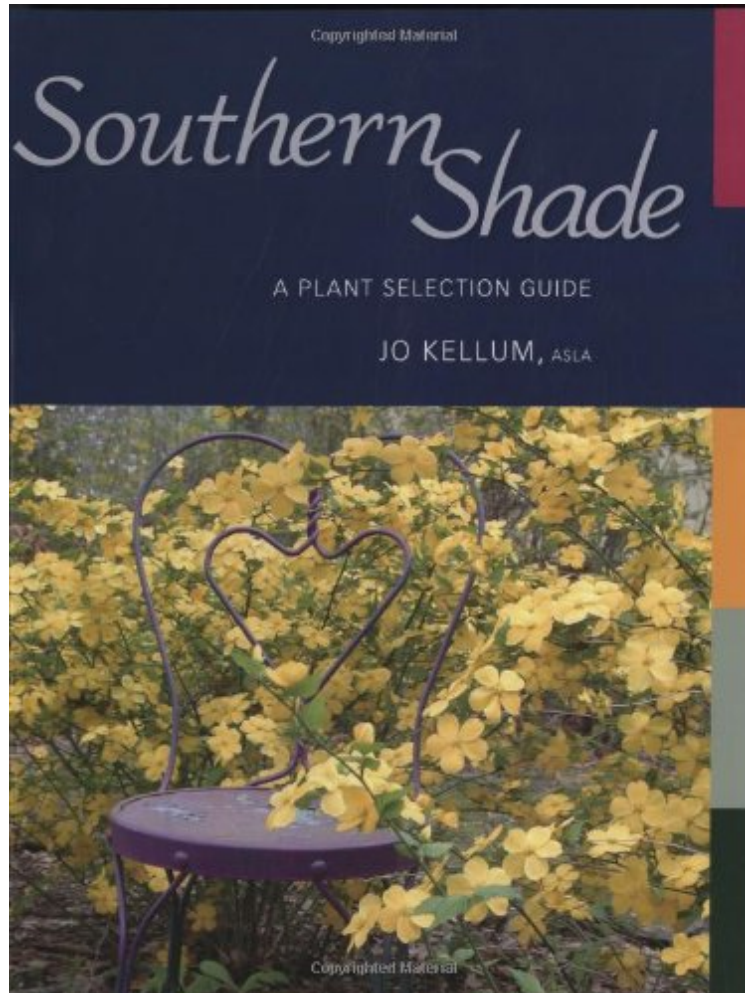


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valuable resource for southern gardeners with shade. I even learned that blue hosta do not fare as well as the green and gold varieties in our climate and heat which explains why the Elegans I planted last year wilted and parched. I found her articles on various shade perennials, annuals and shrubs very helpful as I try to landscape our creek and goldfish pond area which are shaded by deciduous trees.

Figuring out what to grow in the shade is challenge enough. Throw in factors that affect southern gardeners, and the topic becomes as thorny as wild blackberry. Shade varies at different times of day, and gardeners need to take this into account. Shade changes from season to season, too, even within the same yard. In *Southern Shade: A Plant Selection Guide*, landscape expert Jo Kellum takes the mystery out of the murky parts of the yard. Some plants desire rich, moist soil, decaying leaves, and just a bit of sunlight that filters through leafy tree canopies. Others need shade all day long. Still, others thrive in morning shade, followed by afternoon sun or the reverse. Sometimes the soil beneath trees can be notoriously dry where tree roots absorb all the available moisture. Jo Kellum lets gardeners know what to grow in the gloom and illustrates her choices with over two hundred color photographs. Homeowners need advice about landscaping workhorses for the shade--trees, shrubs, groundcovers, and vines--in addition to annuals and perennials. Unfortunately, "shade gardening" seems to apply mainly to dainty plants that don't solve the problem of how to fill a wet, shadowy spot or how to block the view of the neighbor's air conditioning unit. *Southern Shade* helps the gardener pick the right plant for the right kind of shady area. There are recommendations for little flowers, big trees, and everything in between. Jo Kellum's advice is simple for beginners, yet complete enough for professionals. It makes an ideal companion when shopping. For those facing both shade and sun and looking for ideas suitable for sunny spots, Kellum has also written *Southern Sun: A Plant Selection Guide*. Jo Kellum is a landscape architect, writer, and photographer based in Signal Mountain, Tennessee. She has authored regional editions of *Landscaping 1-2-3* for Home Depot Books and gardening and landscaping titles in Ortho's All About series. Her work has appeared in *Southern Living*, *Landscape Architecture Magazine*, *Country Gardens*, *Renovation Style*, and other magazines.

Gardening in the shade can challenge us all especially when it comes to the light nuances Southern gardeners face. Garden writer, landscape architect, and photographer Jo Kellum turns this challenge into a recipe for success by providing detailed plant lists and planting combination suggestions that act as an easy-to-follow guide. Kellum's friendly how-to tips and lush photos help step gardeners through the shade-gardening process to turn one of the trickiest areas of the garden into one that, as Kellum says, is filled with glamour in the shadows. --Samantha S. Thorpe, editor, *Country Gardens* magazine
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