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Editorial Review

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Gardeners interested in contemporary trends recognize and appreciate the dramatic sculptural qualities of succulents. Now Baldwin's alluring and stimulating guide offers a wealth of design ideas melded with informative cultural advice and opens gardeners' eyes to a breathtaking variety of succulents for any situation, from formal spaces to an intimate balcony, from hillside terrain to container gardens. Whether undertaking a new planting or enlarging on an existing plan, gardeners will discover beguilingly colorful varieties, specimens with textural presence, and stunning architectural forms for unequaled effect featuring exceptional arrangements of drought-tolerant species. Although hot, dry California gardens appear in many of the photographs, Baldwin devotes a chapter to cold climates that's certain to stir the imaginations of gardeners wishing to grow exciting specimens in the ground or perhaps in pots, bringing plants indoors or installing them in a greenhouse to winter. Towering to tiny, the array of succulents presented is exciting and compelling. *Alice Joyce*

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Review

"Many people know about succulents, but using them in the landscape is another matter. Designing with Succulents shows us how; it's inspiring, practical, and complete - a treasure for any gardener who loves these otherworldly beauties." -- Kathleen N. Brenzel *Sunset*

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"One of the charms of her book is that it is so readable, while being a practical encyclopedia of all things succulent." -- Mary Curran Downey, *San Diego Union-Tribune*

"Baldwin hit the mark with her detailed work. ... Her easy to understand writing style is user friendly to the backyard gardener, yet the breadth of information is just as appealing to the expert. She manages to assemble a stellar set of photographs to show succulents as they exist out in the open air. Detailed captions give plenty of information to connect readers with these plants that are little known and less often understood. ... Baldwin should be commended for what might be the best succulent landscaping book written to date." -- Maureen Gilmer, *Scripps Howard News Service*

"Photos show landscapes of succulents, small container gardens, and many designs in between. ... Offers hours of engaging perusal." *Monterey County Herald*

"Baldwin's book takes readers on a delightful walk through a wonderful land of colorful, elegant, and drought-resistant plants that few of us can identify by name." -- Jackie Houchin, *Valley News*

"Packed with tips and loaded with photos that will inspire you to add succulents to your garden, whether it's one container or an entire front yard." -- Holly Hayes, *San Jose Mercury News*

"[With] 255 pages filled with over 300 high quality photographs of exquisite plants and exemplary gardens, *Designing with Succulents* should be a necessary purchase for any gardener." -- Michael Buckner, *Let's Talk Plants*

"With useful resources, such as the 'plant palette' and a chapter on companion plants, this book helps the succulent gardener create a work of art." -- Jennifer Chance, *Colorado Homes & Lifestyles*

"Offers a plethora of possibilities for lending more visual appeal to the landscape." -- Micki Brown, *Victorville Daily Press*

"[A] lusciously photographed volume." -- Sarah E. Smith, *Oregonian*

"I love [Designing with Succulents] and you will too. It appeals to beginners, experienced designers, landscapers and collectors. A well-known garden writer and photographer, Debra spotlights versatile, fascinating succulents and cactus and their cultivation in various climates and soils. ... There are many luscious closeups of elegant, dramatic specimens and plant combinations." -- Jeanne Santangelo, *Novato Advance*

"We love Designing with Succulents ... as inspiring as it is practical, with color photos that show how to use these otherworldly beauties in borders, on slopes, between patio pavers, mixed with other perennials or grasses - even in undersea themed gardens." *Sunset*

"Baldwin shares her expertise in a way that is immediately reader-friendly and writes about succulents ... in a clear, colorful manner. She's a skilled photographer whose photos ... add interest and excitement to this gardening tome." -- Peggi Ridgway, *Bloomin' News*

"If it were not for [this book] ... I might have given up succulents forever. But one can't help but be inspired by photographs that induce sighs and daydreams, and not a small amount of garden envy." -- Mariana Greene, *Dallas Morning News*

"Packed with practical advice on how to raise these fascinating plants." -- Holly Hayes *San Jose Mercury News* "[Baldwin] illustrates how novices and experts alike can create lush and vibrant gardens that are both aesthetically pleasing and environmentally responsible." -- Amanda Dameron, *Western Interiors & Design*

"A solid overview for landscape architects working with succulents." *Landscape Architecture*

"[A] delightful and inspiring journey through the world of succulents, which are presented as viable options for private and public landscapes, particularly in regions where water is a serious concern. ... Throughout, the text is richly illustrated with photographs of succulents used effectively in gardens large and small, with or without other types of plants. This is an exciting new addition to anyone's library." *Pacific Horticulture*

"Having recently finished reading Debra Lee Baldwin's book, *Designing with Succulents*, I am convinced that succulents are not only wonderful as showcase elements in ones and twos, but can serve as the backbone of your landscape design." -- Jennifer Jewell *Colorado Homes & Lifestyles*

"The advice given is wise and borne of the author's firsthand experience, but is not too prescriptive and is full of great ideas with illustrations to match." -- Nigel Taylor, *Gardens Illustrated*

"Truly a guide to designing with succulents, not simply growing them. From planning a garden to coping with weather conditions, the prospective succulent gardener will find what they need on these pages." -- Rochelle Reed, *San Luis Obispo Tribune*

"New plantings as well as additions to existing gardens will benefit from Baldwin's presentation of color,

texture, and shape in the form of drought-tolerant plant species." -- John Bagnasco, *Garden Compass*

"If you have gardeners on your gift list who are living in warm climates, this gardening book is one they will treasure. And don't forget your indoor gardening pals. ... This book is the bible that tells how to grow [succulents] and then use them to create gorgeous landscapes and containers that become stunning works of art." -- Nancy Szerlag, *Detroit News*

"An excellent introduction to these increasingly popular plants, and how to use them in the garden." -- Joan S. Bolton, *Santa Maria Times*

"Provides inspiration for creating color, texture, and interest - just the qualities every garden's artistic director seeks. Let Debra Lee Baldwin introduce you to the fun of designing with succulents." -- Sandra J. Sandefur, *Perennial Notes*

"Those designing a new landscape and those hoping to add these botanical treasures into an existing garden will find Baldwin's gorgeously illustrated, detail-rich guide a worthy purchase." *Library Journal*

From the Back Cover

Enhance your garden with lush, drought-tolerant, easy-care plants.
Take inspiration from garden designers to—

- create a beautiful, low-maintenance garden that requires minimal water
- design for scale and proportion, contrast, emphasis, texture, and color
- use succulents in borders and on pathways, patios, and slopes, design spectacular container paintings
- choose from hundreds of the best succulents for residential landscapes
- select drought-tolerant companion plants, including perennials, trees, and shrubs

Users Review

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Jose Wilson:

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