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three stars; it seems like the authors spent a lot of time thinking about how to organize this book so you could find the list you were after. The problem is that no one picks a plant based upon one single criteria. One could page back and forth to see which lists contain which plants, but that seems rather more complicated than simply reading the complete descriptions in your copy of Sunset's Western Garden Book. Of course, you need to narrow your focus before diving into the Sunset book. And there is the dilemma. This book answers that dilemma, sort of. It offers a first step, a way to begin the process of elimination. But you'll drop this book immediately upon narrowing your focus. If, say, you're looking at the 13 trees in the "trees with fragrant blossoms" list and then proceed to the Sunset book to read complete descriptions of each tree you'll discover that one of the trees in the "fragrant blossoms" list (Southern Magnolia) is difficult or impossible to grow things underneath. You could also find this out by looking up "trees that are impossible to grow things underneath" in the Book of Lists, but you wouldn't know to do this without having already looked in the Sunset book. Confused yet? Basically, this book offers one way to narrow the focus a little before you begin investigating specific plants. That's worth something, I guess. However, if you are expecting that you will be able to use this book to determine the right plant for a situation, it won't work for that. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I purchased these as gifts. This is the most ...By Juli L., Spruill purchased these as gifts. This is the most used book ever, NO gardener in the Pacific NW should be without it...the lists tell you: what to plant under windows that will stay short, what to plant in the shade, what to plant in wet places, etc. An invaluable book to keep close and at hand.

The Pacific Northwest Gardener's Book of Lists is the definitive gardening guide for gardeners in this area. Included are such interesting lists as: annuals that attract beneficial insects, perennials for autumn color, hostas for full sun, annuals for dry shade, trees with weeping character, and more.

Dozens of plant lists citing appropriate choices with regard to all sorts of requirements, from the obvious (such as low-maintenance) to the esoteric (such as groundcovers for cracks and crevices). The books' authors also include ideas and suggestions on a vast range of topics from regional horticultural experts. Gardeners can never have too many plants. A list-lover's dream come true. (HortIdeas Magazine) The format lends itself to quick problem-solving including what to plant in a difficult site, what to plant for winter interest, shrubs with berries or hostas that tolerate sun. The book is laced with quotes from local experts and avid amateur gardeners. (The Oregonian) This is a must for local gardeners to add to their gardening library. (Garden Showcase)...[this book's] basic premise is to share information on what works and what doesn't. Well-organized and handy. (The Redmond Spokesman)...a wonderful resource book for Northwest gardeners. When you purchase the book, be sure to purchase two highlighter pens. You will run out of ink on the first pen about half-way through. (Liz Douville Bend Bulletin) People love lists. They love the conciseness, the choices inherent in them, the straightforwardness. Now in one little book, you get more than 200 lists to answer almost any plant question you can come up with. This is definitely one book to put on your must-have list. (Oregonian) Do we really need more lists? Yes, when they are as useful as those in The Pacific Northwest Gardener's Book of Lists. (Valerie Easton The Seattle Times) The nifty book delivers just what its title promises: lots of lists that make gardening easier for folks who are lucky enough to live in the Pacific Northwest. (Nmpro Magazine) Beginning gardeners, those new to the Northwest or anyone who likes seeing a range of options should check out this book. (Stefanie Knowlton, Statesman Journal)