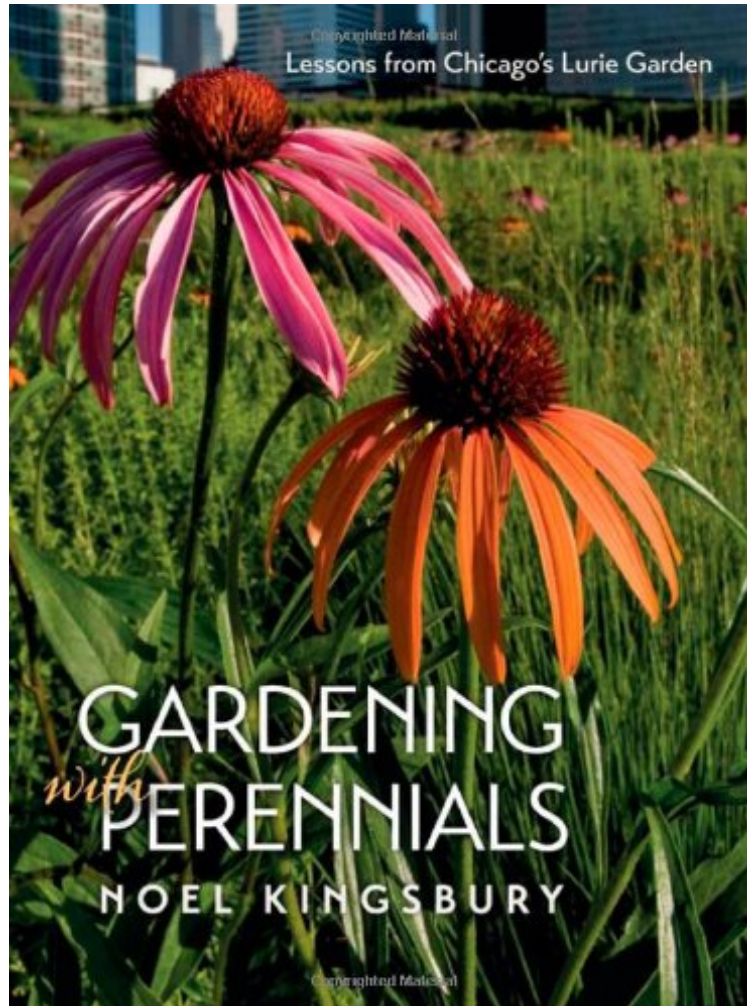


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5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. better books out there.By Eco professorIf you are buying this as a how to book to maintain a perennial garden, you are better off buying Tracy Disabato-Aust book . Noel Kingsbury is a very prolific garden writer but he does not do much gardening himself, thus the advice in this book is somewhat misleading. For instance, his advice on watering is essentially the opposite of what is done at the Lurie. Although drip irrigation is fine strategy a true sustainable practice just waters when needed (because producing all that drip tubing also uses natural resources).If you are buying this because you wanted to hear about the lessons from the Lurie Garden, then you are better off buying Roy Diblik's book. Diblik grew plants for the Lurie Gardens and knows exactly

what goes on on the ground. . Kingsbury does mention the Lurie garden here and there but the book is not a compendium of lessons learned from Lurie Gardens as the title implies. To me it is not clear what was the goal here. It is vague and incomplete about gardening with perennials, and not mainly focused at Lurie.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I am an experienced gardener and have read many gardening ...By Leslie HymanI am an experienced gardener and have read many gardening books. This book was very interesting for it's different perspective on plantings, and the usage of plants suggested in the detailed plant listing in the last chapter.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A must for every urban gardnerBy RBHAnother winner by Noel Kingsbury. A must for every urban gardner,

For gardeners, inspiration can come from the most unexpected places. Perennial enthusiasts around the world might be surprised to find their muse in the middle of a bustling city. Lurie Garden, a nearly three-acre botanic garden in the center of Chicagos lakefront in Millennium Park, is a veritable living lab of prairie perennials, with a rich array of plant life that both fascinates and educates as it grows, flowers, and dies back throughout the year. Thousands of visitors pass through each year, and many leave wondering how they might bring some of the magic of Lurie to their own home gardens.

"Gardening with Perennials, by the British garden writer Noel Kingsbury, muscles its way in, dispensing 'lessons from Chicagos Lurie Garden.' It will be indispensable for Midwestern gardeners who deal with searing heat and bone-rattling coldand not much in between. Yes, an Englishman in Chicago. Thats the twist that makes this book special: It took an out-of-towner to realize that the dazzling, gently rolling five-acre Lurie Garden in Millennium Park merited book-length attention. . . .brimming with ideas for every home garden."