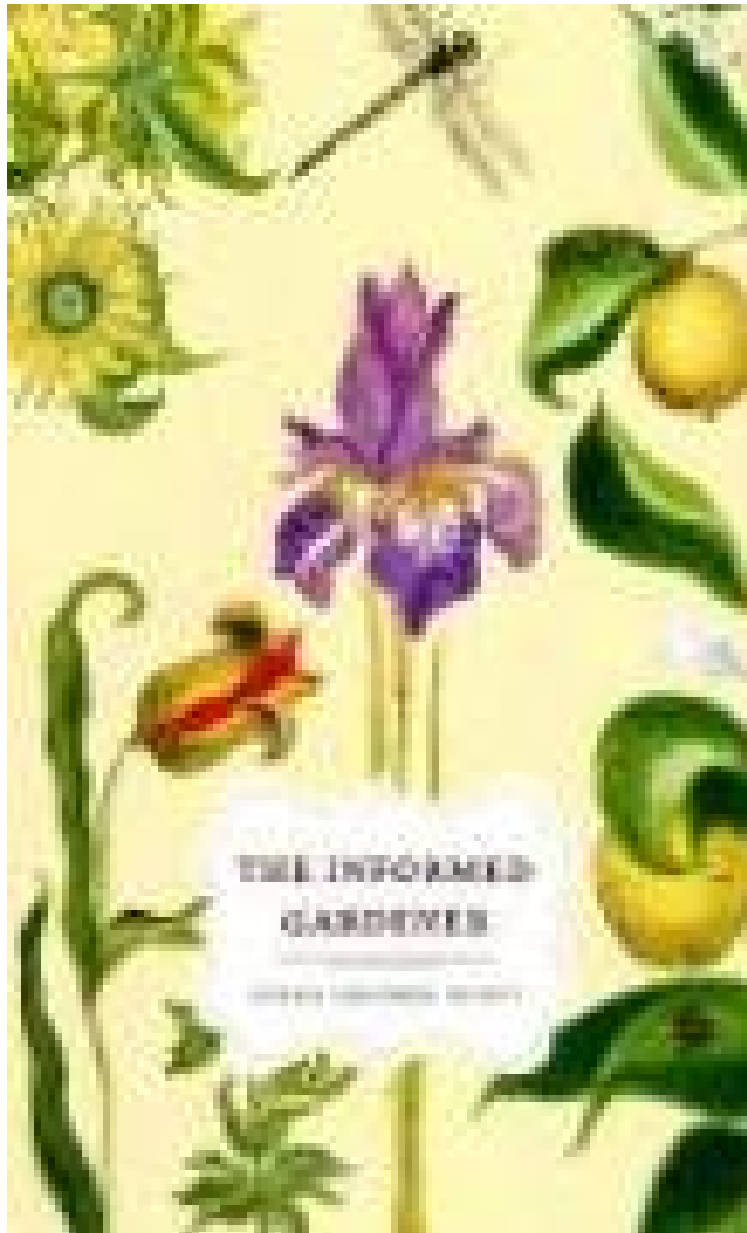


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By Susan Hall
Excellent. Amazing how often people believe clearly bogus claims when solid scientifically tested information is available. The author has researched the literature for research on many commonly held gardening beliefs to determine those which are true. Most are useless and serve only to cost money and time. Excellent example of how to use research to support or disprove many old-wives-tales.⁰ of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good information, but a misleading title.
By Lisa A
This book should be titled Myths on Permanent Landscaping or something to that effect. And had it been I would not have made the mistake of choosing this book to guide me in my efforts to grow a vegetable garden. It's not useless for someone planting a vegetable garden, but that is decidedly not the focus of the book.

Winner of the Best Book Award in the 2009 Garden Writers Association Media Awards
Named an "Outstanding Title" in University Press Books for Public and Secondary School Libraries, 2009
In this introduction to sustainable landscaping practices, Linda Chalker-Scott addresses the most common myths and misconceptions that plague home gardeners and horticultural professionals. Chalker-Scott offers invaluable advice to gardeners who have wondered:
o Are native plants the best choice for sustainable landscaping?
o Should you avoid disturbing the root ball when planting?
o Are organic products better or safer than synthetic ones?
o What is the best way to control weeds-fabric or mulch?
o Does giving vitamins to plants stimulate growth?
o Are compost teas effective in controlling diseases?
o When is the best time to water in hot weather?
o If you pay more, do you get a higher-quality plant?
o How can you differentiate good advice from bad advice?
The answers may surprise you. In her more than twenty years as a university researcher and educator in the field of plant physiology, Linda Chalker-Scott has discovered a number of so-called truths that originated in traditional agriculture and that have been applied to urban horticulture, in many cases damaging both plant and environmental health. *The Informed Gardener* is based on basic and applied research from university faculty and landscape professionals, originally published in peer-reviewed journals.
After reading this book, you will:
o Understand your landscape or garden plants as components of a living system
o Save time (by not overdoing soil preparation, weeding, pruning, staking, or replacing plants that have died before their time)
o Save money (by avoiding worthless or harmful garden products, and producing healthier, longer-lived plants)
o Reduce use of fertilizers and pesticides
o Assess marketing claims objectively
This book will be of interest to landscape architects, nursery and landscape professionals, urban foresters, arborists, certified professional horticulturists, and home gardeners.
For more information go to: <http://www.theinformedgardener.com>

"This groundbreaking book belongs in every gardener's library. Rather than pushing one viewpoint over another, the author brings a voice of reason to gardening without the usual hype."
BellaOnline
"Chalker-Scott is a one-woman Consumer Reports on gardening practices. Her book takes a look at what we think we know and what we've heard to be true, then holds it up against what research shows."
The Patriot News
"A succinct and easy-to-navigate resource . . . Chalker-Scott's instructions are clear enough for even a first-time gardener to follow."
The Bloomsbury
"This enjoyable book should find its way into the hands of almost every gardener. . . Highly recommended for public libraries with gardeners ready to tackle the literature, as well as academic and special libraries with interests in horticulture and gardening."
Library Journal
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Seattle Times
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Midwest Book
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Seattle Post-Intelligencer
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Tacoma News
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