer are a problem in your area, this book has a great picture and plan of an unobtrusive fence that is only five feet high, yet keeps the deer out.

For anyone who is planning some garden design, this is a great book. Wonderful photography and display of before and after pictures. A very good quality book for the price.

When I received this book I realized I already owned it. The book I owned was a few years older with a different cover and a slightly different name. There are some nice designs, but they should have more drought tolerant and native plant designs

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