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Firefly Encyclopedia of the Vivarium

Why is it that plants do not need to move? How does a nonmotile organism have sex or defend itself? Why are some plants virtually immortal? What is the mechanism that allows plants to exploit a practically inexhaustible extraterrestrial energy source? How do plants regulate the composition of our planet's atmosphere? Why have there not been mass extinctions among plants as there have been among animals? How do plants communicate with one another? In the end, are plants intelligent organisms?

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These are some of the questions the author discusses to demonstrate that plants are wrongly considered to be simple organisms lacking specific behaviour and intelligence. This book promises to be as pleasant a surprise as Alice's experience in the white rabbit's warren, in which she encountered a world very different from ours. The author explains the biology of plants following Einstein's maxim that everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler.

The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: College

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work by celebrated artists, photographers, scientists, and botanical illustrators, as well as rare and previously unpublished images.

Following Flora

Discover the extraordinary diversity of the plant world--and how plants work--with this photographic

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celebration of the trees, flowers, and foliage plants that share our planet. From tiny mosses and delicate ferns to vibrant blooms and stately palms, Flora invites you to explore the plant kingdom from the ground up, and from root to leaf tip. DK's elegant introduction to botany is packed with sumptuous photos and crystal-clear illustrations that explain the mechanics of photosynthesis, why leaves change color, how cacti store water, and how seeds know when to grow. Filled with fascinating stories of how plant roots and leaves communicate with their neighbors and how flowers use color and scent to interact with--and manipulate--the creatures around them, Flora is a fresh and engaging introduction to the mysterious inner workings of the plant world.

A Handbook of the Troubadours

Evolution of land plant -- Plants and human culture -- Naming plants -- Classification and the angiosperm phylogeny group

The Science of Animals: from Molluscs to Mammals

How is the task of giving a presentation accomplished? In this insightful book Johanna Rendle-Short unpacks this seemingly simple task to show the complexity that underlies it. Examining the academic presentation as a case in point, she details how semina

The Laws Guide to Nature Drawing and Journaling

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Let the experts at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew e-guide you around the beautiful and mysterious world that is the plant kingdom. From regulating the air we breathe, to providing food, clothes, fuels, and medicines - plants are fundamental to our lives. Discover an extraordinary diversity of species, which includes a grass that grows a metre a day, roots that breathe air, and "queen of the night" cactuses whose rare blooms vanish before dawn. In a combination of art and science, Flora celebrates plants from majestic trees to microscopic algae, explaining how they germinate, grow, and reproduce. It presents species that have evolved to accommodate pollinating insects such as the foxglove, and plants that have adapted to flourish in even the most hostile of habitats. Pierre-Joseph Redoute in the 18th-century was described as the "Raphael of flowers". Flora showcases his botanical paintings as well as those of Georg Ehret and others in this gorgeous visual celebration of plants through the ages. Whether you are a keen gardener, naturalist, or botany student, this beautiful ebook is a treat that will entice, inform, and amaze.

Plant Families

A Treasury Like No Other Since the 1500s, scientists have documented the plants and fungi that grew around them, organizing the specimens into collections. Known as herbaria, these archives helped give rise to botany as its own scientific endeavor. Herbarium is a fascinating enquiry into this unique field of plant biology, exploring how herbaria emerged and have changed over time, who promoted and contributed to them, and why they remain such an important source of data for their new role: understanding how the world's flora is changing. Barbara Thiers, director of the William and Lynda Steere Herbarium at the New York Botanical Garden, also explains how recent innovations that allow us to see things at both the molecular level and on a global scale can be applied to herbaria specimens,

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helping us address some of the most critical problems facing the world today. At its heart, Herbarium is a compelling reminder of one of humanity's better impulses: to save things—not just for ourselves, but for generations to come.

