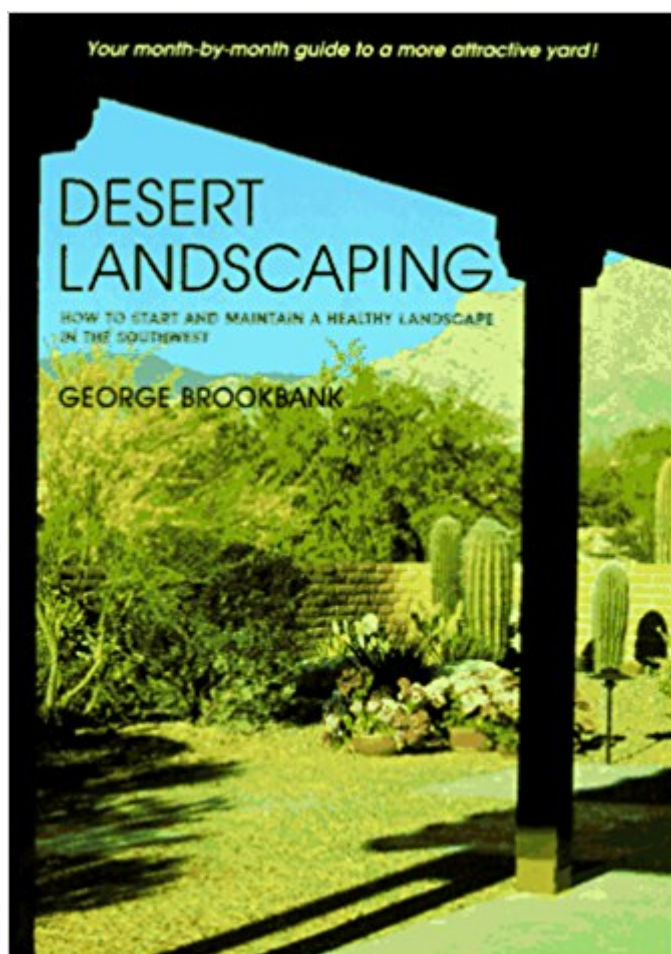


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# Desert Landscaping: How To Start And Maintain A Healthy Landscape In The Southwest



## Synopsis

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Older approach to landscape maintenance since it's publication in 1992 a lot has changed in the irrigation world. Going from enough water to drought wasn't addressed.

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Good reference

great ideas and good reading with how it should be done, wish the pictures were in color, can't get good idea in black and white

I have lived on high desert Tularosa Basin for almost six years with initial grass planted by builder / developer who also installed underground irrigation system. Overly hot, dry climate led to select grass seed planting during two or three subsequent years. But the amount of time, work and money has resulted in poor grass , unsightly, and with numerous bald spots. So it was with the reminder that trying to grow grass in a desert may not be productive that I would take a modest investment in trying a different approach. Will this be more satisfying? Ed Walsh

Not very happy with this book. The only color photo is the cover. All other photos are black and white, and don't do justice to depicting landscaping and flowers. Book was copyrighted approximaqtely 18 years ago, therefore feel it is somewhat out of date with knowledge.

Great resource for those of us who feel so left out with most landscaping texts. I live in the high

desert of Nevada that has Alpine woods 10 miles one way and arid, sagebrush prairies 5 miles the other. This book actually provides for some interesting options that shall enable me to combine some of each into a cohesive landscape plan for my yard. Some really neat ideas here!

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