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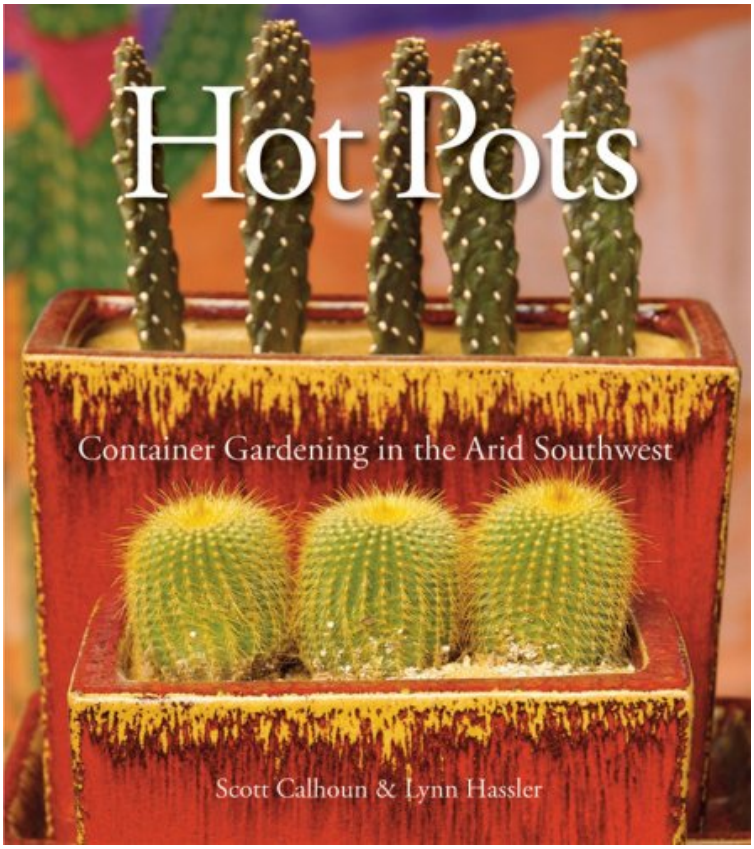

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Calhoun and Hassler provide a unique approach to container gardening by creating a guide that is specific to the Southwest region. They offer detailed information about creating a decorative yard, patio, or balcony in arid climates and discuss the variety of plant options available.

About the AuthorScott Calhoun is the author of The Hot Garden, Yard Full of Sun (which was a 2006 American Horticultural Society Book of the Year), and Chasing Wildflowers, which was a winner of the Garden Writers Association 2008 Silver Award of Achievement. A full time freelancer maintaining a rigorous schedule, Calhoun works as a writer, teacher, and garden designer. His company, Zona Gardens, is located is Tucson, Arizona.Lynn Hassler is the author of several nature books, including Birds of the American Southwest, Hummingbirds of the American West, Gambels Quail, and Roadrunners. She worked for the Tucson Botanical Gardens for 14 years covering a variety of job responsibilities, including Nursery Manager, Director of Education, and Director of Horticulture. She lives in Tucson, Arizona.