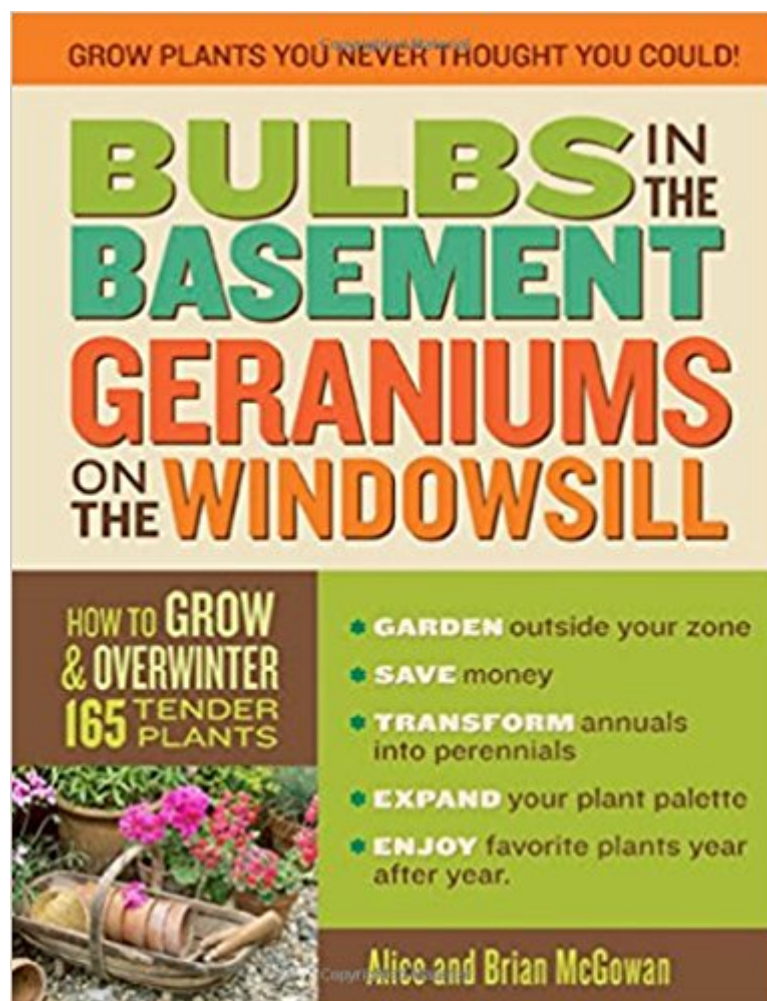




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# Bulbs In The Basement, Geraniums On The Windowsill: How To Grow & Overwinter 165 Tender Plants



## Synopsis

Cooler-zone gardeners are discovering that with a little wintertime care, plants that have long been considered "annuals" can thrive for years. These plants — including geraniums, gladioli, dahlias, begonias, rosemary, lavender, snapdragons, and even impatiens — aren't annuals at all. Rather, they are tender perennials. They aren't hardy enough to survive winter on their own, but they can be moved indoors during the cold months and then returned to the garden in spring. Many are even more beautiful in their second and third years! *Bulbs in the Basement, Geraniums on the Windowsill* is the first comprehensive resource on the care and maintenance of tender plants. In this zone-defying guide, you'll find simple techniques for overwintering, along with 160 detailed plant profiles that include individualized advice for overwintering and indoor care. With this practical guide, you can enjoy your favorite plants year after year, no matter where you live!

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• This is a neat, easy-to-read manual, with full-color pictures of some of the most popular tender perennials • “The Sunday Journal Sentinel

*Tender Plants for Hardy Perennial Gardens* Enjoy many of your favorite plants season after season by bringing them indoors for the winter. Plant by plant and step by step, the McGowans show you how to rescue more than 160 tender perennials from the killing cold. With a little indoor care, your plants will be healthy and ready for repeat appearances in the garden come spring. — Garden

outside your zone- Save money- Transform "annuals" into perennials- Expand your plant palette- Enjoy favorite plants year after yearÂ What is a tender perennial? Every perennial is hardy in its native climate, but many cannot survive winter temperatures in colder zones. If a particular perennial acts more like an annual in your garden, it's a tender perennial to you.

I love this book! I am obsessed with bringing in plants to overwinter. Have a basement full, with florescent - warm white/cool white lights. This book gives hints on just about every plant I have inside. Finally, found advice beyond "why would you bring that indoors? just buy more in the spring! Well this book understands the ideas that some plants are even more enjoyable when they are several years old, and others can display blooms and beauty in the cold winter months when the outside is just plain dreary.

This book answers the many questions that gardeners have who wish to carry over their tender plants from one year to another. Why throw away those lovely geraniums and dahlias and tender bulbs when they can be grown and flowered over and over. Look at it as a very environmentally friendly practice that doesn't require recycling your hard-earned dollars. And these suggestions are not gotten from other sources like many books written by so-called professionals. They are gleaned from actual experience gained from years of bringing many previously thrown away plants back into bloom.

I got this book out of the library so many times that I decided to buy it. It's a really good primer on plant propagation. I love the easy instructions and beautiful illustrations.

I found this book very helpful and informative for over-wintering flowers in our northern climate, however, it has to wait until next fall to put into practice.

The book is in great condition. This book is a great starter book for any beginner in decorating or small projects.

What a great idea for a book. Thank YOU, Alice and Brian! I was lucky enough to visit their nursery in slightly western Mass. a number of times and really appreciate that a lot of what they had to share then is in easy reference book form now. (In fact, I have a scented geranium that's the great-great-grandson of a purchase from them still.)There are lots of books that cover perennials,

tender and otherwise, but they never seem to understand that not all gardeners live in California or have massive greenhouses. Alice details what constitutes sunny & warm vs. cool & bright so it's easy to figure out which corner or window in the house will best suit. Skeptic that I am, I checked first on her recommendations for the ones I've successfully overwintered: Agreed (tho I scored last year with my fuchsia when I trained a fan on them for air movement). Then I looked up the ones I'm edging toward the porch right now to figure out how to save them this winter. Ah: Move the lemon away from the hot window and into the cooler living room. Check. I highly recommend this book for those who want a pretty simple guide to propagation too -- as Alice writes, "overwintering small plants...is actually a lower-maintenance alternative." Great book, and certainly not just for us miserly New Englanders!

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Got this for Christmas, and I know I will use it a lot. Am already debating which tender perennials to try for 2009. Thunbergia alata? Moonflower? And who knew that Salvia guaranitica and mirabilis can be overwintered as tubers? This book is a godsend in an economy where dollars must be stretched.

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