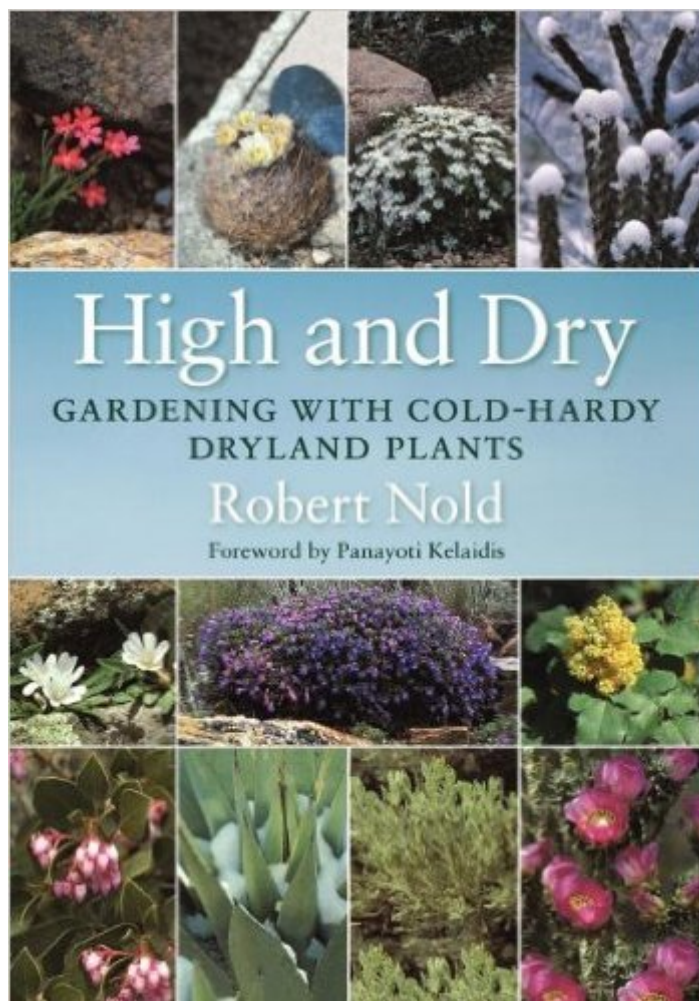


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# High And Dry: Gardening With Cold-Hardy Dryland Plants



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

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Since moving from the maritime Northwest USA eight years ago, I've pored over dozens of articles and quite a few books about gardening in the high plains, the semi-arid environment where we now make our home. I came here understanding that I would have to learn to garden differently; I didn't understand that for many gardeners here, including some writers, a garden is something to turn on and off, according to the water sprinkler's season. What I've been looking for is a book whose author sympathizes with and even shares my yearning for a year-round garden. This is the book. Robert Nold understands that a passion for outdoor plants is a year-round affair. Nold seems to have converted from whiner to enthusiast about gardening in these conditions. That's exactly the transformation I would like to undergo. This book has specific suggestions along with honest, informed assessments of how plants really behave in this lovely climate. Nold writes out loud what others politely imply or ask readers to infer: that the vast majority of gardening experts have almost nothing useful to contribute to what we need to know here. At the same time, he utterly eschews trendy categories and their names, such as the venerated "X" word made up and then trademarked by some bureaucrats. You know: the the first syllable rhymes with "zeer" -- or, golly! Maybe that's the way you say it. And the last syllable, "scape", suggests exactly what we're expected to do with

our gardens. "Scape" by. Well, good on Nold for pulling back the curtain on this local fetish. He warns about the generic recommendations that send us scurrying for nurseries in the springtime and have us staring, sad-eyed, at patches of disappointment in high summer. Practicality is the byword.

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