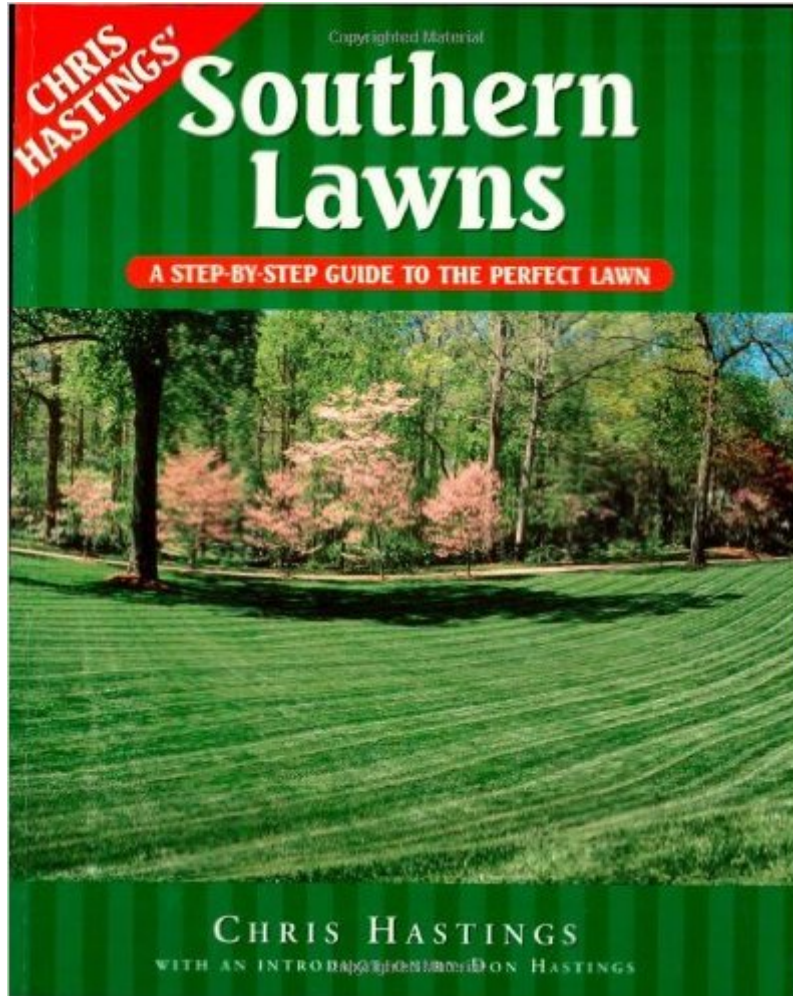


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# Southern Lawns: A Step-by-Step Guide To The Perfect Lawn



## Synopsis

Son of renowned horticulturist Don Hastings, Chris Hastings presents his readers with step-by-step instructions for year-round care of lawns from Virginia to Texas.

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## Customer Reviews

I could not have been happier with this book, as it really is about as comprehensive of a guide as you can get. It tells you everything you will ever need to know in order to have a great southern (or mid-atlantic) lawn. But what's great is that it is a fun, easy read. For the most part it is written in everyman speak, so if you are a novice you will not be put off with boring technical data. However, that doesn't mean it's meant solely for newbies, because it also delves into some of the more sophisticated aspects of turf grass such as soil pH and pore space. The only thing I thought could have been done better was that the author kind of glazes over what to do if you have a heterogeneous lawn. He discusses bermudagrass and fescue grass, but not what to do if you have the two duking it out in your backyard, as so many of us do. Also, one important thing that should be mentioned is that if you are looking for information on growing an "organic" lawn, then this may not necessarily be the book for you (good luck with the organic lawn! hee hee). Basically if you have the time and motivation needed to make your lawn the best it can be, and just need the know-how, then this is the book for you.

This book covers all the main grass types common to warm season and transitional lawns. Each

grass type includes wonderful photographs of the grass, how to maintain that grass with particular emphasis on mowing, watering, fertilization (both when and what to use), aerating, dethatching, topdressing, weed controls, and major pests and diseases that attack that grass. The last 1/3 of the book includes a month-by-month timetable of what to do to make your southern lawn the best it can be which in itself is well worth the price. John Merrill American-Lawns.com, editor

This book clearly details how to maintain, repair, and even plant various types of southern grass types. I liked the maintenance calendar and how it explains why each task is done on each particular month as well as optional tasks or variations on a task. With what I've learned, I'm looking forward to a much improved lawn next season.

good book but it is rather exhaustive in its coverage of all lawn types and since I have one lawn that is exclusively Bermuda, most of the book is worthless. However, followed their suggestions and my lawn looks amazing this year.

This is perhaps the best lawn/gardening book I have ever read for the purpose for which it was intended. It is easy to read, very detailed, well organized and provides an excellent "user manual". I had previously check out 5 different lawn care books from the library and this one was clearly the best. I purchased this book to add to my gardening bookshelf.

I didn't find the book to provide the detailed information I was looking for. The book seemed to be old and possibly in storage for sometime.

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