The Big, Bad Book of Botany

Flora: An Artistic Voyage Through the World of Plants

From tiny insects to sleek great white sharks and majestic elephants, this book invites you to explore the animal kingdom up close--from head to toe. Whether you're interested in specific animal groups such as mammals or birds or have a passion for wildlife photography, this beautiful book will delight, fascinate, and surprise. DK's elegant new introduction to wild animals is packed with dramatic photography and crystal-clear illustrations that explain how animals work, both physically and socially, celebrates their beauty, and describes how they are adapted to do different things and survive in different environments. The unique head-to-toe approach, with chapters on different body parts, allows you to focus in on the beauty of the antenna of a moth, the flight feathers of a parrot, or the feeding tentacles of a coral. Zoology also explores how we have depicted animals in art throughout the ages, from zoological drawings that recorded new discoveries to great paintings and drawings inspired by a deep connection to the natural world. With fascinating stories, such as how animals communicate, defend their territories, and attract mates, Zoology offers an engaging introduction to the extraordinary diversity of the animal

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Flora

In straightforward text complemented by step-by-step illustrations, dozens of exercises lead the hand and mind through creating accurate reproductions of plants and animals as well as landscapes, skies, and more. Laws provides clear, practical advice for every step of the process for artists at every level, from the basics of choosing supplies to advanced techniques.

Herbarium

Interest in the environment has never been greater and yet most of us have little knowledge about the 4 billion years of history that formed it. This book explains the principles of geology, geography and geomorphology, and shows how a basic understanding of geological timescales, plate tectonics and landforms can help you 'read' the great outdoors. This is a highly illustrated book with a very accessible text that clearly illuminates the landscape around us.

People Need Plants!

Botanical encounters in the rainforest: trees that walk, a leaf as big as an awning, a plant that dances. This Atlas invites the reader to tour the farthest reaches of the rainforest in search of

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exotic--poetic--plant life. Guided in these botanical encounters by Francis Hallé, who has spent forty years in pursuit of the strange and beautiful plant specimens of the rainforest, the reader discovers a plant with just one solitary, monumental leaf; an invasive hyacinth; a tree that walks; a parasitic laurel; and a dancing vine. Further explorations reveal the *Rafflesia arnoldii*, the biggest flower in the world, with a crown of stamens and pistils the color of rotten meat that exude the stench of garbage in the summer sun; underground trees with leaves that form a carpet on the ground above them; and the biggest tree in Africa, which can reach seventy meters (more than 200 feet) in height, with a four-meter (about 13 feet) diameter. Hallé's drawings, many in color, provide a witty accompaniment. Like any good tour guide, Hallé tells stories to illustrate his facts. Readers learn about, among other things, Queen Victoria's rubber tree; legends of the moabi tree (for example, that powder from the bark confers invisibility); a flower that absorbs energy from a tree; plants that imitate other plants; a tree that rains; and a fern that clones itself. Hallé's drawings represent an investment in time that returns a dividend of wonder more satisfying than the ephemeral thrill afforded by the photograph. The Atlas of Poetic Botany allows us to be amazed by forms of life that seem as strange as visitors from another planet.

The Science of Animals

This oversized collector's edition showcases antique paintings and drawings of birds and animals from the most important natural history collection in France. An unparalleled collection of the most beautiful--yet scientific--depictions of flora and fauna ever produced, these artworks document three centuries of exploration of the far reaches of the world--a rich visual record harking back to a time when science relied upon painstaking human illustration as the only way to record exotic plants and unknown

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animals observed during voyages of discovery. All the artworks included here were depicted on vellum, a high-quality, long-lasting parchment that fell out of use around 1900 when it was supplanted by photography. France's national collection consists of over 7,000 such artworks and is among the world's finest. Flora and fauna from every corner of the globe are represented in precisely rendered color and detail. Sadly, many of the species depicted in these masterful yet hauntingly accurate portraits are now endangered, threatened--or in many cases, already extinct. This volume is both a celebration of the human quest for knowledge and an epitaph for a fast disappearing world--as well as a feast for the eyes for anyone who loves birds or vintage natural history art. This exquisite and timeless book is beautifully presented in a jacketed volume within a slipcase and luxuriously packaged within an illustrated mailer with a handle for portability.

