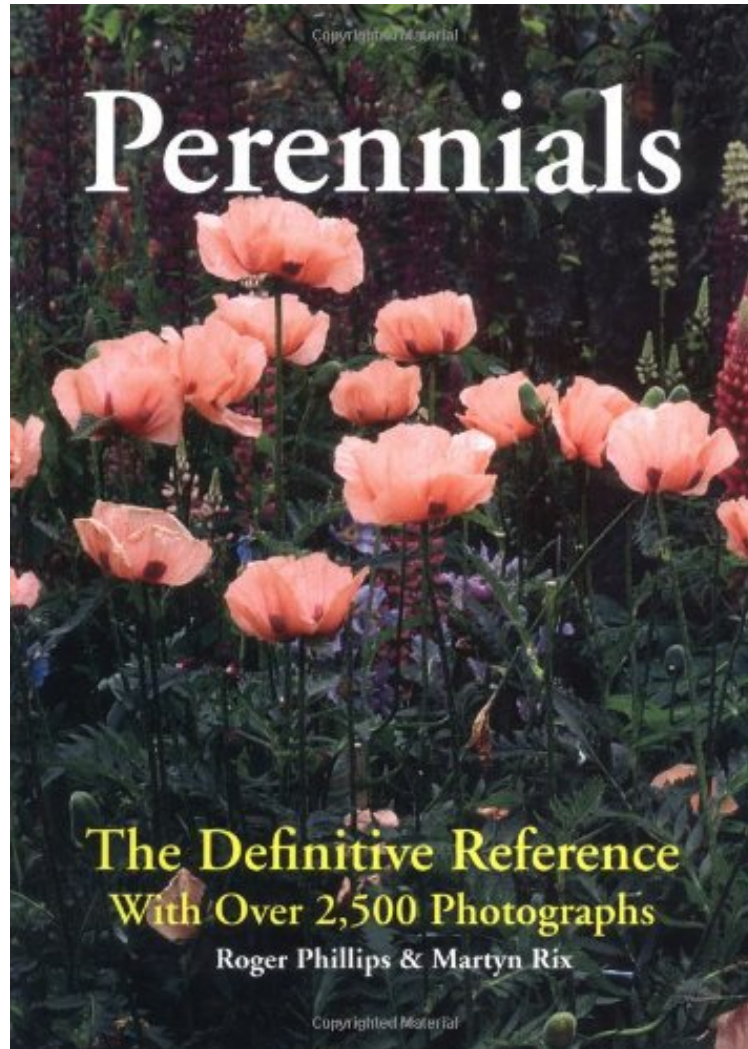


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centigrade, and since they are British they don't pretend much knowledge of cold climates; the reader needs to think about their own climate in relation to other world climates in order to get the most from this book. The book is packed with excellent photos, and the information on growing preferences, moisture, origins in the wild is invaluable. Based on this, I've tried successfully many plants not supposed to grow here. It is the first book I grab when thinking about a plant, and as I mention above, I've loved it to death. I highly recommend for plant collectors, and experienced or ambitious gardeners. 41 of 42 people found the following review helpful. Encyclopedic reference book By A Customer This book is an exhaustive encyclopedia of perennial plants grouped into three sections by their blooming time - spring, summer and autumn. It has beautiful pictures of each plant, with a number of varieties of each type included and pictured. I do not think, however, that it is a book for those who are new to gardening or who want to learn more about gardening with perennials. The plants are listed by their Latin names only, with no reference whatsoever to their common names. It therefore makes the book quite useless for someone who wants to look up or identify a plant and is not familiar with the Latin name. Basically, this lovely book is more of a dictionary or encyclopedia of plants, rather than a gardening guide or how-to. And although beautiful to look through, and a good and thorough reference for those well versed in perennials, it is not helpful as a gardening book for someone who is looking for more gardening and plant guidance.

Indispensable More than ten years in the making, *Perennials* is the most comprehensive guide available to these popular plants. It includes descriptions of over 2,500 types of perennials, each variety described in detail and illustrated with a handsome color photograph. After three decades of collaboration, Roger Phillips and Martyn Rix continue to expand their plant collections and hone their knowledge. *Perennials* includes expert information on: Cultivation and propagation Plant origins Natural planting associations Flowering times for every phase of the growing season Combinations for borders, island beds, meadow gardens Sedges, grasses, hostas and ferns Sources, gardens to visit around the world, and further readings. With a wide variety of old favorites and an exciting selection of rarities, *Perennials* is widely recognized as the indispensable and inspiring reference for color and variety for all sites and soil conditions.

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