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Heirloom Bulbs



Synopsis

For those tired of high-maintenance and short-lived plants, Chris Wiesinger, "The Bulb Hunter" shares his knowledge of versatile, sustainable, and low-maintenance bulbs. **HEIRLOOM BULBS FOR TODAY** introduces the best of the bulb world, addressing common questions and explaining the characteristics, history and ways to use each bulb, whether in the landscape or the home. Chris teams with landscape designer and award winning author Cherie Foster Colburn (**OUR SHADOW GARDEN**) to offer an innovative look at old-fashioned flower bulbs. While most garden guides simply tell the culture of the plant, **HEIRLOOM BULBS FOR TODAY** also tells the culture of the people who grew the plant, unearthing each bulb's past and those who loved it. Gorgeous botanical illustrations and vivid photographs by South African artists Loela Barry and Johan Kritzinger add rich flavor to featured bulbs found flowering with abandon in historic gardens, homes, and cemeteries, transporting readers on their own bulb hunt. With undeniable Southern charm, Wiesinger describes the adventures he encounters while collecting these old favorites, dubbed the "comfort food" of the plant world.

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Customer Reviews

"Someone recommended this to us... and it's an amazing find.... Beautiful back-stories, artwork, and information." --The Beekman Boys Josh Kilmer-Purcell, author of *The Bucolic Plague*, co-owner Beekman 1802 "If you have to choose one book, this is it! Do NOT hide this treasure on a bookshelf, but place it in a prominent spot for everyone to enjoy." --Garden Club of South Carolina "Charming and inspiring.... This highly recommended book is notable for bringing to public attention critical environmental issues for successful gardening." --Chicago Botanic Garden

After several years of purchasing bulbs from Chris for my clients and for my own yard, I visited his farm in Golden, Texas. ~ Chris' passion for the bulbs he rescued and the folks he met along the way was contagious. ~ When I asked him to partner with me on a book, he told me he just didn't have time because of his schedule on the road, delivering plants and speeches to converts to his cause and getting these disappearing favorites back into production for Americans. ~ A friendship developed and he finally realized I was not going to give up on the idea of a book. ~ I wanted to let a new generation of gardeners know about heirloom bulbs. ~ Chris grabbed his digital recorder and with each road trip, he talked to me about one of his "ladies," describing her moods and likes and dis-likes, where she came from and how she ended up in the location he discovered her. ~ My hope is that as readers are introduced, see Loela's portraits, ~ Johan's intimate photos, ~ and the biography of these bulbs, they will come to know and love Chris' ladies as he does. ~ cherie c:

Book quality as advertised. Shipping was prompt.

Everything you've read in the glowing positive reviews is true! It is a beautiful book. I would like to add, however, that if you garden in zones 6 or colder, you may be disappointed in the lack of descriptions of bulbs meant for your zone. 18 out of the 23 bulb descriptions are for gardens in zones 7-10. I will still keep this book because it is beautiful and informative; and who knows, I may move someday.

This is a really beautifully illustrated coffee table book. Having said that, it does also give pretty complete information on the bulbs presented. If nothing else, it's nice to have a short, beautiful reference on bulbs that do well in the south and what particular conditions they like. Scott Ogden's "Garden Bulbs for the South" is a more comprehensive resource on the subject; however it lacks the brevity and lovely photos and drawings of this book. I enjoy having both in my library.

Chris Wiesinger shares his life and how he has acquired knowledge about heritage bulbs. The content is terrific!

We live in the North Texas area so Chris' ideas are certainly good for our area. He is an expert in his subject matter and boasts a degree from Texas A&M. We have enjoyed his help in identifying

several bulbs and enjoy the content of his book.

I am very satisfied with Chris Wiesinger's book on Heirloom Bulbs. I found his book to be very informative. This book is a must for all heirloom bulb collectors.

This is a beautifully photographed, informative and comprehensive book that would make an outstanding gift for that gardener on your list and a great reference book for your own library. It is composed of high quality paper stock and would be perfect as a coffee table book also. I highly recommend it even if you aren't an enthusiastic gardener, as the pictures and information are highly educational and interesting.

Whether you are an avid gardener or simply enjoy the finished product, this book is for you. It is beautifully written and filled with information on bulbs, their history, planting, arranging and photos. Oh yes, the photos. There are countless pictures of incredible artwork (suitable for framing) and photography. This would make a great gift for someone...or even yourself!

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