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**George Schenk : The Complete Shade Gardener** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Complete Shade Gardener:

61 of 62 people found the following review helpful. Valuable resource for the gardenerBy Dianne FosterThis book is the bible of shade gardening. (I bought a paper-back version in 1985 ....., and have used ever since.) A big Walnut Tree shades my back yard and I alternately curse and bless it. I want a cool patio on a hot summer afternoon, but the Walnut tree makes gardening a challenge. Using Schenk's book, I have learned how to grow pleasing and pretty plants in the dry shade under it. Probably the best part of Schenk's book is his discussion of trees and shrubs. Many gardeners, even experienced ones, pay the least amount of attention to the trees affecting the ground they are trying to cultivate. Trees do matter. Some trees create more problems than others. Most of us discover too late that Maple trees are not the gardeners' best friend. (Those cute little maple trees from the Japanese hybridists are a possible exception.) Mr. Schenk shares many good thoughts on making a beautiful, not just passable garden under your shade tree(s). 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Awesome book, a real gem!By ericjwinMust have book for every gardener!Excellent Seller, as described, will buy again 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Favorite garden book everBy Charles G. MooreI first read this book about 15 years ago, and I mean that I read it cover to cover, rather than just using it to look things up in the way that I have used other gardening books. Schenk is an excellent writer and dishes the dirt on plants and gardening in general, including just how much maintenance a "low-maintenance" lawn-alternative ground cover will require. All this is good, but the reason this has remained my favorite garden book ever, one I return to when I have a question or want some inspiration, and re-read with pleasure every few

years, is the sense of humor Schenk conveys along with his devotion to gardens and gardening--although we've never met, I feel he's a close friend.