How to Read the Landscape

Botanists are the trailblazers who first discovered how plants work and collected from around the world many of the species that we find in our gardens today. This informative and beautiful guide presents the stories of 35 plant collectors and gardening pioneers of the past and present, including Joseph Banks, Asa Gray and Marianne North. Arranged in chronological order, each profile covers one botanist, presenting their life story, discoveries and legacy, while special feature pages reveal their secrets, exploring the qualities that brought them success and showing what ordinary gardeners can learn from them. Illustrated with beautiful period botanical watercolours and vibrant photographs, RHS The Secrets of Great Botanists will provide inspiration and practical guidance for gardeners of all levels, from successful plant cultivation to adding interest to your garden.

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Botany for the Artist

"Presents information about how humans and animals use plants for housing, food, clothing, and other necessities"--Provided by publisher.

The World Encyclopedia of Wild Flowers and Flora

A guide for the hobbyist covers reptile, amphibian, and invertebrate feeding, general care, breeding, and health care; offers advice on choosing appropriate housing and equipment; and includes a directory of over three hundred species.

The Secret Life of Plants

An entertaining and enlightening compendium of the world's most amazing and bizarre plants, revealing their secrets, history, and lore What happens when you give a plant a polygraph test? Can a flower really turn a human into a zombie? What gives the ginkgo tree its stink? The Big, Bad Book of Botany holds the incredible answers to all of these questions and more. From absinthe to zubrowka (a popular ingredient in Polish vodkas), Michael Largo takes you through the historical and agricultural evolution of hundreds of plant species, revealing astonishing facts along the way. You'll be introduced to magic mushrooms, superfoods, and toxic teas. You'll learn about plants so valuable they have started international wars, so evolved they can trick animals into helping them survive, and so deadly a single

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taste of one will kill you. Featuring more than one hundred and forty illustrations, this fascinating and fun A-to-Z encyclopedia for all ages will transform the way you look at the natural world. Did you know? The word hashish comes from the Arabic hashshashin, the name for a group of Persian assassins who were given the drug to calm their nerves before each assignment. The fossil of the oldest-known tree to have thrived on the planet was found in New York's Catskill Mountains, and dates back to more than 360 million years ago. The avocado, though delicious to humans, is toxic to most animals. Sunflowers grow according to a mathematical formula known as the "golden ratio," and almost always produce exactly 55 or 144 seeds. A-to-Z Encyclopedia! For all ages! More than 140 Photos & Illustrations

The Book of the Flower

The college years are a time of noble pursuit of knowledge, self-betterment—and unending peril! Students are at risk from the moment they receive their acceptance letters. Fortunately, the authors of the phenomenally best-selling Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook series have come to the rescue, offering all-new, hands-on, step-by-step instructions for surviving the worst that higher education has to offer, on campus and off. Learn how to identify a party school, engineer a hookup, survive "the spins," and escape a stadium riot. Discover the best way to sleep in class, pass a test you haven't studied for, avoid the "freshman fifteen," and pull an all-nighter. With practical advice for avoiding laundry and identifying unsafe institutional food, along with an appendix of excuses for missed deadlines and a back-up diploma, this is truly required reading for all college students—and a perfect high school graduation present.

Oceanology

"Art is the flower, life is the green leaf" — Charles Rennie Mackintosh Haphazard bunches, formal bouquets, chance arrangements, quiet and thoughtful rural encounters — The Book of the Flower is a sylvan collection of beautiful depictions of flowers by artists, photographers, and illustrators. Interspersed through the illustrations are short texts about the artists and their interest in particular flowers, from Georgia O'Keeffe's sumptuous close-ups of Jimson Weed and cactus flowers to Matisse's roses, Keika Hasegawa's chrysanthemums, and Albert York's close study of zinnias. A wonderful collection for art-lovers, gardeners, and flower-fanciers.

Flora

The young British photographer Nick Knight discovered the beauty of dried plants on a stroll through the herbarium, the "library of pressed flowers," at the Natural History Museum in London. These flowers were a source of such fascination to the photographer that in 1997 he devoted his second large photo album to them. A classic of plant photography, Nick Knight: Flora is now available again in an unchanged edition.

