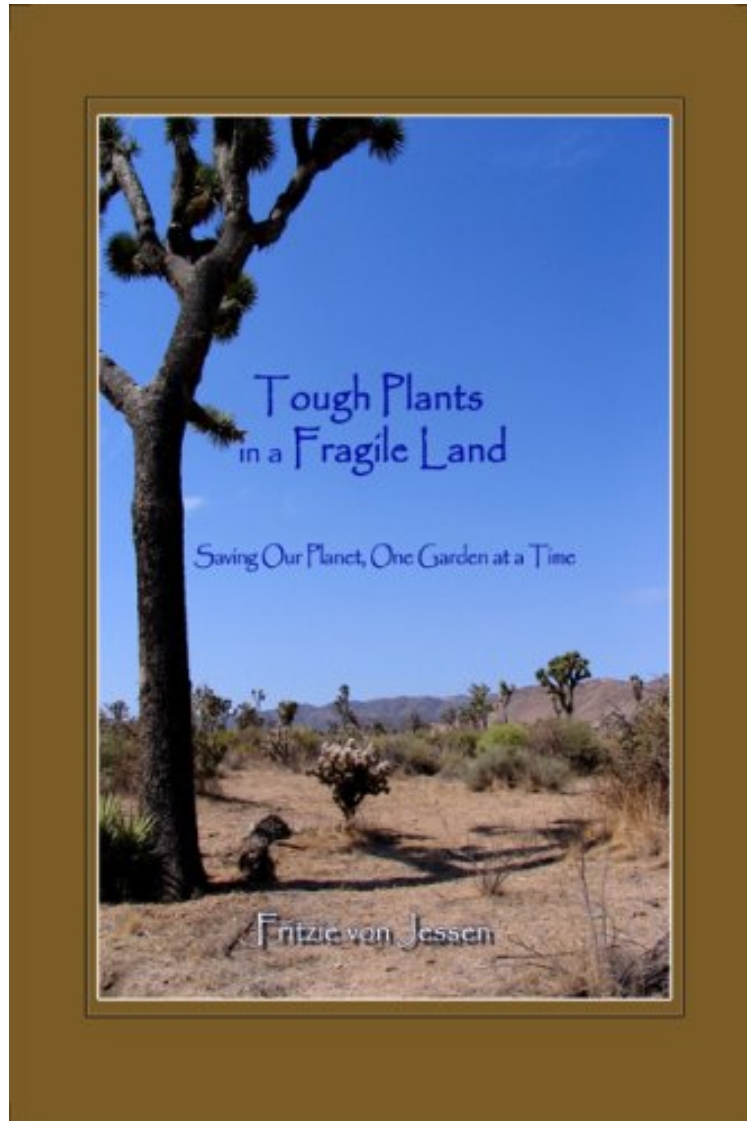


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Do you think the only plants in the desert are cacti? You may be surprised! After a climate change devastated the nonnative plants in Fritzie von Jessen's garden, she was inspired to research plants that thrive in the Colorado Desert. From the fragrant Desert Lavender to the hearty Creosote Bush, Von Jessen introduces beginning and avid gardeners to the beauty of desert gardening. By using native plants and learning to garden in a chemical-free, holistic manner, a gardener can contribute to the conservation and preservation of the environment. Von Jessen invites you to use her words as a guide: Grab your shovel and imagination and dig in!

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