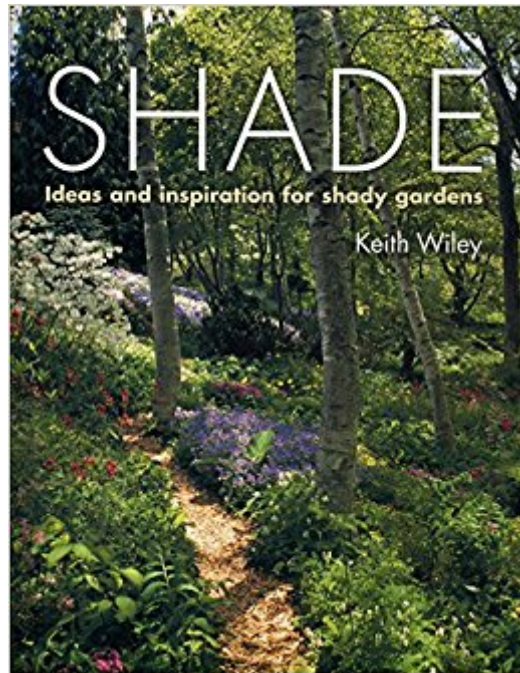




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# Shade: Planting Solutions For Shady Gardens



## Synopsis

Every garden has some shade—some gardens are even completely shaded—and gardeners tend to see shade as a problem. Questions about what to plant in shady parts of the garden are among the most frequent posed in gardening magazines, radio phone-ins, and online discussions. In this innovative book, award-winning gardening expert Keith Wiley turns all the familiar preconceptions on their heads by presenting garden shade in a positive light. Wiley first discusses shade—from dappled and partial to full and dense—in different situations and in every size and type of garden. He then considers the characteristics of shade-loving plants, showing how to use them with companions to create striking designs. He also looks at the practicalities of preparing, planting, and maintaining a shade garden. Complete with a directory of shade-loving plants, *Shade* shows you how to turn shady areas into highlights in your garden.

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“It is easy to imagine strolling through gardens with the author, listening to him comment on the various plants and groupings and share his horticulture wisdom.”—*Library Journal*  
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“Full of valuable information, gorgeous photos, and great ideas. It is an easy read and is recommended for anyone interested in gardening or wondering what to do with that pesky, shady corner in the yard where it

seems that nothing will grow. ” “Gardens North ” “For gardeners unsure or cautious about shade, this is an inspiring book, whose colorful pictures of plants and plantings, together with authoritative yet readable prose, will fire up the determination to grow a wider variety of shade plants in creative ways. ” HortResources Newsletter “Two valuable chapters in this well-photographed book are the ones on Urban Retreats and on Combining Shade Lovers. . . . This book is for those who love trees and the opportunities to bask in comforting shade. ” Highline Times “Challenges readers to cherish, not chastise, the dappled areas and turn them into garden highlights. Photographs of inspiring shady places and plantings and a directory of appropriate plants make this book a good start for dark-side nay-sayers. ” Denver Post “A complete and comprehensive single volume reference that is as user friendly as it is innovative and inspiring. No personal, horticultural department, plant nursery, or community library garden reference collection should be without a copy of [it]! ” Midwest Book Review “Beautifully illustrated by the author’s exquisite photographs. . . . it’s a worthwhile addition to any gardener’s library. ” Southeast Missouri Master Gardener News “In this nicely photographed hardback, [Wiley] tells about the different kinds of shade, offers a variety of practical design tips for shade, discusses how to combine plants in shade gardens and finishes off with a directory of some of his favorite shade-loving species. ” Harrisburg Patriot-News

Every garden has some shade – some gardens are mostly shaded. Unfortunately, most gardeners see shade as a problem. Questions about what to plant in shady parts of the garden are among the most frequent posed in gardeners’ magazines, phone-ins, and online discussions. In *Shade*, award-winning gardening expert Keith Wiley turns all the familiar preconceptions on their heads by presenting garden shade in a positive light, showing how you can create tapestries of color using wild woodland flowers from around the world, as well as modern varieties derived from them. Keith Wiley first discusses shade – from dappled and partial to full and dense – in different situations and in every size and type of garden. He then considers the characteristics of shade-loving plants, showing how to use them with companions to create striking designs. He also looks at the practicalities of preparing, planting, and maintaining a shade garden. Complete with a directory of shade-loving plants, *Shade* shows you how to turn shady areas into the highlights of your garden.

It's an ok book, has lots of nice pictures but I don't like it as well as the BHG book on Shade gardening

nice gift for new homeowner

Great landscaping suggestions.

This book has tons of amazing photographs, but doesn't follow through in my book. I wanted more information, and ideas that were not just illustrated. I have tons of shade in my garden, but I don't think the average gardener could just look at these pictures, and know how to replicate them in their gardens. Great for the coffee table.

When you have trees there is so much you can do to create mid level environments for wild life. I personally try to use as many native species as possible because our creatures have evolved to live with them. Great book!!!

This book appears to focus on large estate size areas, rather than typical home lots. I have only skimmed the book and it's presentation is to look at shade in nature/woodlands. The photos are nice, but no quick ideas.

Almost every gardener in every horticultural zone must deal with the problems and possibilities of growing plants under shade or semi-shade conditions. "Shade: Ideas And Inspirations For Shady Gardens" by horticulturist and garden designer Keith Wiley provides a profusely illustrated compilation of shade tolerant plants and gardening ideas that can transform any shaded garden into a visual paradise of flourishing plant life. "Shade" covers the full spectrum of garden shade conditions from dappled to partial to full shading in every size of garden plot. All of the characteristics of shade loving plants are addressed, along with how to use them with companions to create striking designs. Also addressed are the practicalities of preparing, planting and maintaining a shade garden. Enhanced with a directory of shad-loving plants, and drawing upon his many years of experience and expertise, Keith Wiley's "Shade" is a complete and comprehensive single volume reference that is as 'user friendly' as it is innovative and inspiring. No personal, horticultural department, plant nursery, or community library Gardening Reference collection should be without a copy of Keith Wiley's "Shade"!

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