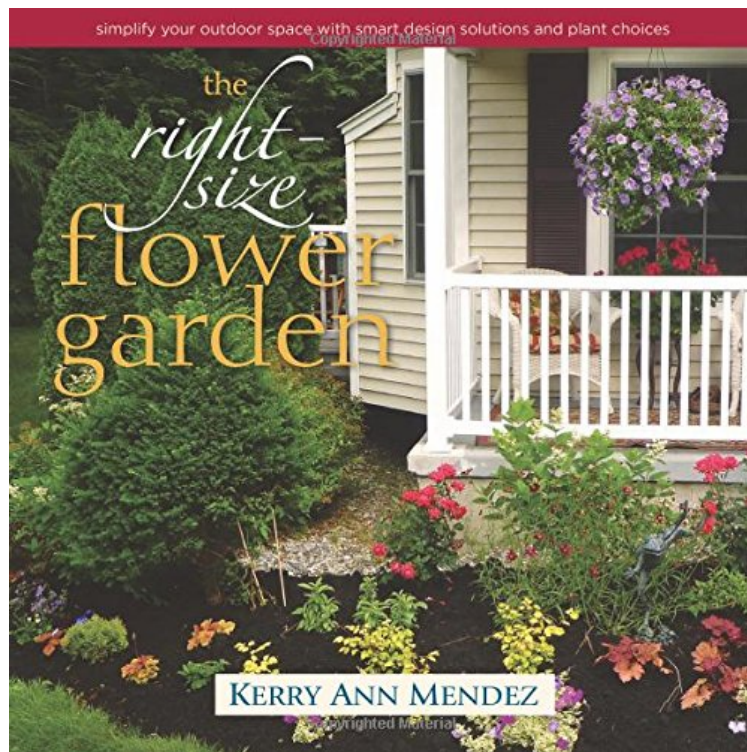


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14 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Just say no to dryer sheets under the catmint and spray paint on the hydrangeasBy Lisa JGreat idea, making the garden 'right-sized.' This book? Not so much.1. All - and I mean all - of her primary information is already covered, and better, in more useful books. I recommend Susan Roth's *The Weekend Garden Guide*, which I'm still using, twenty years after I bought it.2. The breezy tone is forced and began to grate on me quickly. In addition, there's too much information here about her own life, which I'm not seeking in a garden book. Just give me the ideas about the garden and I'm happy.3. This one wins my award for the most bizarre (and not necessarily labor-saving) gardening ideas ever. Make hydrangea growing easier by going outside at night and spray-painting the blossoms on your lacecaps? Grow catmint instead of lavender, but put lavender-scented dryer sheets under the catmint to simulate the smell of lavender? And what in the world are "brazelberries," something she gushes about in a picture but never explains (not even in the index)?4. I'm really put off by product-placement ads embedded

in books. (To be fair, Mendez is not the only author who does this.) The glow-in-the-dark plastic planting pots she features (and pictures) are nothing more than advertising for a well-known mail-order firm. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I love Kerry's humor
By donna Deming I love Kerry's humor. I love that she had amazing big gardens and bought all sorts of amazing plants and her gardens were featured in magazines, but then she realized she could not keep on with the same size gardens any more. So, she knows what it's like to want more and more plants, but that there can be joy in downsizing the garden, too. Many times in garden books, I skim the words and focus more on the photo's but I read her book all the way through, three times. Of course, it does have wonderful pictures, too. I especially like the before and after comparisons. I'm wanting to keep the same large flower beds, but to reduce the amount of work by having more beautiful shrubs and less small plants and this book is very helpful for advice on some of the best multi-season shrubs. I first checked this book out from the library, but then had to have it for myself. Love it. I think you will, too. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I can't imagine a better book
By Bonnie I can't imagine a better book for me - to make and keep great looking gardens without giving over a huge amount of my life to keeping them going. Her focused selection of high performance plants that require minimal care is exceptional. Can't wait for spring when I start taking steps to implement her suggestions. I attended one of her lectures which followed the same topics as in the book but with a two page sheet handout that provide a condensed list of plants for every growing condition in the northeastern United States. She moved not long ago and seeing photos of her new right-sized gardens, which she maintains with only 1-2 hours a month of effort, were nothing short of amazing.

Today, the reality of a bigger is better garden no longer holds the same allure as a small is beautiful one. Were busy, were aging, and the demands of the garden can feel overwhelming. What to do? Make smarter use of the space we have and the plants we select, says garden expert Kerry Ann Mendez. In *The Right-Size Flower Garden*, she shares her successful recipe for having a garden we can manage and love again...the right-size, low maintenance, drought tolerant garden. The goal is ditching 50% of the work by choosing high-value plants and making simple design changes. You'll learn which plants to switch out, which ones aren't worth the effort, and which tools and practices will take the chore out of gardening. *The Right-Size Flower Garden* is filled with beautiful full-color photos, practical tips, plant lists, and valuable shortcuts to success.

"*The Right-Size Flower Garden: Simplify Your Outdoor Space with Smart Design Solutions and Plant Choices*" (St. Lynn's Press) is a guide for garden enthusiasts and "plantaholics" who find they have more than they can handle in their landscapes. The culprit, typically, is overplanting, choosing the wrong plants or simply the advance of time. (Kari Richardson Chicago Tribune) The pretty pictures we're used to are here in Mendez' book, including before-and-afters of her own right-sized perennial beds. She also suggests plants for easy care or best use of small space as well as fussy, time-sucking plants to avoid. But if you're wondering how to simplify and where to begin, Mendez will talk you through it like a kind friend. And that, as La Martha might say, is a good thing. (Helen Sarah Battersby Toronto Gardens) *The Right-Size Flower Garden* by Kerry Ann Mendez (St. Lynn's Press) is liberating. Many of us want gorgeous landscaping, bountiful veggie gardens and yards that make our neighbors jealous. Often we spend an extraordinary amount of time and money to obtain those results. When we fall short, we become disappointed and the yard doesn't look its best. (We have all said, "That used to be a great yard until the new people moved in.") Mendez suggests admitting you may not have the desire or energy to maintain the garden you think you should have. (Jill Sell Cleveland Plain Dealer) *The Right-size Flower Garden* isn't an encyclopedia of plants for a low-maintenance garden. It's a hand-holding workbook that encourages over-gardeners to prune, pluck and otherwise eliminate the most likely culprits that enslave us. (Jean Starr Petal Talk) The book, "*The Right-Size Flower Garden*," provides excellent suggestions to simplify the garden by selecting the right plants and using a few smart gardening techniques. (Sue Kittek The Morning Call) It's the right idea at the right time for boomers and others who still love to garden or spend time outdoors but don't have the time (or healthy backs) to keep up their former hectic pace. (Debbie Arrington The Sacramento Bee) About the Author Kerry Ann Mendez is the owner of Perennially Yours, a landscaping company focusing on the art of low-maintenance perennial gardening. Perennially Yours gardens have been featured in numerous garden and lifestyle magazines, newspapers, radio and television shows. Mendez is the author of *The Ultimate Flower Gardeners Top Ten Lists* and *Top Ten Lists for Beautiful Shade*, and is the founder of the annual Great Gardens and Landscaping Symposia at the Equinox Resort in Vermont. A busy lecturer and teacher, she gives over 25 workshops and 60-70 talks yearly. She recently hosted 6 national webinars for Horticulture magazine. www.pyours.com.