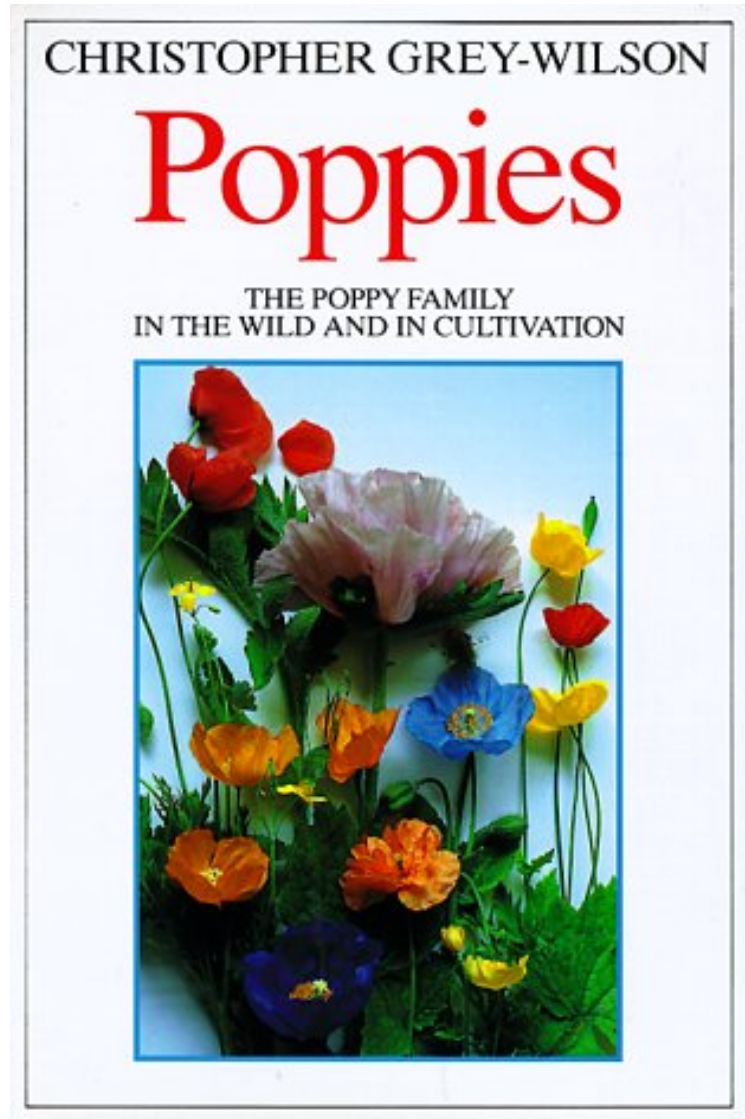


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Christopher Grey-Wilson : Poppies: The Poppy Family in the Wild and in Cultivation before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Poppies: The Poppy Family in the Wild and in Cultivation:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Book for Those Who Wish to Know About All Poppies By Patty's Plum I purchased this book several years ago and enjoyed immensely. While in good health, I previously was a casual gardener. I'm a huge fan of the poppy. I learned quite a bit about all the various poppies that one may want to grow if they are a collector. For a poppy fanatic like myself, I love reading it over and over and peering at all the

photos. 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Decent book, but I was expecting more. By PDJ This is definitely a good book for a general overview on poppies. It has info on tons of different strains and species of the plant, but that's exactly where I think this book has its weakness. This book is very much quantity over quality. The author covers many different types of poppies but doesn't give too much information on them other than a basic overview. I was hoping the book would focus on the few popular species of poppy (rheas, oriental, somniferum, Eschscholzia, etc.) giving thorough information then dividing the various species into less detailed strain descriptions. The pictures are nice, but I wish they were with the various sections and not only in the middle pages. Overall I say this book isn't that great. I don't know of one, but there must be a better book on poppies out there. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Three Stars By suecitysue Not as colorful as the cover shows. But, it's okay.

In addition to the true poppies of the genus *Papaver*, the other genera in the poppy family are featured in this profusely illustrated book, including favorites such as *Eschscholzia*, the California poppy, and *Meconopsis*, the fabled blue Himalayan poppy.

.com A field of common red poppies growing wild by the roadside can transform an ordinary landscape into a place of mystery--their fervent, insistent color seems designed to take the breath away. For readers who've fallen under the poppy's spell, Christopher Grey-Wilson's *Poppies: A Guide to the Poppy Family in the Wild and in Cultivation* is an exhaustive work of research and classification of this remarkable and mysterious flower. The book starts out with a brief, no-nonsense introduction that serves as a road map to the reams of information contained in the subsequent pages. Grey-Wilson, botanist and editor of *Alpine Garden Society*, has organized the poppy family into four main subfamilies: the *Chelidonioideae*, *Eschscholzioideae*, *Papveroideae*, and *Plastytemonoideae*. Within these subfamilies a series of varieties are delineated. In entries of varying length, Grey-Wilson provides information about zoning, propagation, advice on garden placement, and various other remarkable and somewhat unpredictable details. While some poppies described here can be found at any local garden store, others are not in cultivation and were last sighted in Turkey or Iran. Containing 182 color photographs, *Poppies* will satisfy readers who want more than just the basics, who want the whole scientific story, and then some. --Emily White This book has deepened my understanding of the plant world significantly. I am sure everyone who reads this book will find at least one plant that totally surprises him or her. --Diana Pederson "Suite101.com" (05/11/2001) About the Author Christopher Grey-Wilson was editor of *The Kew Magazine*. He is now editor of the *Alpine Garden Society* journal and a freelance author. Christopher Grey-Wilson is author of many standard works, including most recently *Cyclamen* (0713487607). *Cyclamen* was nominated for an award by the UK's Garden Writers Guild.