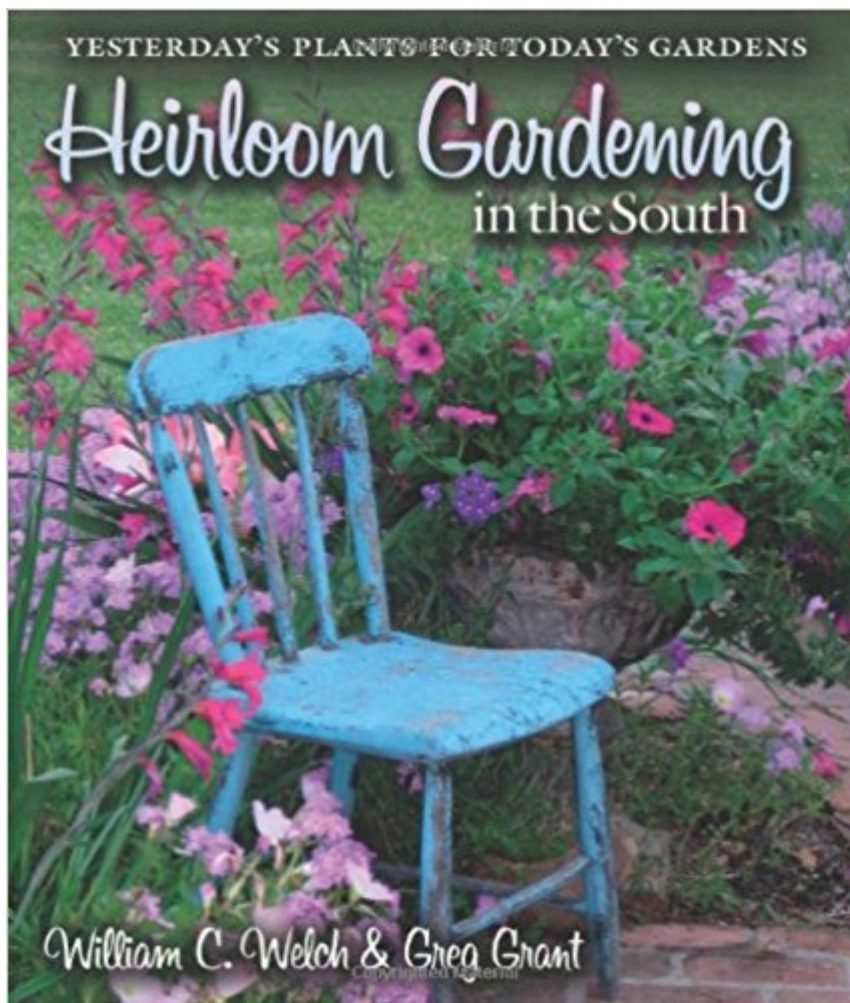


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Synopsis

New edition of a classic work on Southern heirloom gardening . . . Heirloom plants belong in Southern gardens. Tough and adapted, tried and true, pretty and useful, these living antiques--passed through countless generations--represent the foundation of traditional gardens as we know them today. Heirloom Gardening in the South is a comprehensive resource that also offers a captivating, personal encounter with two dedicated and passionate gardeners whose love of heritage gardening infuses the work from beginning to end. Anyone who wants to know how to find and grow time-honored and pass-along plants or wants to create and nurture a traditional garden is sure to find this a must-have addition to their home gardening library. Inside the book: New essays on naturalizing daffodils, slips and starts, and growing fruit; A completely updated and expanded heirloom plant encyclopedia; Revised plant lists (bulbs, cemetery plants, etc.) New material on the creation of two of the authors' personal gardens Building on the popularity of the original edition, this lively, entertaining, and informative new book from two proven experts will be enthusiastically welcomed by gardeners and horticulturists throughout Texas and the South.

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If you garden in the South, you need this book. For a lot of reasons.I remember the June days when I sat in my living room with the air conditioning running full blast while I read the White Flower Farm catalog and asked myself why all those pastel beauties pictured therein seldom made it past their

first growing season in my garden. I had books on perennials, mostly written by New Englanders who lived within spitting distance of White Flower Farm, and I followed their directions meticulously. I was even a little troubled when the writers instructed readers how to work around rock outcroppings. My garden in Louisiana had no rock outcroppings. Put "rock outcroppings" on the list with the plants in the catalog as things I needed. No telling how much time, money, and gardening pleasure those books cost me. Then along came "Heirloom Gardening in the South." The best thing it taught me was to bloom where I was planted. You'd think a person would know that, but when all the gardening books you lay hands on are written for Northeast or Pacific Northwest gardeners and you are a bookish sort, it's an easy fact to miss. I discovered "Heirloom Gardening" and the Antique Rose Emporium in Brenham, Texas, on the same day, and that was a day my life as a gardener began to change. Thank goodness, I was still young because I had a long way to go. The first thing I realized was that "heirloom gardening" was what both my parents had done all their lives and that their yard filled with camellias and azaleas and beds of bulbs and passalong plants was every bit as artistic as the paler gardens with rock outcroppings I'd been lusting after in catalogs and books.

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