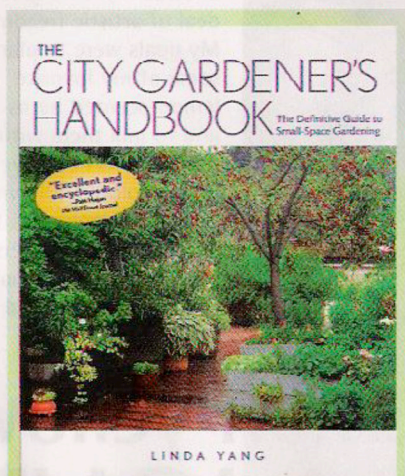


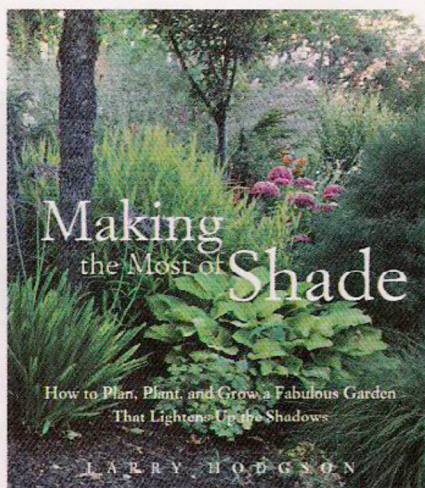
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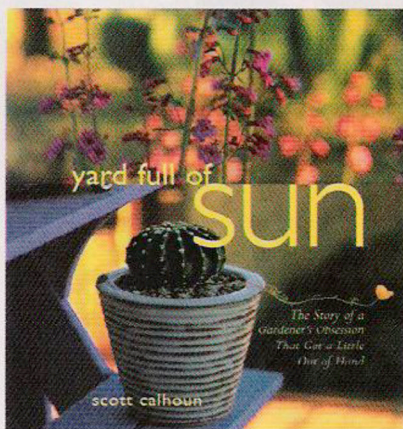
▲ **THE CITY GARDENER'S HANDBOOK: THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO SMALL SPACE GARDENING**

by Linda Yang (Storey Books, \$20). Now that I'm lucky enough to garden in a big city, *The City Gardener's Handbook* has become my encyclopedia. The latest edition features up-to-date information on organic gardening methods and sources. Yang will take you through the design, planting and maintenance processes for your small space. She tells how to create illusions of space in a tiny garden using mirrors, diagonal lines, vanishing points and paths. She also suggests plants that will fit a particular problem.



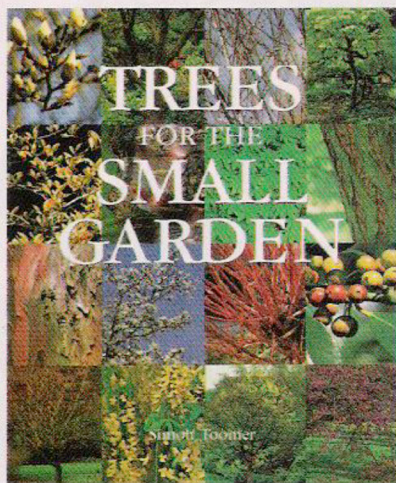
◀ **MAKING THE MOST OF SHADE**

by Larry Hodgson (Rodale Press, \$23). If you are bemoaning your gardening fate because you have too much shade, Hodgson will not only answer all your shade gardening questions, he'll convince you of the glories of shade gardening: fewer weeds, always cool even during hot summer days, no rushing out to beat the heat by 6 am. The author is delightfully opinionated. In his comprehensive plant portraits of 200 shade-loving annuals, perennials, trees, grasses, ferns and vines, he tells you what's good and less good about each one.



◀ **YARD FULL OF SUN**
by Scott Calhoun (Rio Nuevo Publishers, \$23)

Although this is a book about imagining and creating a garden primarily of native plants in water-weary Tucson, Arizona, it's not a regional gardening book. Photos by W. Ross Humphreys and Scott and Deirdre Calhoun transform the book into a work of art packed with helpful information. No matter where you live, the book encourages offering respect for your environment and the hand you're dealt from nature.



▶ **TREES FOR SMALL GARDENS**

by Simon Toomer (Timber Press, \$30). If you don't have enough room for a sprawling copper beech or a 100-foot-high Dawn redwood, this book shows and tells how smaller trees can transform your garden. It covers all the practical matters you must consider like size, climate, site selection, soil, planting, pruning and root competition with drainage pipes. Then Toomer describes in detail the 80 best trees for small gardens and shows them in their glory through the seasons: leaf shape, flowers or berries, peeling or striated bark and fall color. It's a hard heart that will be able to resist planting one!

▶ **GREEN UP TIME, sung by Ellen Zachos (www.acmeplant.com, \$15)**

This CD is the perfect gift for any gardener who loves music. Broadway performer turned horticulturist Zachos has combined her passion for plants with her love of music to record an extraordinary collection of songs about plants and flowers. Play it for inspiration while you weed or relax and enjoy the music with a cool beverage after a hard afternoon in the border.

