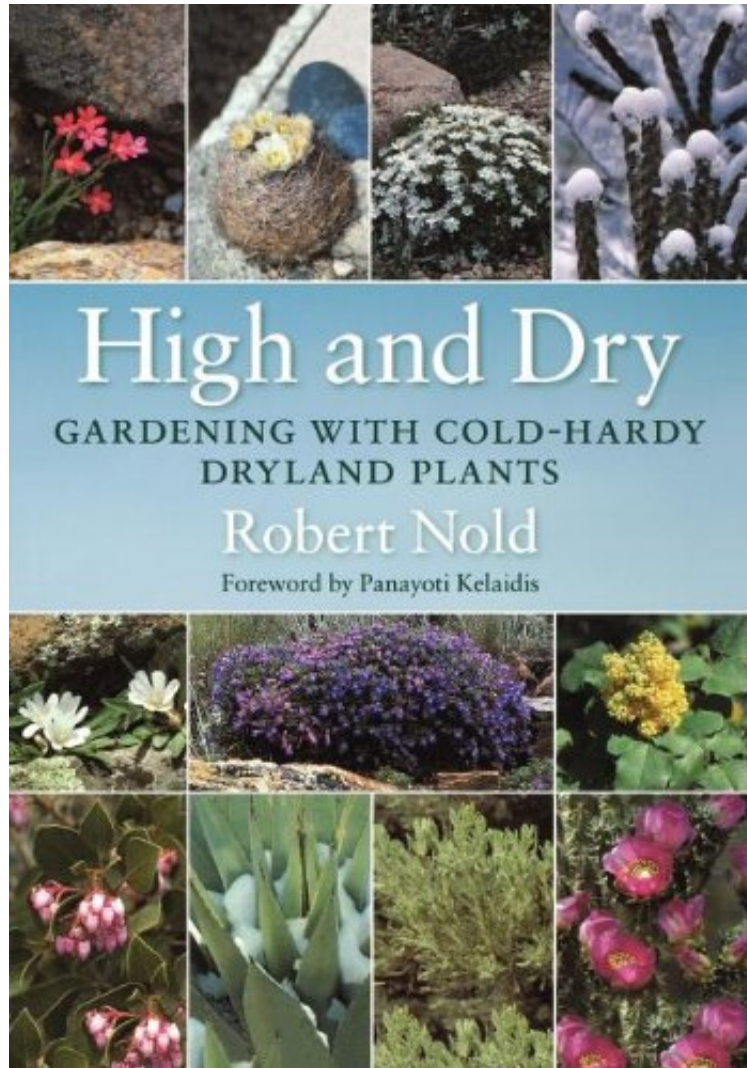


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**Robert Nold : High and Dry: Gardening with Cold-Hardy Dryland Plants** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised High and Dry: Gardening with Cold-Hardy Dryland Plants:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Witty writing but not always on the money By UtahNold clearly has a lifetime of personal experience with high and dry gardening, but some of his advice seems restricted to his experience and/or corner of the West. For example, he says that propagating rabbitbrush from seed is difficult to impossible; if he still wants rabbitbrush seedlings I have roughly 3,987,122 volunteers I'd love to get rid of! Nonetheless, the writing is entertaining and the references on individual native plants are unparalleled, although again somewhat constrained by Nold's experiences (which often conflicts with the lessons learned in dry gardens in northern

Utah's limey clay soils). Overall the reference section is the best I've seen for true native plant gardeners in the Intermountain West. 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Thought-provoking and hilarious. By Pat in Northern Utah. As a fairly recent transplant from coastal So. Calif. (Sunset Books Zone 24) to northern Utah (Sunset Zone 3A) about to embark on taming the huge expanse of swampy bluegrass in the yard (can't call it a garden yet) my newly-purchased home, I am thrilled to have found Nold's book. I really don't think I will have the courage to do a fully dry-garden approach as he does, but I found his narrative extremely thought-provoking and wise. The fact that it is frequently hilarious is an added bonus. Some reviews have criticized the book because it is somehow not a complete guide. I never had the impression that it was intended as such. And, who has just one garden book, anyway? The illustrations are really nice, although as some said, there may not be enough of them; that is easily remedied by reference to another book or so. I didn't really see this book so much as a plant guide (although the author may have intended that) as much as I valued the discussion of the ways in which gardening in the "Intermountain West" is so much different from gardening anywhere else. I appreciated his take on the reasons why people seem to think all gardens, wherever they are, must somehow emulate the ones they had elsewhere. And, learning that well-drained soil and the addition of copious amounts of organic matter may not be necessary was music to my ears. If you just want a book for looking up things, probably this is not for you, but if you, like me, read garden books (or cookbooks) for the pleasure of reading them, I highly recommend this one. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Quite entertaining and well written. A great combination of gardening and humor. By Bret Seligman. Wonderfully written and edited book. Some of the species mentioned are also gateways to other varieties in the same species. One I began reading this book, I read it cover to cover in three short days. A bit of humor is difficult to blend with gardening books; however, Robert Nold is a Master. A wonderful read and a useful source of information.

A must-have for any gardener facing the daunting challenge of scorching summers and brutally cold winters. A black-and-white edition.

From Booklist. Nold aims his expert eye on America's Big Sky high country, providing all who garden in the cold, dry landscape of Rocky Mountain regions with a truly incisive resource for selecting ornamental plants. Summers extreme heat is considered, along with frigid winters and semiarid conditions, as Nold recommends a wondrous selection of appropriate bulbs and perennials, annuals and grasses, shrubs and cacti. A plant-lover's zeal defines the chapter devoted to species for rock gardens, where Nold puts forward plants that promise to be easily grown, although mostly from seed. The book's trove of plants is brought to life through detailed advice based upon Nold's hard-won understanding of gardening in Denver's unique climatic conditions. Extensive plant profiles offer descriptions of plants, their habits, and cultural requirements. Moreover, entries are filled with Nold's personal experience, helping to govern readers' choices as they look to create their own beautiful gardens. --Alice Joyce "A must-have primer for the water-conscious gardener."