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*Brilliant Green* W. W. Norton & Company

The first comprehensive monograph of *Aldrovanda*, the rare and extraordinary carnivorous "Waterwheel Plant". This incredible carnivore, known for trapping aquatic prey between jaw-like lobes that dramatically snap shut when triggered, is related to the famous Venus Flytrap and employs one of the fastest movement responses known in the plant kingdom. Not only arthropods are caught in its deadly jaws, but even small

vertebrates including tadpoles and fish fry. Representing over four years of study and research, this long-awaited work presents a pioneering and uniquely detailed treatment of all aspects of the botanical history, ecology, evolutionary history, distribution and cultivation of this novel plant. The text also addresses the pressing need for integrated conservation and management initiatives. Among the many highlights of this work are:- Spectacular imagery of *Aldrovanda*, including scanning electron microscopy, histological sections, and many previously unpublished photos of the plant throughout its worldwide habitat.- The formal description of a new infraspecific taxon of *Aldrovanda*.- The most definitive guide to cultivating this unique species ever

published- The inclusion of new and previously unpublished data relating to key aspects of the plant's reproduction, dispersal and ecology

*Aldrovanda* Royal Botanic Gardens Kew

Learn how to propagate virtually every type of plant, from fruit trees and ornamental shrubs to exotic orchids and succulents. Packed with hundreds of step-by-step tutorials, this new edition of RHS Propagating Plants is your go-to guide for clear and instructive propagation advice. How long do your seedlings need to germinate? What makes a healthy stem cutting? How do you know what type of rootstock to use when grafting plants? Find all the answers within, alongside more than 1,800 detailed illustrations and photos to refer to, plus the experts' secrets to perfect plant propagation. Ideal for the thrifty gardener who wants plants for free, or who wants to gift favourite plant cuttings to friends and family; and useful for budding house plant owners with an interest in propagating succulents and other house plants. Fill your garden with beautiful plants for next-to-nothing with this brand new edition of the most comprehensive guide to propagating plants ever published.

**Darwin's Most Wonderful Plants** Carnivorous Plants Gardening with Extraordinary Botanicals

Let the experts at the Royal Botanic Gardens guide you around the beautiful and mysterious world that is the plant kingdom. From regulating the air we breathe to providing food, clothes, fuels, and medicines - plants are fundamental to our lives. Discover an extraordinary diversity of species, which includes a grass that grows a meter a day, roots that breathe air, and "queen of the night" cactuses whose rare blooms vanish before

dawn. In a combination of art and science, Flora celebrates plants from majestic trees to microscopic algae, explaining how they germinate, grow, and reproduce. It presents species that have evolved to accommodate pollinating insects such as the foxglove, and plants that have adapted to flourish in even the most hostile of habitats. Pierre-Joseph Redoute in the 18th-century was described as the "Raphael of flowers". Flora showcases his botanical paintings as well as those of Georg Ehret and others in this gorgeous visual celebration of plants through the ages. Whether you are a keen gardener, naturalist, or botany student, this beautiful book is a treat that will entice, inform, and amaze.

**Pitcher Plants of the Americas** Modern Library

Once known only to collectors, adolescent boys, and fans of the cult film *The Little Shop of Horrors*, carnivorous plants are poised to be the next big trend in home gardening. They provide striking architectural style and can be grown indoors and outdoors. Carnivorous Plants is an accessible, smartly designed guide to growing this unusual group of plants. It offers a general introduction to the world of carnivorous plants, and growing and cultivation information for commonly available and easily grown varieties. Nigel Hewitt-Cooper also provides advice on where to grow the plants; year-round care, cultivation, and maintenance; and a directory of the best carnivorous plants for home gardeners.

**In Defense of Plants** Penguin

*Tiny Plants* explores the world of miniature houseplants and profiles dozens of itty-bitty foliage and flowering plants to grow on your windowsill or inside a terrarium.

*Killer Plants* Royal Botanic Gardens Kew

If you'd like to grow your own food but don't think you have the space, look up! In urban and suburban areas across the country, farms and gardens are growing atop the rooftops of residential and commercial buildings. In this accessible guide, author Annie Novak's passion shines as she draws on her experience as a pioneering sky-high farmer to teach best practices for raising vegetables, herbs, flowers, and trees. The book also includes interviews, expert essays, and farm and garden profiles from across the country, so you'll find advice that works no matter where you live. Featuring the brass tacks on green roofs, container gardening, hydroponics, greenhouse growing, crop planning, pest management, harvesting tips, and more, *The Rooftop Growing Guide* will have you reimagining the possibilities of your own skyline.

