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Oudolf's reputation as an innovative plantsman and designer looms large in the world of horticulture, just as Kingsbury stands out for his unambiguous call to integrate vibrant, naturalistic plantings in contemporary spaces. Artistry and down-to-earth practicality come together in their latest effort as they once again focus on perennial plants. Covering small personal gardens as well as parkland in urban centers--Chicago's Millennium Park appears to exemplify Oudolf's way of putting plants on display--the authors discuss ecological issues and how plants, whether native species or cultivars, should fit the specific environment. Swaths of flowering specimens and grasses come to the fore in entrancing photographs, illustrating the expressive nature--and notion--of a strong framework that relies on hardscape elements in tandem with the plants themselves. Their vision challenges certain aspects of conventional landscape architecture and garden design, yet gardeners interested in creating distinct spaces that encompass the beauty of the shifting seasons will welcome the book's intriguing concepts and expert advice. *Alice Joyce*

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Review

Piet Oudolf and Nol Kingsbury have accomplished quite a feat with *Planting Design* they have written a gardening book that tackles theoretical questions and the practicalities of gardening with equal aplomb. Erin Kappeler, *Horticulture*, September 2006 (*Horticulture*)

Excellent as an advanced course in Oudolf's "New Wave" planting movement that advocates choosing plants that are in harmony with the surrounding landscape, are well adapted to the native soil and growing conditions, and that will develop beautifully over time. *American Gardener*, May/June 2006 (*American Gardener*)

I spent the first few minutes with this book wondering how they ever determined which of these high-powered plantsmen would have his name first on the cover. Valerie Easton, *Seattle Times*, September 16, 2005 (*Seattle Times*)

From the Publisher

Teaches gardeners how to design beautiful naturalistic gardens that can adapt to the changing needs of perennials, trees, shrubs and the changing landscape. Exceptional illustrations use superimposed images to show growth of a designed landscape over time. Includes lists of cutting edge yet proven garden plants.

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