Zoology

This fantastic resource of weather and climate is incredibly comprehensive, interesting, wide ranging

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and beautifully presented. Written by a team of international experts, it provides an impressive overview of our globe, beginning with the foundations of weather and meteorology and ending with a detailed look at the issues surrounding climate change. With some of the world's finest landscape and satellite photography, and hundreds of detailed illustrations, cutaways, cross-sections, maps and charts, it provides easy to understand explanations of a complex subject. Section 1 discusses what weather is, how the seasons are formed, global atmospheric systems, temperature, air pressure, jet streams, frontal systems, sea breezes, waves and ocean climate. Section 2 explains the workings of weather phenomena such as cloud formation, humidity, rainbows, rain, hail, ice and snow. Section 3 covers devastating weather events: tornadoes, hurricanes, thunderstorms, lightning, flash floods, blizzards, droughts and record breaking weather. Section 4 covers the science of studying, watching and tracking weather, from ancient times to today. Section 5 tours the climate zones of the entire world, explaining the characteristics of each and their particular phenomena and trends. Section 6 provides a compelling portrait of the Earth and the effects of climate change, including ice ages, deforestation, acid rain, greenhouse effect, rising sea levels, wildfires, water shortages, and the effect on marine life. The Encyclopedia of Weather and Climate Change is a truly spectacular reference to all aspects of the world's weather.

The Encyclopedia of Weather & Climate Change

In Defense of Plants will be a celebration of plants as living, breathing organisms fighting for survival on planet Earth. Plants don't really have a voice in today's busy world. The few plants that do get any attention are those that we humans have some use for. Whether for economic gain or some sort of

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purported medicinal benefit, we only seem to care what plants can do for us. Written by internationally recognized podcaster and blogger, Matt Candeias, *In Defense of Plants* will aim to inspire readers to look at plants in a whole new light. Instead of thinking about what plants can do for us, *In Defense of Plants* will focus on the incredible ways in which plants live, fight, have sex, and conquer new territory. Readers will quickly realize that plants aren't static backdrops to more charismatic life forms like big cats and primates. They will learn the most valuable lesson in nature: that plants are active players in the drama that is life.

RHS The Secrets of Great Botanists

The world of plants and its relation to mankind as revealed by the latest scientific discoveries. "Plenty of hard facts and astounding scientific and practical lore."--Newsweek

Flora

Atlas of Poetic Botany

Sunday Times Bestseller □A paradigm-smashing chronicle of joyous entanglement□ Charles Foster
Waterstones Non-Fiction Book of the Month (September) Are trees social beings? How do trees live?
Do they feel pain or have awareness of their surroundings?

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Flora

Dive into this uniquely elegant visual exploration of the sea An informative and utterly beautiful introduction to marine life and the ocean environment, *The Science of the Ocean* ebook brings the riches of the underwater world onto the printed page. Astounding photography reveals an abundance of life, from microscopic plankton to great whales, seaweed to starfish. Published in association with the Natural History Museum, the ebook explores every corner of the oceans, from coral reefs and mangrove swamps to deep ocean trenches. Along the way, and with the help of clear, simple illustrations, it explains how life has adapted to the marine environment, revealing for example how a stonefish delivers its lethal venom and how a sponge sustains itself by sifting food from passing currents. It also examines the physical forces and processes that shape the oceans, from global circulation systems and tides to undersea volcanoes and tsunamis. To most of us, the marine world is out of reach. But with the help of photography and the latest technology, *The Science of the Ocean* brings us up close to animals, plants, and other living things that inhabit a fantastic and almost incomprehensibly beautiful other dimension.

Flora

Earth is a green planet and its plants are the basis for all life. From the smallest moss to the tallest giant redwood, the swathe of bluebells in a spring woodland to the colours of a New England fall, their diversity, success and ubiquity is plain. Yet few of us are conscious of the microscopic, universal building blocks of this empire, the cells. In *Green Universe*, eminent botanist Stephen Blackmore takes

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us on a journey through time and space - from the origin of the first cell more than three billion years ago, through their complex intertwined history, to the myriad forms they now take and the perfectly-adapted organs and organisms they make up. The author deftly interweaves the story of life on earth with our quest to understand the cell through the invention and development of the microscope. He shows how plant cells, besides being beautiful, are also through photosynthesis the powerhouses of life on Earth. Lavishly-illustrated in full colour, Green Universe is an engaging read and a mine of information, celebrating the diversity of cells and the unity of all living things into which they are built. Published in collaboration with the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh.

