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75 GREAT AMERICAN GARDEN BOOKS

The following books are among the best garden literature published between the Society's founding in 1922 and its 75th anniversary in 1997. The selection committee looked first for American books, published in America for American gardeners, and written primarily by American authors. They were further evaluated on the basis of authority; geographical diversity; precedent-setting topic or approach; utility, clarity, and accuracy; originality of writing style; enrichment of the reader's awareness of the natural world, beauty and appropriateness of photographs or illustrations; and quality of production. The most recent date of publication is given first, followed by the original date of publication. Some have become rare or are only available in botanical libraries, and others now have updated editions available.

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12. **Author:** Courtright, Gordon: Timber Press, Inc., 1988
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19. **Author:** Dumbarton Oaks Colloquium: Dumbarton Oaks Trustees for Harvard University, 1983
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20. **Author:** Elbert, Virginie F.; Elbert, George: Timber Press, Inc., 1989
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21. **Author:** Everett, Thomas H.: Garland Publishing Co., 1981
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22. **Author:** Fairchild, David: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1938
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23. **Author:** Foster, H. Lincoln: Timber Press, Inc., 1982 (1968)
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27. **Author:** Greenlee, John: Rodale Press, Inc., 1992
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31. **Author:** Hill, Lewis: Garden Way Publishing, 1985
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47. **Author:** Phillips, Harry R.: University of North Carolina Press, 1985
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49. **Author:** Poor, Janet Meakin, ed., Garden Club of America: Timber Press, Inc., 1984
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