*The Planthunter* Timber Press

In this book, a leading plant scientist offers a new understanding of the botanical world and a passionate argument for intelligent plant life. Are plants intelligent? Can they solve problems, communicate, and navigate their surroundings? For centuries, philosophers and scientists have argued that plants are unthinking and inert, yet discoveries over the past fifty years have challenged this idea, shedding new light on the complex interior lives of plants. In *Brilliant Green*, leading scientist Stefano Mancuso presents a new paradigm in our understanding of the vegetal world. He argues that plants process information, sleep, remember, and signal to one another—showing that, far from passive machines, plants are intelligent and aware. Part botany lesson, part manifesto, *Brilliant Green* is an engaging and passionate examination of the inner workings of the plant

kingdom.--

### **How Mediterranean Plants and Foods Changed America**

Timber Press

The alluring nature of carnivorous plants is on stunning display in this fine art-style collection of botanical photographs. Over 140 color images show in minute detail species, hybrids, and cultivars from around the world, many painstakingly cultivated by the author in his native New York. The images were taken in a studio setting as well as in their natural environment. Detailed captions and text contain horticultural information like genus, species, and common names, ranges, and conservation status. Additional sections offer a primer on equipment and conditions for growing the specimens; identify threats to the plants' natural habitats and the conservation organizations that are working to protect them; and present a survey of Long Island's native carnivorous plants, making this a valuable horticultural reference as well. This book will appeal to both fine art photography aficionados and horticultural enthusiasts.

### *Carnivorous Plants* Incredible Evolution

Pitcher plants include the largest and most beautiful of the world's carnivorous plants, plants that are viewed with fascination by people of all ages, nationalities and walks of life. *Pitcher Plants of the Americas* is an informative, visually rich overview of the five genera of pitcher plants that occur in North, Middle, and South America a group that includes three genera of true pitcher plants (*Darlingtonia*, *Heliamphora*, and *Sarracenia*) and two genera of carnivorous tank bromeliads (*Brocchinia* and *Catopsis*). *Pitcher Plants . . .* is written in clear yet substantive language and contains spectacular photography that provides a comprehensive

visual record of the group. This book will appeal to both general readers and specialists who are interested in the natural history, conservation, and horticulture of the American pitcher plants.

**Killer Carnivorous Plants** Reaktion Books

It's time for plant lovers to dust off their houseplants, update their image, and discover just how exciting, trendy, and crucial plants can be in the home. The Unexpected Houseplant, by renowned plant authority Tovah Martin, isn't your typical, old-fashioned, dowdy houseplant book. Martin's approach is revolutionary—picture brilliant spring bulbs by the bed, lush perennials brought in from the garden, quirky succulents in the kitchen, even flowering vines and small trees growing beside an easy chair. Martin brings an evangelist's zeal to the task of convincing homeowners that indoor plants aren't just a luxury—they're a necessity. In addition to design flair, houseplants clean indoor air, which can be up to ten times more polluted. Along with loads of visual inspiration, readers will learn how to make unusual selections, where to best position plants in the home, and valuable tips on watering, feeding, grooming, pruning, and troubleshooting, season by season.

**A Tour of His Botanical Legacy** University of Chicago Press

Plants, as is now becoming widely recognised, exploit animals in almost as many ways as animals use plants; only rarely, however, do they eat animals in the sense of catching, holding, and devouring prey. The manner, however, in which they function as carnivores grants insights into plant form, function, and evolution not otherwise readily available. The diversity of morphological, biochemical, and commensal features generates both the lay and the scientific interest in this diverse group. The

carnivorous plants exhibit features which are common to many other non-carnivorous plants. However the extent to which these features have developed and the combination of different features in small organs is unique and therefore, can be exploited by using these plants as models for scientific research.

**The Surprising History and Science of Plant Intelligence**

Penguin

A terrarium is nothing less than a miniature world—one that you can create yourself. It might be a tiny rainforest, with lush foliage and bright tropical flowers. Or a desert, with strange succulents planted among colorful stones. Or a Victorian fernery. Or a minimalist composition with a single, perfect plant. Or it might not contain any plants at all. It might be made with crystals, feathers, bones, seashells, bits of wood, porcelain trinkets—anything that catches your fancy and helps create a mood or look. Whatever they contain, terrariums are the ultimate in modern, affordable, easy-care décor. Terrarium Craft features fifty original designs that you can re-create or use as inspiration for your own design. Each entry comes with clear step-by-step directions on how to assemble and care for your terrarium. You'll also find helpful information about selecting a container, using appropriate materials, choosing the right plants, and maintaining your terrarium. (Hint: It's easy! In fact, many terrariums are self-sustaining, requiring no maintenance whatsoever!)

