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BILL SCHEICK. 2017. **Adventures in Texas Gardening**. (ISBN-13: 978-1-62349-517-6, flexbound). Texas A&M University Press, John H. Lindsey Building, Lewis St., 4354 TAMU, College Station, Texas 77843, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.tamupress.com). \$26.00 US, 232 pp., 68 photos, bib., index, 6.25" × 9.5".

From the Publisher: Gardening in Texas is not for the faint of heart or weak-willed. Given the remarkable variety of soils, climate ranges, and the obstacles of stifling heat, humidity, and drought, the dedication of so many gardening enthusiasts speaks to the powerful hold plants have over people.

Living and gardening in Central Texas since 1969, Bill Scheick has celebrated successes and analyzed failures. Techniques and plants that worked in one yard did not necessarily work in another just a few miles away. In *Adventures in Texas Gardening*, Scheick shares, through personal accounts as well as stories from fellow gardeners, big gardening efforts—transforming an entire backyard, dealing with unruly pets and marauding wildlife, and fostering vanishing bees. Attention is also given to other challenges, such as soil erosion and yard contamination.

With a firm understanding of horticulture and a good dose of humor, Scheick offers beginning and experienced gardeners a resource for inspiration, information, and commiseration as they pursue their own gardening adventures in Texas.

This book is part of the Louise Lindsey Merrick Natural Environment Series.

Bill Scheick has written numerous gardening articles for *The Dallas Morning News*, *Austin-American Statesman*, *Native Plant Society of Texas Newsletter*, *Tropical Treasures Magazine*, and *Texas Gardener*, where he currently serves as a contributing editor. A professor emeritus of English at the University of Texas at Austin, he gardens in Oak Hill and Fredericksburg.

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