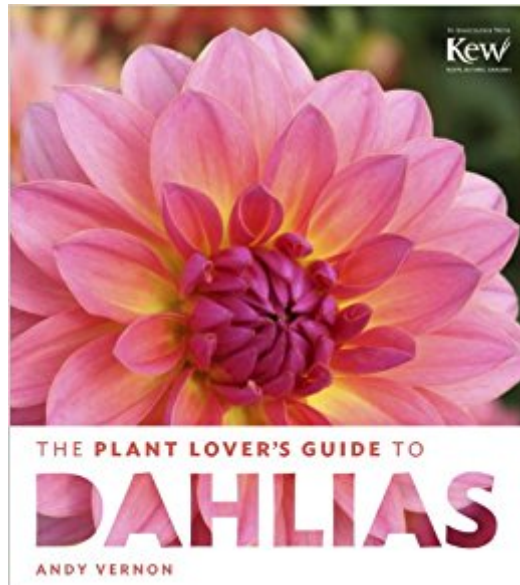




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# The Plant Lover's Guide To Dahlias (The Plant Lover's Guides)



## Synopsis

Dahlias are the showgirls of the garden. A favorite of floral and landscape designers, they come in a wide range of jewel-like colors—rich reds and vibrant oranges, shocking pinks—and an engaging variation of form and petal shape. The Plant Lover's Guide to Dahlias is packed with everything you need to know to grow these fantastic flowers including tips on using dahlias in garden design, growth and propagation information, and lists of where to buy the plants and where to view them in public gardens. The bulk of the book is devoted to profiles for over 200 varieties, organized by color, with information on type, height, and spread. Gorgeous color photographs bring the plants to life.

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## Customer Reviews

"We're in a dahlia craze these days. . . . Vernon shines a spotlight on these bodacious bloomers."—New York Times Book Review "The mug shots of these beauties are gorgeous, and Mr. Vernon's descriptions have a breezy authority that makes me want them all."—The New York Times "There is something for almost every garden here. The explosion in new varieties, including singles and dwarfs bred for modern spaces and tastes, makes this up-to-date book essential for dahlia lovers, cutting-edge flower gardeners, and all collections."—Library Journal "Detailed and extensive, even including material on DIY breeding, and how to use dahlias in floristry...very

attractive, showing that it is possible to produce stylish books that will also be the best sources for hard information on their subjects for years to come.

•Gardens Illustrated

“Visual and informational candy for people who are passionate about plants.

•Akron Beacon Journal

“The format is large enough for showy photos, especially important for the flamboyant dahlias on these pages. I love that the flowers are arranged by color; flip through to find dozens of dahlias from crimson to cream, with a chapter on

“Extraterrestrials

that defy categorization.

•Seattle Times

“Author Andy Vernon takes the reader on a journey of dahlia history and growing dahlias, and then fills the rest of the book with photographs of dozens of dahlias in all their glorious color. . . .

For anyone seeking to learn about the dahlia and how easy it is to grow, this book will provide the roadmap.

•The Patriot Ledger

“With a well-organized book like *The Plant Lover’s Guide to Dahlias*, you can find nearly all of what you need about the plant inside its covers. That includes how to design with, grow, propagate, store and choose Dahlias for your home garden. Add to that 200 varieties pictured in gorgeous color, plus a section on cutting and arranging for indoor decoration, and you have the perfect carry-around floral eye candy you can refer to any time.

•Petal Talk

“Wonderful.

•The Independent

“All four are attractively designed, accessible, with excellent photography and clear typography. The authors clearly know their stuff, and write well

these books serve as a wide view into narrow subjects in an engaging and attractive way.

•Transatlantic Gardener

Dahlias offer rich delights to those who love color. Their deep purple, vibrant orange, and shocking pink flowers bring life to a garden and come in a range of shapes from neat pompoms to spiky cactus forms. Life-long dahlia enthusiast Andy Vernon recommends the best plants for containers, color, foliage, cut flowers, attracting pollinators, and explains how to look after your dahlias with advice on everything from sowing seed to overwintering. *The Plant Lover’s Guide* books offer a rich source of information on both new and classic garden plants. Written by enthusiastic experts, they recommend the best varieties for different situations, inspire ideas for new plant combinations, and are packed with resources for the home gardener. These gorgeous guides celebrate the beauty of each plant and form a comprehensive library that every plant lover will want to own.

the plant lover's guide to Dahlias is every thing I hoped it would be. It is full of information Planting,

caring for, winter protection if you are in northern zones. A big plus is the hundreds of pictures of dahlias and their names so the reader can find the plants they would like. Further there is an index concerning who to write for further info and to order from, plus and where to find Dahlias farms.

This book was disappointing. We love Dahlias and this was the only book we could find with photographs. It was bought as a gift and we will keep it, but not happy with it.

The book gives a nice overview on dahlias. They are grouped not by flower shape(cactus, pompon, anemone, etc.) but by color. It makes easier to spot one particular dahlia. If you only have the name you can search in the index at the end of the book. Nice! The writings are good and motivational. They make you wish to have them all. Pictures are very good.

Great book! I refer to it a lot especially when ordering new dahlias for my garden!

love it, better than my other dahlia books, very informative, great photos and color.

Great book given to my husband as a birthday gift. He loves it and finds it very informative, educational and is accompanied by wonderful pictures. A great purchase. A very good book on dahlias.

I had a crush on dahlias until I purchased this book...now it is a full blown love affair! Very readable, educational and beautiful photos. Wonderful addition to my gardening book collection.

Especially appreciated the explanation of the complex genetics of these beautiful flowers.

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