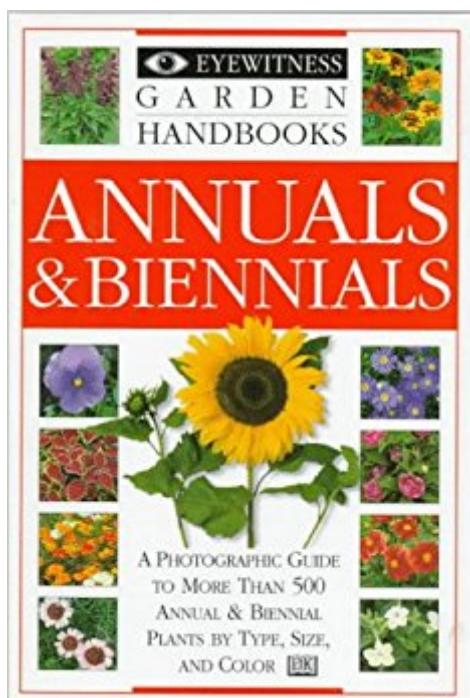


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# Eyewitness Garden Handbooks: Annuals And Biennials



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This guide compiled with the help of internationally known horticulturists Alan Toogood and Linden Hawthorne is the latest addition to DK's fine "Eyewitness Garden Handbook" series. The plants are arranged by size and then color, beginning with white and proceeding around the color wheel. Each

entry includes the family name, botanical name, and common name of each plant, followed by a description of growth habit, possible locations/uses for the plant, and propagation tips. Symbols for growing conditions provide cultivation advice. The hardiness zones of North America, a guide to planting and care, and a glossary contribute to the wealth of detail. Though not all common names are cross-referenced, this is a minor drawback. The quality of the 600-plus color photographs alone would recommend this book for all gardening collections. Nancy Lee Myers, Univ. of South Dakota Lib., Vermillion Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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Eyewitness handbooks are wonderful. I bought this one based on my success with others on such subjects as aquarium fish, horses, and other garden books. I have plenty of plant books with black and white drawings or simple word descriptions of the plant (NOT very useful) but I had none with beautiful full color photographs. This book is organized by the color (white, yellow, purple/blue) and the size of the plant (large, medium or small) This was not terribly helpful to me as I was trying to find plants that were suitable for certain areas of my yard: full sun, part shade, etc. However, I adjusted and soon came to like the arrangement. I found the index useful, although some scientific names will forever be foreign to me. There was an attempt to list common names with a "see...." reference, but this was not thorough. This, when weighed against the strengths of the book (ie the color photography, details of each plant, overall organization and comprehensive coverage), does not detract from its usefulness and my appreciation of the book as a whole. This book is an excellent reference book that will be a credit to my (small) library. Buy it and enjoy!

Handy for anyone planting a garden. Provides needed info necessary to get that springtime process moving. Beautiful pictures for the novice to enjoy and identify the backyard's precious wonders that nature provides to us each and every other year.

Very informational. Just what I needed.

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