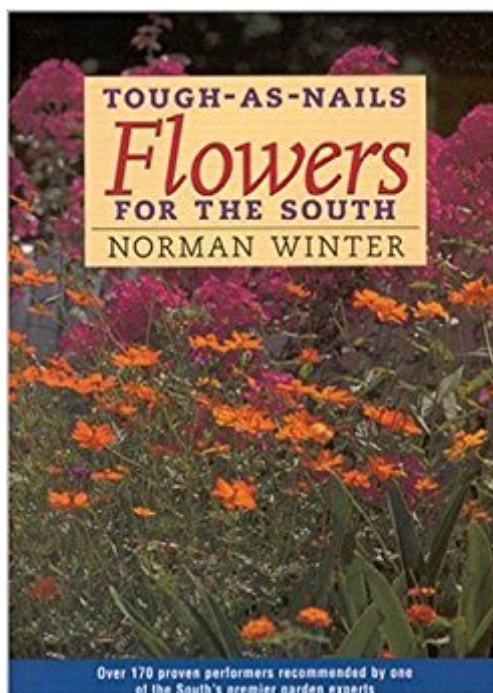


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# Tough-as-Nails Flowers For The South



## Synopsis

Do you want your garden to have four seasons of bright, colorful flowers? Do you know which plants will perform best? In *Tough-as-Nails Flowers for the South* the award-winning horticulturist Norman Winter gives the answers. Taking the guess and the gamble out of plant purchases, he names ideal annuals, perennials, bulbs, grasses, and vines for any Dixie weather. Via television, newspapers, magazines, and daily public-radio spots, Winter regularly reaches more than two million homes. For his wide audience he showcases plants that are good buys and good performers. Among the unbeatable southern stalwarts he recommends in this book are four o'clock, Bouncing Bet, and summer poinsettia. New award winners he touts are scaevola, angelonia, and Jewel of Thailand ginger. His discussions of these and many more are enhanced by some 200 full-color photographs that will assist in identification and choice. Included, too, are a guide to U.S. planting zones and a color wheel that will lead gardeners to exciting floral combinations sure to create dramatic effects. Along with a photograph of each flower come precise guidelines for proper light, water, bed preparation, fertilizers, and maintenance. In addition, Winter, a gardener with an eye for aesthetic placements, suggests companion plantings to give the landscape striking hues and lush foliage. As coordinator of the acclaimed Mississippi Medallion Program, Winter is one of the best-known gardening experts in the South. *Tough-as-Nails Flowers for the South* offers over 170 hardy bloomers, including award winners from such programs as Arkansas Select, Florida Plant of the Year, Georgia Gold Medal, Louisiana Select, Mississippi Medallion, Oklahoma Proven, TenneSelect, and Texas Superstar. Winter's recommendations perform well in any of these award-program states and throughout the South and border states. Norman Winter is the author of *Paradise Found: Growing Tropicals in Your Own Backyard* and *Mississippi Gardener's Guide*. He is the host of the popular television/radio show *Southern Gardening*. He also writes a weekly syndicated column on gardening. Known to many as the Southern Gardening Guru, he is one of the most sought-after garden lecturers in the region.

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## Customer Reviews

Winter (Mississippi's Gardener's Guide), host of the TV show Southern Gardening, helps readers achieve a beautifully appointed garden, regardless of where they live and whether or not they have a "green thumb." This attractively illustrated book is a guide to all types of flowers, from perennials to bulbs, grasses and vines. For each type of plant, Winter offers a brief boxed description including color, how much sun and water is needed, size of plant, etc. The rest of the page includes details about toughness, planting, growing, varieties and landscape use. Winter's writing is straightforward, simple but still inviting. There is a brief section on basics that explains such concepts as color, composting and fertilization. There's also a color wheel designed to help readers select complementary plants for their garden. Still, the book is primarily geared to more serious gardeners, not weekend planters, and Winter's tips are clearly intended for people with large gardens. For example, he says, "Celosia is not a flower to be spot planted. Mass plant celosia for the most effective landscape display." Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

The southerner's guidebook to selecting, growing, and utilizing superior landscape flowers

I have enjoyed studying this book and planning for my summer garden. In addition to picturing the flowers, it covers the specific needs of each flower. I highly recommend it.

wonderful advice on what to plant in a Southern garden, if you want it to thrive! Easy to follow instructions and lots of pictures of plants described, also what will look good with the plant chosen.

But, I do wish it had more shrubs listed in it... I'm not much of an annual planter, I want something that will come back the next year~

This book is full of knowledge for our area in the deep south.

Glad I got it and considering another as a gift for a relative. South Florida is backwards from most of the country planting in October.

I would highly recommend this product to anyone who is interested in learning more about plants. Has lots of plant information

A great book for Southern Gardeners. Written by a southern horticulturist who knows his audience and his plants.

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