The Hidden Life of Trees: The International Bestseller □ What They Feel, How They Communicate

This beautiful box set is an enchanting voyage of discovery into the history of plants and flowers by the internationally acclaimed botanist Sandra Knapp. Her 20 insightful essays profile key plants and demonstrate how they have affected our lives, even shaping societies, throughout history. The species covered include cacti, daffodils, irises, magnolias, poppies, roses, tulips and waterlilies. Knapp's essays are stunningly illustrated throughout with the work of all the great botanical artists, carefully selected from the peerless collections of the Natural History Museum, London. Her book is accompanied by 36 stunning frameable prints (333 x 260mm), which have been reproduced directly from the original artworks and books held by the Museum.

Alice in the Land of Plants

Explore the everyday miracle of the animal kingdom. With spectacular, studio-quality photography and clear explanations, this ebook reveals the incredible anatomy, behaviour, and beauty of every type of creature, from hair to scale and whisker to tail. This elegant introduction to zoology offers interesting views, angles, and close-ups that show you animals in surprising detail. The unique nose-to-tail approach, with chapters on different body parts, allows you to focus in on the beauty of the antenna of a moth, the flight feathers of a parrot, or the feeding tentacles of a jellyfish. It explains how form relates to function - how each feature is an evolutionary answer to the challenges of environment and lifestyle. Features on key animals combine photography from the field with rounded descriptions of star species. These species are glowing examples of hunting, speed, camouflage, or any topic in question. The Science of Animals also explores how we have depicted animals in art, from zoological drawings that recorded new discoveries to great paintings inspired by a deep connection to the natural world. With fascinating stories, such as how animals communicate, defend their territories, and attract mates, The Science of Animals offers an engaging introduction to the diversity of the animal kingdom.

Trees, Leaves, Flowers & Seeds

Dive into this uniquely elegant visual exploration of the sea. An aesthetic look at marine life and the ocean environment, this book uses astounding photography and clear diagrams to make marine biology and oceanography accessible and an enjoyable visual experience. Oceanology offers up riches from

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every corner of the ocean, from coral reefs and mangrove swamps to icy fjords and deep-ocean trenches, and from great whales to the microscopic beauty of plankton. Along the way, it explains how the ocean itself works, including tides, currents, hurricanes, tsunamis, and the global processes of oceanography and climate. An informative and utterly beautiful introduction to the ocean, this book brings the wealth of the sea onto the printed page.

In Defense of Plants

A beautifully illustrated reference guide to wild flowers across the globe, in a substantially updated new large-format edition.

Botanical Artistry

Argues that the Clinton administration bypassed established security checks to bring in unsuitable associates, and discusses later cases of possibly inappropriate behavior

The Academic Presentation

This book is a reference volume and a digest of more than a century of scholarly work on troubadour poetry. Written by leading scholars, it summarizes the current consensus on the various facets of troubadour studies. Standing at the beginning of the history of modern European verse, the troubadours

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were the prime poets and composers of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries in the South of France. No study of medieval literature is complete without an examination of the courtly love which is celebrated in the elaborately rhymed stanzas of troubadour verse, creations whose words and melodies were imitated by poets and musicians all over medieval Europe. The words of about 2,500 troubadour songs have survived, along with 250 melodies, and all have come under intense scholarly scrutiny. This Handbook brings together the fruits of this scrutiny, giving teachers and students an overview of the fundamental issues in troubadour scholarship. All quotations are given in the original Old Occitan and in English. The editors provide a list of troubadour editions and an index, and each chapter includes a list of additional readings.

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The Science of the Ocean

From the best flowers to plant to encourage the industrious honeybee, to the right soils for your plants, from the easiest-to-grow varieties of courgette, to planning out your garden, RHS expert Guy Barter has curated a selection of graphics to instruct and inspire the green-fingered enthusiast. Packed with colourful graphics illustrating the how to's, facts and trivia of gardening, this gorgeous book is the perfect gift for those who want to keep their garden green and healthy, or looking to start their first garden. Packed with expert advice and over 100 original and unique illustrations, this beautiful visual reference book illuminates some of the trickier aspects of gardening as well as providing an introduction to the basics. Divided into the main themes of Planning, Planting, Choosing, Vegetables & Herbs, Fruit & Vines, and Practicalities; no matter where you are in your gardening abilities, Flora will ensure that you have all the know-how to start your garden and how to keep it green and healthy.

