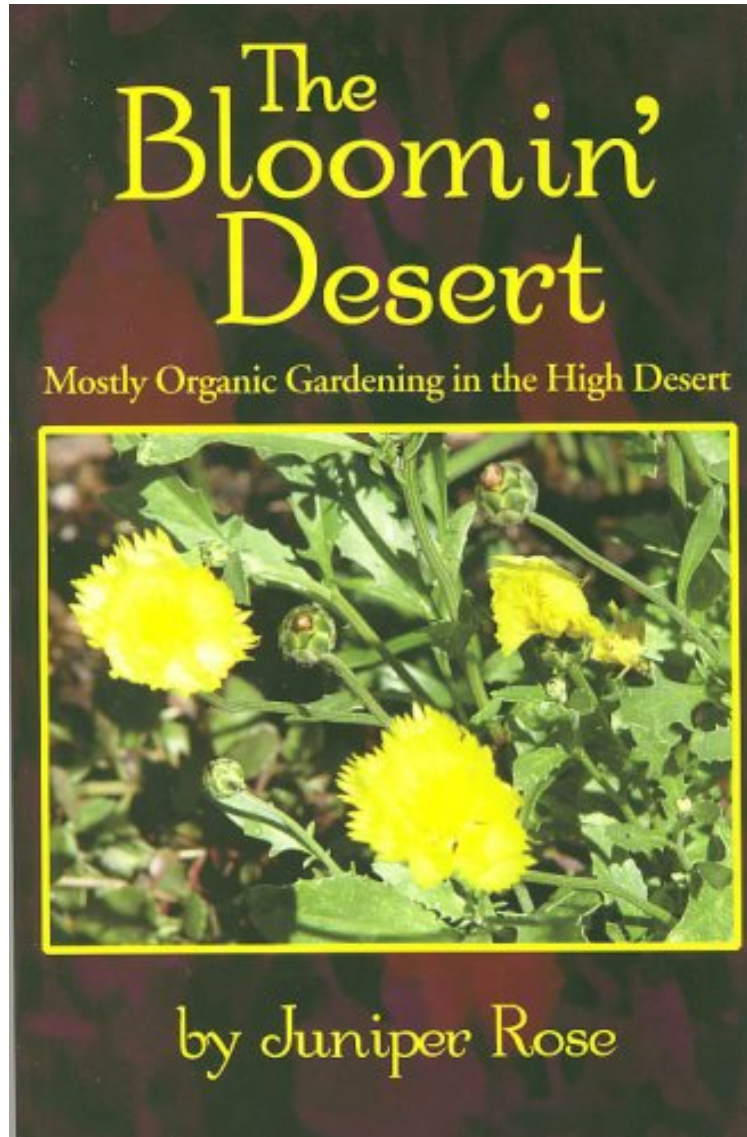


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7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. If you live in a drought-stricken area...By Molly GardenerI'm a professional gardener in the high desert so I picked up this book in a Reno book store, wondering if it was just regional to Nevada. I was surprised at how good it was. It was comprehensive about how NOT to trash your soil with nasty

chemicals, how to use water in your garden without wasting it, how to plant for wildfire protection, general information about planting, weeding, and composting, what drought-tolerant plants to use, and just about anything else you need to know to plant a garden. It even had good advice about controlling critters, keeping house plants healthy, and poisonous plants. The writing is casual and fun, the author is very knowledgeable, sneaks in some interesting historical info about gardening, and the information is right on! It gives you tips and techniques that apply to any kind of garden, but most particularly to gardens in the western U.S. in states that have serious water problems. Since the water thing isn't going to get better, I can't recommend this book highly enough if you like to garden, whether you are a professional landscaper or an amateur gardener.

A witty, informal guide to gardening in the high desert areas of the Great Basin. It begins with the author's philosophy and a short history of gardening and features chapters on: Landscape planning, xeriscaping, and firescaping; Intelligent water use; Composting and mulching; Propagating; Tools and planting tips; Identifying weeds and controlling pests; Rock and container gardening; Preventing or repairing wind and snow damage; Fruiculture, vegiculture and floriculture; Tree and shrub care; Herb Growing and use; Identification of poisonous plants; Pampering house plants.

"A great resource for Great Basin and high desert gardeners and botanical enthusiasts, and Juniper Rose is a fun read." --Joan Reynolds, Botanist, Reno, NV. Juniper Rose is a first class gardener. How she manages to coax such luxuriant and abundant growth from our unforgiving Great Basin soil and sun never ceases to amaze me." --Julie Etra, Western Botanical Services, Reno, NV.