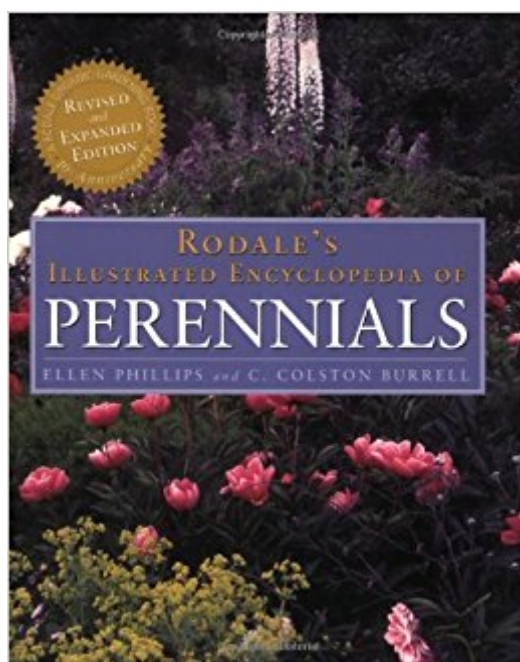


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Rodale's Illustrated Encyclopedia Of Perennials: 10th Anniversary Revised And Expanded Edition



Synopsis

The definitive book on perennials is now bigger and better than ever! The revised 10th Anniversary Edition of Rodale's Illustrated Encyclopedia of Perennials is the last word on growing lush, healthy gardens using hundreds of gorgeous, versatile perennials. Highlights of this new edition include seven new garden designs by well-known landscape artists from around the country; over 75 new encyclopedia entries, with hundreds of new plants added; and three new chapters: Perennial Flower Finder, Perennial Combinations, and Growing with the Design. The result is a winning mix of information and inspiration-and beautiful color photographs-to take one's dream garden from concept to reality.

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Perennials are the most challenging and rewarding of all garden plants, and most gardeners need all the help they can get to grow them well. Perennials emerge from the ground in early spring, grow to full height, bloom, bear fruit, and then disappear with the first frost, only to do the same thing the following year and again the next. Add this to the fact that for the first year or two, perennials don't do much above the ground (they are growing their root structure), but after that they burst forth with amazingly vigorous growth, and you get an idea of the pleasures and tribulations of perennial gardening. The rewards, however, are rich: a wide array of flower forms and colors, structure and leaf, an ever-changing mid-level tapestry in the garden, plus a celebration of seasonal change. Few gardeners can resist perennials, but how to grow them better and more effortlessly? Readers can count on Rodale books to be practical and detailed and to advocate organic gardening. While

Rodale's Illustrated Encyclopedia of Perennials does give information, as you would expect from Rodale, on soil building, climate, propagation and nontoxic pest and disease control, its emphasis is on design. The advice is down-to-earth, as in a sidebar entitled "Evergreen Perennials: Myth or Reality?" that points out that although some perennials are touted as evergreen, and do keep their leaves through the winter (such as Epimedium, Ajuga, and Bergenia), they are often so tattered by winter storms that they shouldn't be counted on to beautify the garden off-season. Though packed with all sorts of useful information, the meat of the book is the encyclopedia of perennials. From acanthus to yucca, each comes with a color photo, cultural and cultivar information, as well as suggestions on use. Rodale's Illustrated Encyclopedia of Perennials is an invaluable reference for anyone interested in these rewarding, though somewhat demanding, plants. --Valerie Easton --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

• A great deal of expertise and thorough research has gone into the making of this encyclopedia, and it shows on every page. • Christopher Lloyd, author of *The Well-Tempered Garden* and *The Adventurous Gardener* • An excellent reference book for all gardeners, from the novice to the expert. It will definitely be on my bookshelf. • Dr. Allan M. Armitage, author of *Herbaceous Perennial Plants* and Allan Armitage on Perennials

After reading a few pages of descriptions, they all started sounding alike. I would have appreciated a little more in-depth information. Are plants edible? Are they poisonous, say, to chickens? Do they provide a wild-life food or shelter source? Are the seeds, fruits, nuts, etc. of any use to humans or animals? Some are listed as poisonous, but none give really useful information about the plant's benefits (food, nesting materials, security to pets such as rabbits or chickens or goats or various species of wildlife. Do the plants supply nutrients to the soil, or strip them from the soil? This would have been very useful information that I found lacking in this book.

Great book. Great pictures. Great information. Prompt shipping.

This book is really good shows and names most plants.

Great book. I am just getting into the world of perennials and have found this to be a perfect resource that covers a huge variety of topics I am interested in like basic botany, garden design and maintenance, etc. And, of course, there is what appears to me a comprehensive, A to Z, and totally

accessible list of perennials occupying the back 1/3 of the book.

THE perennial book to have in your library

I had to buy this book as a textbook for a horticulture class. It's a great encyclopedia with beautiful photos and great descriptions. The beginning gives a plethora of tips for beginning perennial gardeners and some design ideas. Excellent book!

Rodale's always has informative garden books.

I ordered this book because I was constantly borrowing my friend's book. I am thrilled that now I have my very own copy of Rodale's Illustrated Encyclopedia. Hope others do the same.

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