Plants of the World

Following the success of *Anatomy for the Artist* and *Sketch Book for the Artist*, this latest title from the acclaimed artist Sarah Simblet investigates the extraordinary structure and variety of every type of plant—from mosses and lichens to flowers and trees—and teaches the reader how to draw them. The book starts with the history of plant drawing and painting. The author follows the trail of the early plant explorers and shows how the exotic specimens they brought home with them were depicted in botanical illustrations, anthologies, and decorative designs. The main part of the book examines the structure of

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plants, with visually stunning chapters on roots and stems, shoots and leaves, buds and flowers, and seeds and fruit, mosses and lichens, and trees. As in *Anatomy for the Artist*, beautiful, specially commissioned photographs complement Sarah's drawings, illustrating how an understanding of botany really helps you to draw plants. Drawing classes provide a wealth of practical advice on how to draw, and pages from Sarah's sketchbooks show how she records her favorite plants throughout the seasons. Inspirational master classes in each chapter focus on how other artists, from 17th century masters to contemporary botanical illustrators, have portrayed plants. This lavishly illustrated book will not only be the definitive guide for those wishing to master the art of drawing plants, but a sumptuous gift book for all those passionate about plants and how they are portrayed in art.

Unlimited Access

Discover the extraordinary world of flowers, trees, and foliage plants in this beautiful celebration of the plant kingdom. Perfect for plant lovers, gardeners, and naturalists, the exquisite images on every page unearth a wealth of floral delight. Whether it's tiny mosses, delicate ferns, vibrant wildflowers, or stately palms, *Flora* invites you to explore our amazing planet, from root to leaf tip. Captivating photos, crystal-clear artworks, and four sumptuous prints featuring stunning plants entice you to delve in and uncover the plant world's best-kept secrets. If you have ever wondered about the mechanics of photosynthesis, why leaves change colour, how cacti store water, or how seeds know when to grow, *Flora* has all the answers. Made in collaboration with scientific experts at the world-famous Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, London, *Flora* is a fresh and engaging introduction to the mysterious inner workings of plants from across the globe. Accessible to everyone, the book's combination of concise information, eye-catching

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images, and explanatory artworks will delight gardeners and botanists, ecologists and naturalists, photographers and artists, as well as all who care about the natural world.

The Art of Natural History

From the smallest seeds to the tallest trees, this beautiful children's guide is a must-have for any budding botanist or plant lover. We can't live without plants. We need them for food, shelter, even the air we breathe, yet we know surprisingly little about them. Why do thistles bristle with spines? How do some plants trap and eat insects? Did you know there are trees more than 5,000 years old? *Trees, Leaves, Flowers & Seeds* explores the mysterious world of plants to find the answers to these and many more questions. This picture-packed encyclopedia shows a wonderful variety of plants, from fantastic ferns to spiky cacti. It explores the diverse habitats of plants, herbs and spices that make our food tasty, and even how astronuatls grow plants in space. It also takes a fun, more sideways look at some truly weird and wonderful plants, including leaves that are home to frogs, orchids that look like parrots, and seeds that spin like helicopters. So open this fascinating ebook and find out more about the amazing world of trees, leaves, flowers, and seeds.

Green Universe

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Plant: Exploring the Botanical World

Most of us think of plants as belonging to one big family, but they don't. There are actually hundreds of different plant families, which botanists have grouped together using what they know of their family histories and genealogy, to bring some sense and order to more than quarter of million different plant species. Using this knowledge, we can teach ourselves to see similarities of characteristics between plants and get a pretty good idea of which family they belong to. GENEALOGY FOR GARDENERS presents the enormous diversity shown by the many families of plants in a way that is easy to understand, whether one's interest lies in natural history or with horticulture. The superb illustrations make it exceptionally attractive and accessible book. Information boxes on most pages highlight interesting facts, unexpected relationships, botanical curiosities, and notable members of plant family

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groups. Readers can make sense of the enormous biological diversity of the plant kingdom, by piecing together family likenesses and genealogical connections.

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