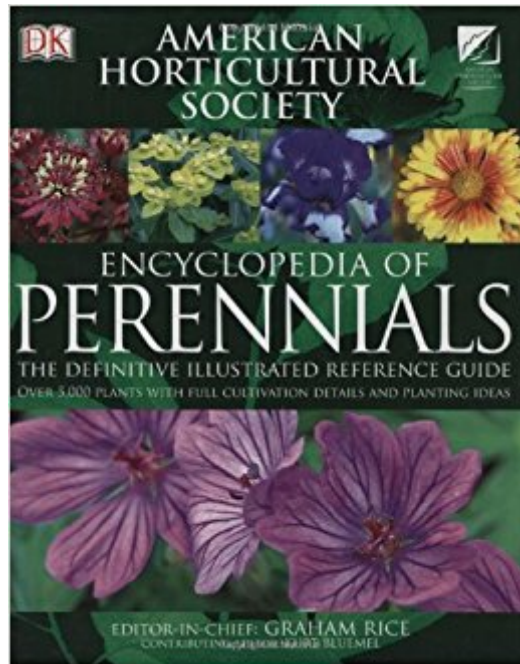




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# Encyclopedia Of Perennials (American Horticultural Society)



## Synopsis

The most comprehensive illustrated A-Z guide to today's most popular garden plants produced in conjunction with the AHS, America's premier gardening authority. Full horticultural information for over 5,000 plants produced by a team of over 40 experts. Full-color photographs of suggested planting ideas show you how to combine perennials in your garden. Special "Gardeners' Notes" panels offer expert planting advice, useful tips and fascinating facts. Published in conjunction with the American Horticultural Society.

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## Customer Reviews

Editors in chief: Graham Rice is a renowned plantsman and gardening author whose writing been recognized on both sides of the Atlantic. Kurt Bluemel, one of the founding fathers of the "ornamental grass movement," specialized in growing and creating landscapes with ornamental grasses and perennials before they were widely used in North America.

Lot's of pictures. If you know the botanical name of a plant, which I do it is a fairly good book. However, if you are a novice gardener it is confusing at best. I showed it to a friend and in less than five minutes he threw his hands in the air and gave up. Also, I did not like that way the author omitted numerous genus. Most other books show A-Z by common name and then the genus and family. That is much easier to look up a specific plant. The average novice gardener doesn't give a

hoo about anything but the common name. If you want a certain type that's then you go to the book. If it had been A-Z common I would have given 5 Stars.

After gardening more than 30 years in the Zone 6 part of the southwest (tough, xeric plants), I moved to Zone 5 (PA - 51 inches of rain/yr -- wahoo, I think...) So I'm pretty much out of my depth here and needed a good basic book for gardening with perennials in a normal garden setting. It's actually a really good reference book, but the majority of the plants are rated for Zones 6, 7 and warmer -- lots of English garden references. I bought this book used, so I'm not out that much money and will definitely keep it. Just wished it covered more plants for colder climates.

I am just getting beyond petunias, hostas and impatiens in the world of gardening, so ordered this book when starting up our local garden club "ended up in my lap." (If I don't know what I'm doing on a project, I buy books...) At first, this volume was a little intimidating because it is organized by the scientific names of all the plants. Once I got the hang of looking up the common name in the back, then finding the cross-referenced scientific name, it's wonderful! My friend, a much more accomplished gardener than I, used the book to help with our plant sale and the questions customers had about the perennials we had for sale. The pictures are amazing. I have identified in my back yard many of the plants I'd been previously pulling as weeds...I'm also looking up how to separate and move these wonderful newfound treasures, so the book can pay for itself -- all in all, a great investment!

This is a great resource for advanced gardeners interested in learning about a variety of species within a genus. I have been able to identify many lesser known plants that I have inherited using this book. It tells in-depth information about the genus and lists several species with pictures of many of the species. There is very little info about when plants bloom or where they should be planted. I found this book very interesting and loved seeing the lesser known varieties of common plants. I would not have found this useful when I was a beginner gardener looking for advice on how to keep plants purchased at the local nursery alive.

This is a great reference book that is also fun to just page through. The photography is beautiful, easily referenced with many varieties and cultivars described and pictured. Small information boxes offer tips and news bits for gardeners. There are ideas on garden layouts and expert advice given throughout the book. Well worth the money if you are interested in Perennials.

Not outstanding but helpful

Great info and pictures!

I love this book. Lots of useful information and an index of common names so you can find what you are looking for.

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