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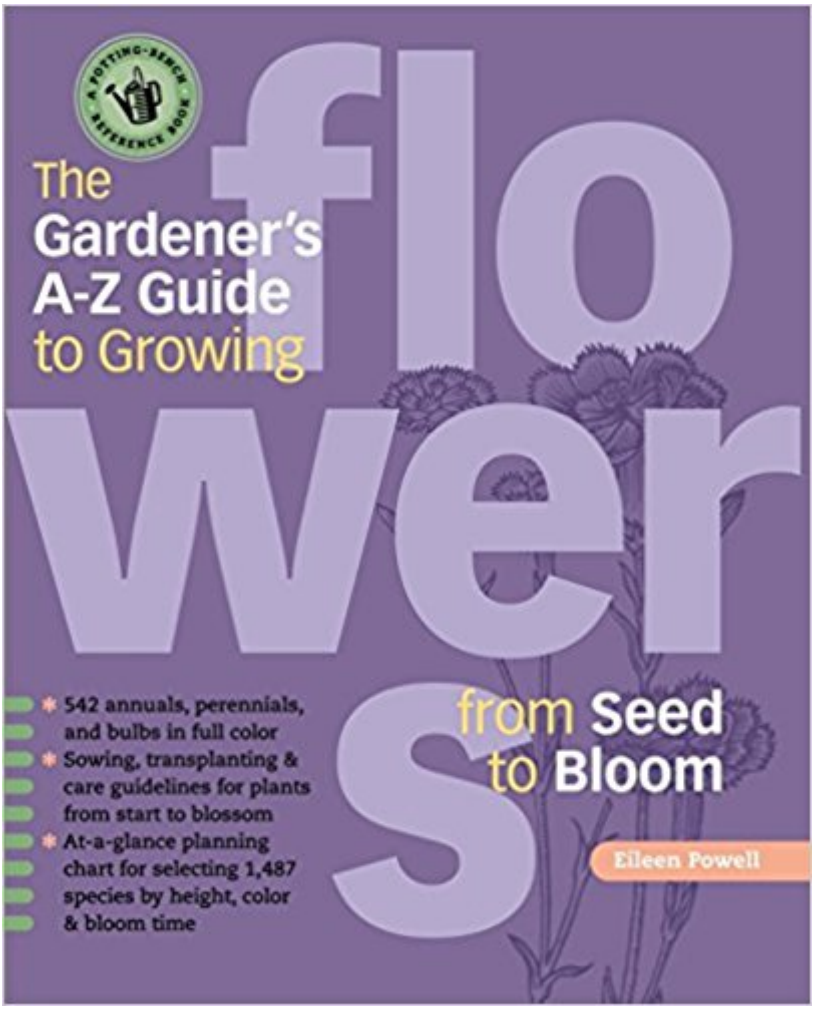

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Synopsis

Plan a flower garden for season-long beauty and color with this comprehensive guide to growing 541 annuals, perennials, and bulbs. Plant-by-plant descriptions include specific growing instructions and precise information on regional suitability, so you can pick the species that will bloom brightest under your gardenâ ™s unique conditions. With at-a-glance design planner lists and full-color photographs of more than 500 flowers, this essential reference source is sure to find a prized place on your potting bench.

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This is the reference book I was looking for. There was one page turned back on itself but the book itself was in good condition with no underlining or highlighting. I felt that the package information for flower seeds was inadequate. This goes to the next level. If you don’t know the scientific name, the common name is referenced in the back of the book. The scientific name insures that you get the flower you really want. I can’t remember them either, so this was very helpful. It was delivered rapidly and the packaging was appropriate. I really liked the recommended plant combinations on each flower noted. That gets my creative juices flowing. This is a great book.

I love this book. I just started gardening and I was looking for a good reference book with lots of information. I found it in this book right here! It has so much information that is easy to look up because the design of the pages and icons of the charts are very well explained. I recently decided to try to grow some flowers from seed and was looking for some kind of seed guide. This book has a lot of good information about growing flowers from seeds and then the reference parts explains how long each seed takes to germinate, how to care for it, how to care for the plant after it is grown, zones, scientific names, all the information you could want for a flower. It does only include flowers, I believe there are different books just like this for vegetables and bushes. It has a color picture reference section with nice pictures. It even has a section in the back for different names plants could have. Good book for referencing flowers I highly recommend it if you love information.

This is yet another gardening book that was either a little misrepresented in the description and reviews, or I just totally misunderstood what it was. This book is a reference book. It is an index of some 1200 species with about 100 words per plant. There is less information for each plant than you could find quickly online, like on the Old Farmers Almanac or Gardening Know-How sites. Different cultivars are rarely mentioned for each species. There is no information on overall plant health or care and is NOT a book on gardening! Just a quick reference for specs like hardiness zones, bloom times, spacing...would probably only be useful for a professional landscaper who is managing several different environments. I will keep this book for now, but I wouldn’t describe it as useful for a home gardener.

As a burgeoning Gardner, this is just what I need! Love it Ã Â ÂˆÂ

I have only been gardening for a few years and find it both gratifying and overwhelming. This book has wonderful information about starting seeds (indoors or outdoors) what each flower needs in the way of sun, soil and so forth. The only criticism I have of the book is this: I wish the common names of the plants were listed along with the botanic names rather than separately. Small thing.Anyone with a garden or a desire to grow flowers Ã¢Â Â“ this book belongs on your shelf.

I've had this book for about a month or two and have learned much about my plants. I really like that it gives the heat zones (as well as the hardiness zones) for the plants. Living in the desert it is very helpful to see which plants can survive the summer heat. The back of the book has a list of all the genera as well as its species along with zones, light, sun, height, etc. for quick reference. The one thing I do not like, however, is that all the photos are listed in one section in the back of the book. This makes it a little annoying flipping back and forth to see the pictures.

Great book to get started gardening.

This is an excellent resource! Over 500 pages of information, nearly everything I have looked up, including unusual and hard-to-find perennials and annuals, has been in this book. All plants are listed by their latin name, and Powell has included an easy index at the back of the book to look up the latin names under the common names. It's a really handy volume- each listing includes: brief description w/ page reference for a photograph included near the back of the book; the type of plant (hardy perennial, etc.), zones, flowering season; directions for sowing both indoors and outdoors, germinating time and requirements; transplanting information; care; combination ideas; warnings if the plant is toxic; and my favorite - how to propagate (i.e. by division, cutting, seed collecting, etc.). Also, any "tricks" for germination (like needing to soak seeds ahead of time), are also in the description. For anyone growing from seed, this is an excellent resource - much handier and more complete than many out there.

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