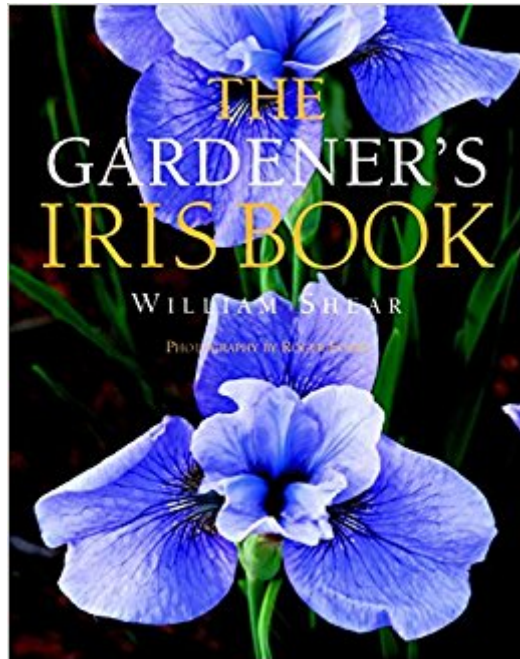


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# The Gardener's Iris Book



## Synopsis

Of all the iris books on the market, *The Gardener's Iris Book* is the first one keyed specifically to the American gardener. Author William Shear shares his expertise gained from 40 years of tending irises in almost every area of the country. Starting with the Tall Bearded Iris, the book features iris types that will cover almost any garden conditions -- dry, wet, shady, or sunny. Step-by-step instructions and photos make choosing, planting, and growing irises simple. You'll find complete instructions on:

- Choosing the best varieties for your garden
- The when and how of planting irises
- Coaxing more blooms from each plant
- Dividing rhizomes
- Controlling pests safely
- Creating your own hybrids

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

No Bio --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

As a lover of gardening, this book has proven to be very helpful in choosing and planning for a beautiful display of irises for the coming spring. As a new collector of irises, I wanted an authoritative book that would help me to create a colorful display during the entire growing season and "The Gardener's Iris Book" taught me which plants to choose according to its individual bloom season, height, color and re-bloom appeal. I look forward to becoming known as the "iris lady" on the block in the coming years.

This is definitely a book for a beginner. If you want some more detailed information, there are much better books such as the older but more comprehensive *World of Irises*. Pictures are very variable but many have annoying shadows and most could be improved by cropping. Some are shot at odd angles, giving sort of distorted views of the iris. The distribution of the text is very odd in that the very popular median classes of bearded irises are treated peripherally but there is a longer discourse on English and Juno irises that are hard to even obtain in the US and grow across a narrow climactic range. Some of the cultural information is suspect too.

This is a great over-all introduction to irises of all types, with specific instructions on planting and caring for all sorts of irises, but especially interesting to me because of the detailed instructions for caring for tall bearded irises. There are very good, clear recommendations for dealing with pests, planting, and fertilizing. I have been following this advice since I received the book and feel more confident about caring for my iris collection now.

There was a misunderstanding about what I ordered, but it was my fault. I appreciated the interest of Best Book Depot and in resolving this issue. I love the Book and would give Best Book Depot an excellent recommendation. This book is a classic and definitely one to keep as a reference for the future.

This book is full of practical advice on all aspects of growing iris, including all the varieties. I highly recommend this book! There's a great section on iris for various growing conditions, including aril iris which I love. This book is a better general reference than *The Iris Encyclopedia* by Austin, and I found more useful information than in Kelly Norris's book. Get it, you won't be sorry!!

Excellent condition.....near perfect. Although advertised as good condition, it was much better than that. Very satisfied

recieved in timely fashion and excellent condition. Thanks. This book is very complete for someone curious in the care of Iris

The Gardener's Iris Book by William Shear contains broad yet very detailed information about all types of irises and clear instructions on their cultivation and division. I bought it because it was highly recommended in a Schreiner's Iris Gardens catalog, and I was not disappointed. The

photographs are excellent. It holds a wealth of useful information and is very interesting to read.

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