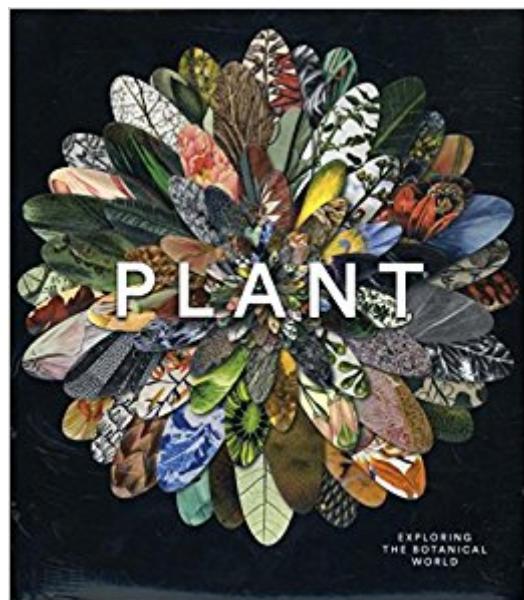


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# Plant: Exploring The Botanical World



## Synopsis

The ultimate gift for gardeners and art-lovers, featuring 300 of the most beautiful and pioneering botanical images ever. Following in the footsteps of the international bestseller *Map: Exploring the World*, this fresh and visually stunning survey celebrates the extraordinary beauty and diversity of plants. It combines photographs and cutting-edge micrograph scans with watercolours, drawings, and prints to bring this universally popular and captivating subject vividly to life. Carefully selected by an international panel of experts and arranged in a uniquely structured sequence to highlight thought-provoking contrasts and similarities, this stunning compilation of botanically themed images includes iconic work by celebrated artists, photographers, scientists, and botanical illustrators, as well as rare and previously unpublished images.

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Conceived and edited by Phaidon editors

Gorgeous book with excellent reproductions of a vast number of botanical artworks with well-written summaries of each piece under each color reproduction. Artworks include old and new, drawing, painting, watercolor, engraving and sculpture as well as radiologic and scanning microscopy images. A wonderful volume.

My Christmas gift to myself is this glorious compilation of botanical art, all 350 pages of brilliant renderings of the plants of the world. I judged this book by its cover, it was so beautiful I wanted it for the art piece alone. The idea to pull together the oldest of illustrations of plant life to the newest technology renderings from artists, photographers, illustrators and scientists all in one volume was bold. The enormity of the work to select and arrange these is inspiring. The introduction by Dr. James Compton, Botanist and plant collector, narrates the world wide historical contribution of botanical artistry which benefits all of us today. Paging on into the heart of the book I find a detailed illustration of a tree stump and its roots alongside a digital light micrograph of a pine branch. The placement of a gauche watercolor of a lily with an X-ray rendition of same is a mind expanding visual experience. This feast for the eyes would be enough but the details of what you are seeing is accompanied by a fascinating and relatable description. Each artist is identified (except for the anonymous works) describing their contribution to the knowledge of plants we all benefit from today. Just when I thought it couldn't be more wonderful I come to the 10 page, 4 column botanical art timeline. Here I walk through the horticultural history documenting the knowledge of plants. I love this book, I have always loved botanical art and now with this in my hands I have the world's best.

Very fast service and high quality book. This is one of the most beautiful flower books I have ever seen

This book is exquisite. I am so pleased to have found it.

The cover of this book makes it appear as though the book would be full of brilliant photos. Alas, it is not. It feels more like an illustrated encyclopedia...a little on the boring side. I bought this as a gift for my grandmother who is obsessed with nature and plants. The type is pretty small. If these folks make a second edition, I would highly suggesting pumping up the volume on the photos.

Great book. Coffee table type. Botanical photos from old art , like 1400's, to today's modern photos & paintings. .

Amazing and beautiful book. I bought it as a gift. Definitely a winner for anyone interested in plants.

This book is stunning to look at and full of well written botanical descriptions of the many plants it

illustrates. It was a wonderful Christmas gift to my daughter and son-in-law who are artists and gardeners.

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