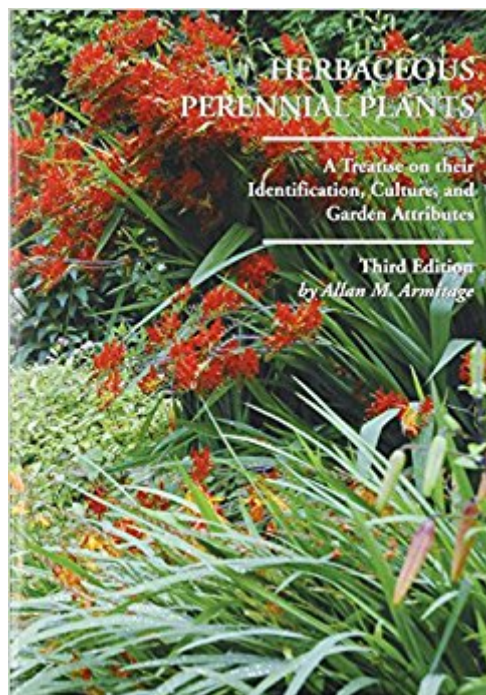




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Customer Reviews

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THE most comprehensive perennial reference book. Much information from the author's own experience. If you are serious amateur gardener, professional or in the trade, this book is a must--not just a collection of pretty pictures (which there are none except sketches) but the good, the bad and the ugly when it comes to perennials. My other recommendation is The Well Tended Perennial Garden by DiSabato. She has a landscape business and writes how she maintains her customers' gardens.

I have a degree in Landscape design, and this book helped get me there. Very good info on textures, identification tips, and the info needed to plan a design using the correct plants for maximum benefit. I graduated 2 years ago, and this is one of the few books I still go to on a regular basis.

The 3rd edition, with Crocosmia on the cover, came out in hardback earlier this year, 2008. Make sure you don't inadvertently order an older edition. All the previous, positive reviews hold here -

Armitage's wit and bountiful descriptions, growing information, etc., more species and cultivars. The color photos are in several places, as compared to the center. I bought the 2nd edition in paperback, used, and the photos and text pages are falling out. The 3rd has fewer but larger pages (1108); the font isn't as contrast-y. Unfortunately, the color in many of the photos looks muddy. Glad for the new one. Muddy photos notwithstanding, it's a 5 in my book.

The book does a great job of describing the genera of perennials. It can clear up a lot of confusion regarding the members of a genus/species. Two deficiencies I noted: (1) There is not much material on "How to care for the plants." (2) The item I received had some detached pages -- I should have gotten the hardcover edition, I guess.

This is my required reading for a gardening course that I am taking from the University of Georgia. It is a well-written book and so full of good information for growing both sun and shade perennials. Dr. Allan Armitage is the author and he is known far and wide. I recommend anything that he writes.

As a horticulture student this is a great reference book. But there are quite a few loose pages!! Ugh. Get the hardcover, maybe it's better?

This was the textbook for an horticulture class I took actually, but it gives sound advice for the care of herbaceous perennials.

Not exactly a fun read but an extremely valuable reference book which does have Armitage's dry humor interspersed within.

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