



A Portable Latin for Gardeners

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University Of Chicago Press. Paperback. Condition: New. 160 pages. Having an understanding of botanical Latin unlocks an entirely new layer of the plant world. Gardeners deciding between a *Crocus flavus* and *Crocus graveolens* will know that one produces deep yellow flowers while the other boasts a prominent smell. They can tell whether a plant should have one (*unifolius*), two (*diphyllus*), or even nine leaves (*enneaphyllus*). And they can catch the nods to Sir Joseph Banks in *Cordyline banksia* and Queen Victoria in *Agave victoriae-reginae*. A Portable Latin for Gardeners is the perfect quick reference for working in the garden, shopping for plants, or doing botanical research and no prior knowledge of Latin is required. The 1,500 terms are grouped by categories, making it easy to describe color, size, form, habitat, scent, taste, and time. Gardeners will make new connections and discoveries in a way standard alphabetical lists simply don't allow. Alternately, gardeners who want to look up a particular term can jump right into the alphabetical index. Each entry includes the different forms of the term, a basic pronunciation guide, the definition, and an example plant species. Rich botanical illustrations make this guide as beautiful as it is useful, while...



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