**Flora** Timber Press

An exciting and refreshing call to arms, The Planthunter is a new generation of gardening book for a new generation of gardener that encourages readers to fall in love with the natural world by falling in love with plants.

Gardening Under Lights Timber Press

Few groups of plants capture the imagination like these carnivores. Among the best known are the Venus fly trap and the various pitcher plants; these and many others are covered.

*How You Can Attract and Protect Beautiful, Beneficial Insects*

Timber Press

A lavishly illustrated introduction to meat-eating plants Fresh as a daisy, pretty as a rose: most plants are commonly characterized by their gentle beauty or delicate sensory qualities. Carnivorous plants, on the other hand, are quite literally out for blood. These beautiful yet deadly plants use their singular adaptations--like sweet nectar, mesmerizing colors, or biological restroom facilities--to trap, kill, and eat everything from insects to crustaceans, reptiles to rodents. This pocketbook from Kew showcases forty examples of this fascinating group of vegetal meat-eaters, from the famed Venus flytrap to the lesser-known but equally intriguing pitcher plant and sundew. Each plant is paired with a striking painting drawn from Kew's Library, Art and Archives, one of the most extensive botanical libraries in the world. Featuring an introduction by weird plant expert Chris Thorogood, this book is a perfect overview of those plants that turn the natural food chain on its head.

*A Novel* Island Press

"Highly entertaining...Mabey gets us to look at life from the plants' point of view." —Constance Casey, *New York Times* *The Cabaret of Plants* is a masterful, globe-trotting exploration of the relationship between humans and the kingdom of plants by the renowned naturalist Richard Mabey. A rich, sweeping, and wonderfully readable work of botanical history, *The Cabaret of*

*Plants* explores dozens of plant species that for millennia have challenged our imaginations, awoken our wonder, and upturned our ideas about history, science, beauty, and belief. Going back to the beginnings of human history, Mabey shows how flowers, trees, and plants have been central to human experience not just as sources of food and medicine but as objects of worship, actors in creation myths, and symbols of war and peace, life and death. Writing in a celebrated style that the *Economist* calls "delightful and casually learned," Mabey takes readers from the Himalayas to Madagascar to the Amazon to our own backyards. He ranges through the work of writers, artists, and scientists such as da Vinci, Keats, Darwin, and van Gogh and across nearly 40,000 years of human history: Ice Age images of plant life in ancient cave art and the earliest representations of the Garden of Eden; Newton's apple and gravity, Priestley's sprig of mint and photosynthesis, and Wordsworth's daffodils; the history of cultivated plants such as maize, ginseng, and cotton; and the ways the sturdy oak became the symbol of British nationhood and the giant sequoia came to epitomize the spirit of America. Complemented by dozens of full-color illustrations, *The Cabaret of Plants* is the magnum opus of a great naturalist and an extraordinary exploration of the deeply intertwined history of humans and the natural world.

*Carnivorous Plants of the World* Schiffer Publishing

A glorious, sweeping novel of desire, ambition, and the thirst for knowledge, from the # 1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Eat Pray Love*, *Big Magic*, and *City of Girls* In *The Signature of All Things*, Elizabeth Gilbert returns to fiction, inserting her inimitable voice into an enthralling story of love, adventure and

discovery. Spanning much of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, the novel follows the fortunes of the extraordinary Whittaker family as led by the enterprising Henry Whittaker—a poor-born Englishman who makes a great fortune in the South American quinine trade, eventually becoming the richest man in Philadelphia. Born in 1800, Henry’s brilliant daughter, Alma (who inherits both her father’s money and his mind), ultimately becomes a botanist of considerable gifts herself. As Alma’s research takes her deeper into the mysteries of evolution, she falls in love with a man named Ambrose Pike who makes incomparable paintings of orchids and who draws her in the exact opposite direction—into the realm of the spiritual, the divine, and the magical. Alma is a clear-minded scientist; Ambrose a utopian artist—but what unites this unlikely couple is a desperate need to understand the workings of this world and the mechanisms behind all life. Exquisitely researched and told at a galloping pace, *The Signature of All Things* soars across the globe—from London to Peru to Philadelphia to Tahiti to Amsterdam, and beyond. Along the way, the story is peopled with unforgettable characters: missionaries, abolitionists, adventurers, astronomers, sea captains, geniuses, and the quite mad. But most memorable of all, it is the story of Alma Whittaker, who—born in the Age of Enlightenment, but living well into the Industrial Revolution—bears witness to that extraordinary moment in human history when all the old assumptions about science, religion, commerce, and class were exploding into dangerous new ideas. Written in the bold, questing spirit of that singular time, Gilbert’s wise, deep, and spellbinding tale is certain to capture the hearts and minds of readers.

