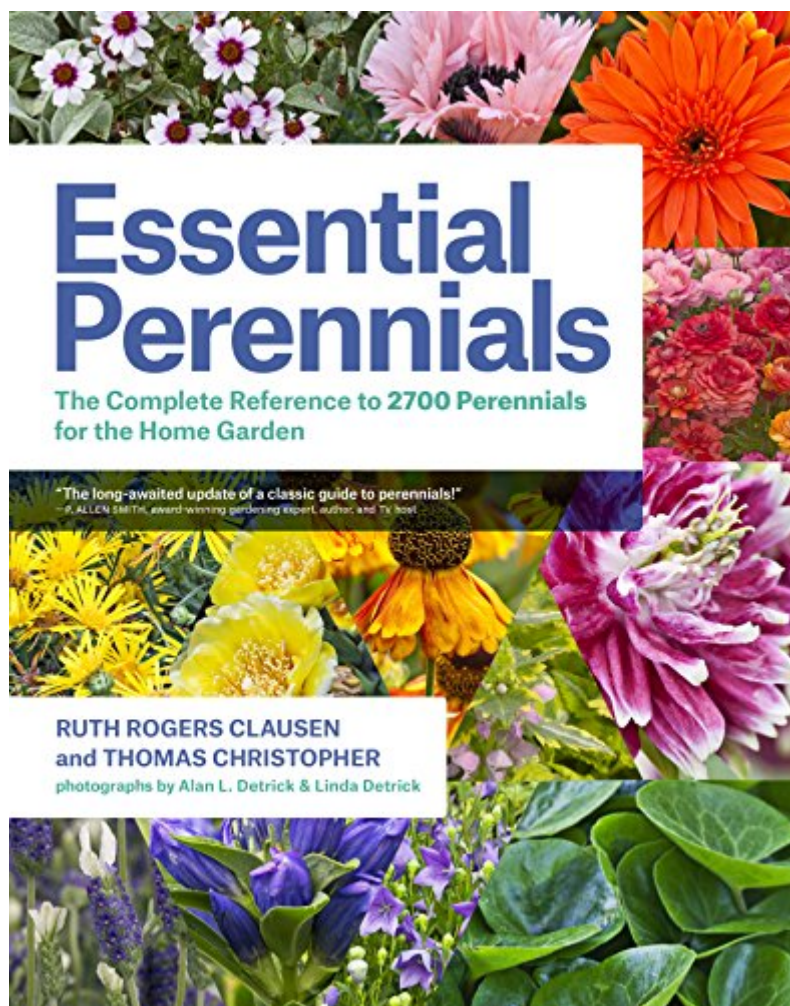


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Essential Perennials: The Complete Reference To 2700 Perennials For The Home Garden



Synopsis

Essential Perennials focuses on what every gardener needs to know to choose from the thousands of perennials available, and care for the ones you already have. This A-to-Z guide is packed with more than 2,700 plants, with each entry listing flower color, bloom time, foliage characteristics, size, and light and temperature requirements. Each profile is supported by stunning color photography that showcases the flower and foliage that make each plant unique.

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Customer Reviews

We all need reference books on perennials and we now have a new volume which brings us up to date with the name changes, especially North American asters to symphyotrichum and the split of the dicentras to lamprocynos, It is also nice to see aconogonon in its own section and not lumped with persicaria. American perennials are well represented as essential perennials. A few of our favourites here in New Zealand are missing like Symphyotrichum 'Little Carlow', Anthemis 'Sauce

Hollandaise', Helenium 'Waltraut', Crocosmia 'Star of the East', Farfugium japonicum 'Giganteum', Aconitum x cammarum 'Grandiflorum Album'. No mention of stemmacantha. I still find the best perennial reference book to be the RHS Perennials book edited by Graham Rice 2006. The large number of photos helps one to identify the plants referred to in this new book. The authors give their thoughts on the plants which I find extremely helpful. Nice to delve into.

Book is very descriptive and pictures are good and helpful. Wish more common names were used in the descriptive narrative. Instead of alphabetical order, would have helped to categorize the plants like, Ground Covers, Low, medium and tall growing plants, Shade plants and Full sun plants.

Pleasant lists to comb through in winter for ideas. Specific cultivars named. Not enough pictures. Information on soil, zones, how to propagate and more. Height ranges are a bit broad. Useful for my library.

This one will be well-thumbed in the years ahead. What a treasure trove of information and photos for gardeners, whether amateur or professional. Particularly happy with the comprehensive sections on individual genera before specific species are discussed. Excellent resource.

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I found this book to be very difficult to use. Although it does contain a wealth of information, it is not set up in a very user friendly manner.

If it's not in here, unless you are a pro, you probably won't need it.

I am disappointed in the lack of cross-referencing. It would be helpful to have a better set of grids for sun/shade, etc.

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