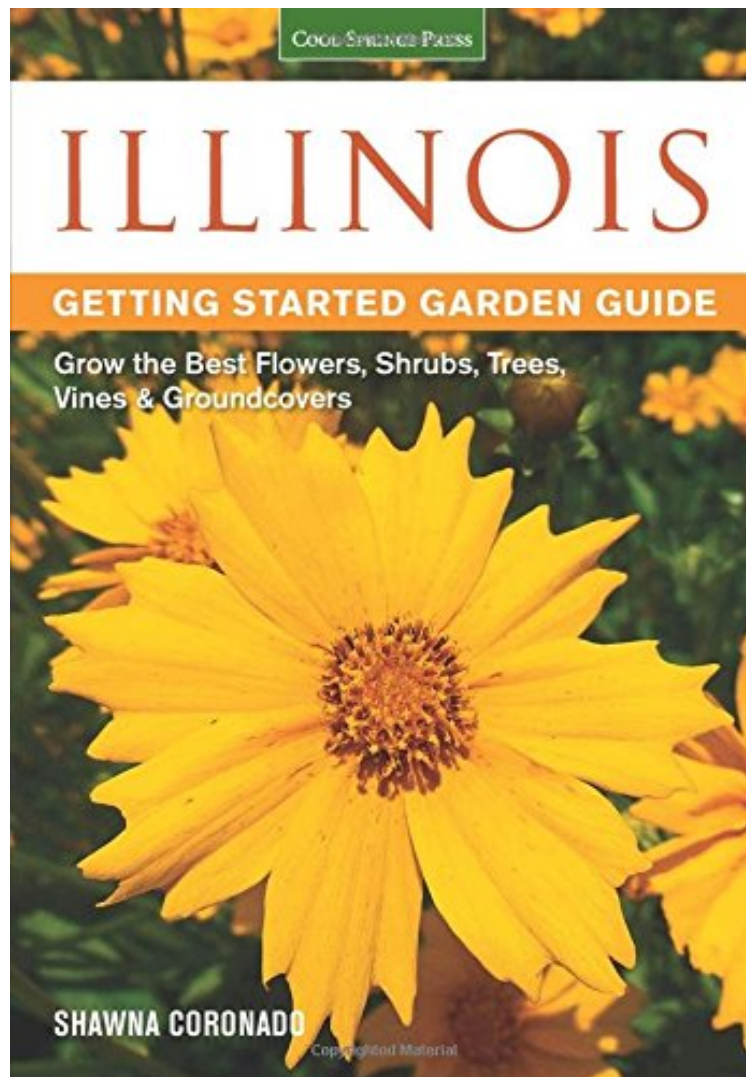


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Shawna Coronado : Illinois Getting Started Garden Guide: Grow the Best Flowers, Shrubs, Trees, Vines Groundcovers (Garden Guides) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Illinois Getting Started Garden Guide: Grow the Best Flowers, Shrubs, Trees, Vines Groundcovers (Garden Guides):

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Chicagoland area. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Successful gardening in the Midwest By Diane McCarthy This is an excellent reference for any Illinois gardener. The first section gives a nice overview of how to get started with gardening, and presents some ideas from the author's own yard. Much of this section contains information familiar to more experienced gardeners, but even I found some useful bits in here (the percolation test was new to me and I look forward to using it come spring!). Most of the remainder of the book is a guide to some of the best plants for Illinois, grouped by category (annual, perennial, tree, etc.). As a big fan of native plant gardening, I love that native plants get their own section, and that the often-forgotten grasses are also highlighted. Besides care information, Shawna includes a description of companion plants that would work well with each plant. This kind of information is so valuable for anyone starting out a garden and not sure what to pair with what. Overall, I would recommend this book for anyone looking to start a garden, or for more advanced gardeners looking for ideas for new plants to try that are appropriate to their region. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This is a Reference Guide Keeper By Jenn Weinschenker This book is a wonderful guide for gardeners who are just beginning and for those who have been getting their hands dirty for years. It is informative and the illustrations would be just as helpful to a novice gardener as it would be for one with more experience. Even a seemingly inconsequential tidbit of information; how to roll a bit of soil in your hand to tell whether it is clay or sandy or heavy and poor drained, has already come in very handy for me. Pictures that show how to place bulbs and tubers were also very helpful. I recommend this book for anyone who is interested in planting flowers, perennials, bushes and trees where they are actually going to grow. Plants and flowers can be pricey so taking a little time to plan out an area and figuring out what kind of soil it has and its sun exposure and all of that good stuff helps to ensure that all of the hard work we put into our project will yield a garden area that thrives and looks great. Yes, it is informative and good keeper to use as a reference book.

The ultimate, fully illustrated guide to plant selection and gardening in the Prairie State. With its northeastern edge seated on the shores of Lake Michigan, Illinois offers some of the United States' most fertile farmlands. But as any midwesterner knows, the entire region's weather can turn on a dime, and keeping plant life alive in such a widely varying climate can be difficult for gardeners of all skill levels. In *Illinois Getting Started Garden Guide*, born-and-bred midwestern gardener Shawna Coronado showcases more than 150 plant species destined for success throughout all of Illinois--from flowers and shrubs, such as the blazing star and the beautiful early-spring-flowering witchhazel, to trees and vines, such as the ginkgo and the exquisite clematis. Each entry features full-color photography, plant-name pronunciation, helpful icons denoting sun/shade requirements and plant qualities, instructions for how to bring the plant from transplant to maturity, and even recommendations for what you should plant nearby. If you're not sure where to start, official color-coded USDA maps let you know your plant hardiness zone. So whether you're planting in a windy Chicago suburb, prepping for a frigid winter in Galena, or anticipating a rainy spring in Mt. Vernon, *Illinois Getting Started Garden Guide* gives you all the information you need for a colorful, diverse home landscape.

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