Cool Springs Press

For many people, the story of Charles Darwin goes like this: he ventured to the Galapagos Islands on the *Beagle*, was inspired by the biodiversity of the birds he saw there, and immediately returned home to write his theory of evolution. But this simplified narrative is inaccurate and lacking: it leaves out a major part of Darwin’s legacy. He published *On the Origin of Species* nearly thirty years after his voyages. And much of his life was spent experimenting with and observing plants. Darwin was a brilliant and revolutionary botanist whose observations and theories were far ahead of his time. With *Darwin’s Most Wonderful Plants*, biologist and gardening expert Ken Thompson restores this important aspect of Darwin’s biography while also delighting in the botanical world that captivated the famous scientist. Thompson traces how well Darwin’s discoveries have held up, revealing that many are remarkably long-lasting. Some findings are only now being confirmed and extended by high-tech modern research, while some have been corrected through recent analysis. We learn from Thompson how Darwin used plants to shape his most famous theory and then later how he used that theory to further push the boundaries of botanical knowledge. We also get to look over Darwin’s shoulder as he labors, learning more about his approach to research and his astonishing capacity for hard work. Darwin’s genius was to see the wonder and the significance in the ordinary and mundane, in the things that most people wouldn’t look at twice. Both Thompson and Darwin share a love for our most wonderful plants and the remarkable secrets they can unlock. This book will instill that same joy in casual gardeners and botany aficionados alike.

### *Savage Garden* Timber Press

Explore the darker side of nature with this accessible guide to choosing, growing, and caring for carnivorous and predatory plants like Venus flytraps, pitcher plants, sundews, and other spooky guys. Carnivorous plants: they're weird, they're gorgeous, and they're the perfect addition to your urban jungle of pothos, snake plants, and succulents. However, they can also be intimidating to grow and care for. Let *Killer Plants* be your guide as it walks you through the different types of carnivorous plants and how to keep each variety alive and well. The book answers the many questions you may have surrounding these freaks of nature, such as: Where the heck do I buy a pitcher plant? Can I grow it from a seed? Do I need to feed my carnivorous plant flies, or can it survive on water and light alone? What carnivorous plants are safe to have around pets and kids? I have a gnat problem -- what predatory plant can help?

### [Discover the Joys of Growing and Collecting Itty-Bitty Houseplants](#)

McDonald and Woodward Publishing Company

The Study of Plants in a Whole New Light “Matt Candeias succeeds in evoking the wonder of plants with wit and wisdom.” —James T. Costa, PhD, executive director, Highlands Biological Station and author of *Darwin's Backyard* #1 New Release in Nature & Ecology, Plants, Botany, Horticulture, Trees, Biological

Sciences, and Nature Writing & Essays In his debut book, internationally-recognized blogger and podcaster Matt Candeias celebrates the nature of plants and the extraordinary world of plant organisms. A botanist's defense. Since his early days of plant restoration, this amateur plant scientist has been enchanted with flora and the greater environmental ecology of the planet. Now, he looks at the study of plants through the lens of his ever-growing houseplant collection. Using gardening, houseplants, and examples of plants around you, *In Defense of Plants* changes your relationship with the world from the comfort of your windowsill. The ruthless, horny, and wonderful nature of plants. Understand how plants evolve and live on Earth with a never-before-seen look into their daily drama. Inside, Candeias explores the incredible ways plants live, fight, have sex, and conquer new territory. Whether a blossoming botanist or a professional plant scientist, *In Defense of Plants* is for anyone who sees plants as more than just static backdrops to more charismatic life forms. In this easily accessible introduction to the incredible world of plants, you'll find:

- Fantastic botanical histories and plant symbolism
- Passionate stories of flora diversity and scientific names of plant organisms
- Personal tales of plantsman discovery through the study of plants

If you enjoyed books like *The Botany of Desire*, *What a Plant Knows*, or *The Soul of an Octopus*, then you'll love *In Defense of Plants*.

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