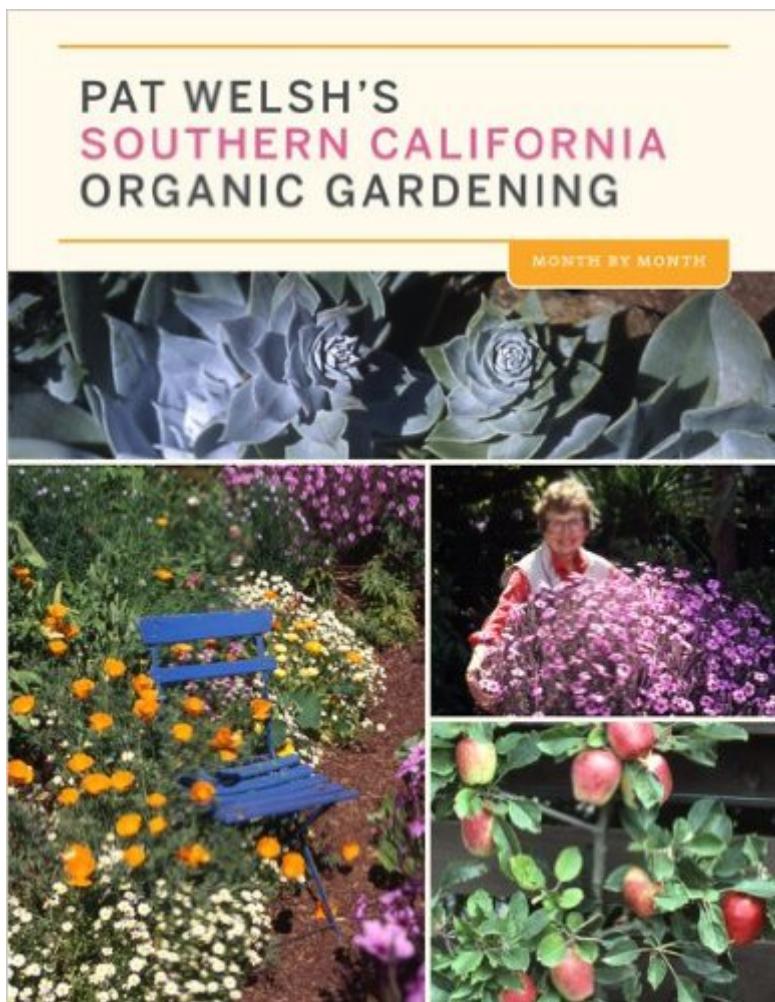


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Pat Welsh's Southern California Organic Gardening (3rd Edition): Month By Month



Synopsis

In this completely revised and updated classic, beloved garden expert Pat Welsh shares how to garden the organic way. This latest edition includes 40 new color photographs; a simple month-by-month format that shows gardeners exactly what to do throughout the year; terrific advice on gardening with drought-tolerant and fire-resistant plants; and plenty of fresh information on organic soils, fertilizers, and pest control. Useful for newbies and seasoned green thumbs alike, Pat Welsh's Southern California Organic Gardening is the indispensable guide for every Southern California gardener.

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Customer Reviews

I love this book. My garden is still a hot mess, but not because of a lack of info, only because of lack of energy and commitment. I love that it speaks to specifically southern California and our struggles here to keep plants alive in a desert climate. I live about 5 miles from the beach and we have our own microclimate. Many plants have paid with their lives, but this book addresses issues to help keep them safe and alive. She goes month by month on what we should be doing and of course you can read ahead to know what you will be doing. This helps with budgeting as well. No surprises and some really easy advice to follow. Each page has a wealth of knowledge and gems that you would find in the nooks of the book. If you are in So Cal and are interested in gardening, you should already be an owner of this book.

While the Suset "Western Guidebook" is the quintessential book for all those who garden in the area, it is wonderful to read a book such as this that addresses our area specifically. What is especially helpful is the monthly guide for planting and garden care. With good advice to organic garden care. For anybody who lives in So. Cal., I recommend this book highly.

This book puts the months of the year as it relates to my garden into perspective. I know what to do and I know when to do it. I have learned so many things. Over the last five years I read the coming month as it closes in. It's easy to digest one month at a time. I keep learning new things and attempt new ones as I'm ready to do more. Even if you are not into growing vegetables it says so much on maintaining your lawn, shrubs, roses and trees. When (and how) to plant flowers. On top of all that the book discusses options for low-water plants and water saving techniques. Finally - this book has allowed me to enjoy my yard more as I have found ways to make it easier and require less time to get more out of it. If you are not from Southern California it's still a great book especially if you live in the South where winters are light.

I think that if I had a little more basic gardening skills this book would be so helpful. And I think eventually it will be my gardening bible. But for someone like me who is just starting out, it makes everything seem really overwhelming. I think I should have started with gardening for dummies and moved on from there! But so far I have used it to figure out what to plant this fall in my area of California and that was really helpful in picking out seeds and plants at the nursery.

I bought this Pat Welsh book from in 2011. The book is specifically written for Southern California gardeners. Its key contribution is a monthly "check list" and discussion of tasks to complete each month of the year. The book simplifies management of one's gardens including fertilizing, pruning, planting, and other tasks. Very practical and easy to work with. Pat's an experienced and gifted no-nonsense instructor. She also offers personal gardening advice online.

The author gives very good tips on growing quite a variety of plants. I especially like the "things to do this month" check list at the end of each section. The only possible negative is that I doubt that most of us casual gardeners would be able to put in the time she seems to spend keeping it all green and healthy. Still I would recommend this book.

Very nice book. Faster than the internet. That is how I judge a book. If I can find more useful

information faster than I can browse the internet then that is a book worth reading. Certainly didn't answer all my questions, but definitely expanded my knowledge of what I now know I need to know.

This is an excellent book for Southern California gardeners. The author tells you month by month what you need to do to keep your garden looking good. For example, using certain fertilizers in one month can help your plants grow or flower in later months.

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