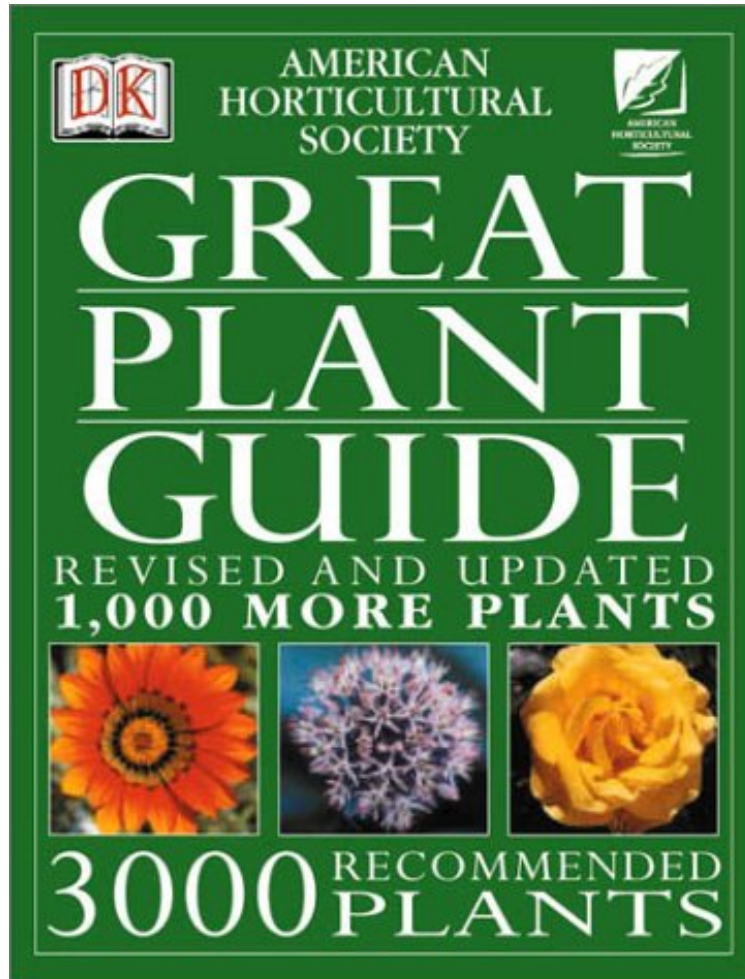




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looked up each flowering plant I have in my garden and was just a bit disturbed to see that three major perennials popular in the northeastern United States are missing from this book! I could find no articles on pansies, petunias, or marigolds, although my other favorites, dahlias, chrysanthemums, and day lilies (hemerocallis). The great families of tulips, daffodills, and hyacinths are also well represented. What was even more annoying is that in the lists of types of plants by use in the back of the book, petunias are mentioned favorably as a good species for hanging baskets. While one gets the sense that the book is weighted heavily towards perennials, we do find a smallish section devoted to Impatiens. As this book is published by DK (Dorling Kindersley) which has several other larger format titles in conjunction with the American Horticultural Society, I strongly suggest that this book was digested from a larger book to give the appearance of working as a field guide. What seems odd, however, is the presence in this volume of material specifically meant to be read in March in the comfort of your easy chair, as you look over plant catalogues and plan your award winning flower beds for the coming spring. That is, it is material on techniques which have no role in your strolls down the aisles of your favorite nursery, as you look for a perennial to fill in that hole at the northeastern corner of your house. Were I to consider buying this book again, I would probably take a pass in favor of a good book on perennials plus a good book on annuals, except that it seems few books deal with the lowly pansy and petunia, let alone the cliched marigold. This volume may be good if you don't to actually read big, atlas sized hulking books on 7245 different garden species, but I do suggest you check out the field before laying out any loot for this little guide. I am happy that other reviewers have had good luck with this book, but I repeat my suggestion to shop around before laying out any money for this book.

The AHS Great Plant Guide is designed to help you choose plants in two different ways. In the A-Z of Plants, over 1,000 plants have full entries and are illustrated with photographs. This is the section to consult to find details about a plant. It will tell you what type of plant it is, how it grows, what its ornamental features are, where it grows and looks best, and how to care for it. For quick reference, symbols summarize its main requirements. The Planting Guide provides "shopping list" of plants for every purpose, whether practical, such as a group of plants for a damp, shady site, or for themed plantings, such as a selection of plants to attract birds into your garden. Page references are given to plants with entries and portraits elsewhere. Hundreds of plants not pictured are also recommended.

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