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Charity says

I don't think this is the kind of book you can ever really 'finish'. Definitely one that I will keep coming back to. Good index of herbs and remedies.

Cynthia Peters says

As an herbalist, I found quite a bit in this book to be lacking. A lot of plants that need photos of the flowers did not have them, and would be problematic for newbies to the herb world. The illustrations were helpful, but in some cases they still weren't a good representation of the plant (Soapwort's photo was hideous and the flowers are incorrect. The illustration of soapwort did more justice than the photo.). I suppose it is hard to do all of hundreds of plants justice, but poison hemlock has no photo of the flower or mention of how it can look similar to Queen Anne's Lace if you're not an experienced herbalist. There is so much more I have issues with, but I will leave it at this.

Stacy says

I registered a book at BookCrossing.com!
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Esraa Abdel hamid says

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Dina Benedetto says

EVERYTHING AND I MEAN EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HERBS

Meredith says

Started reading this months ago and never got 'round to putting it up here! Simply wonderful guide to herbs and plants etc., excellent full color photographs including different types of plants, (i.e., peppermint vs variegated peppermint etc.) and descriptions of each. Pick this up whenever I need a quick answer, or just as a refresher when I've got some free time. Great addition to the herbalist's or gardener's library, or if you like good reference books. Five stars.

Dane says

I always love Dorling Kindersley books. This is a beautiful, thorough, useful guide. Good stuff; photos of every part of many, many herbs, along with several sections on their uses in cooking, beauty, health (how to make decoctions and tinctures!) and how to grow them.

Jeannette says

Great handbook for every gardener. I keep it on my nightstand to refer back to it again and again. Great photos and details of more than 700 species.

E says

Although it's not the most definitive reference for a budding herbalist, visual learners will very much appreciate the beautiful photographs of each herb, shrub and tree. Not only do they show one photograph, but usually a few of each part, and of different subspecies, as well as a traditional hand drawn picture of what the entire plant looks like.

This was the first book about herbs I ever received and I will keep it forever.

Lisa (Harmonybites) says

Not worth keeping I think. In our internet age, I have a simple test for reference books. Does it give me any value-added over the resources on the internet? In the case of this 1990 book, the answer is no. About 100 pages of the 240-page book is an A to Z guide to herbs "inspired by the herbals of John Gerard and Nicholas Culpepper, which were published in over 300 years ago." Each herb features attractive color plates of the plant, stem, leaf, seed, flower with its various uses. But if I look at the page on Basil and its counterpart of the Wiki and other online guides such as **Growing Basil**, the book loses. Next section of nearly 40 pages is "Cooking with Herbs" and only a few of the recipes ("Persian Chicken with Herbs," "Rosemary cheese fingers") seemed enticing. And after all, what kind of book on cooking with herbs doesn't include a recipe for Pesto or Tabbouleh? I might have been more excited by the chapter "Herbs in the Home" if I were more crafty and excited about making nosegays, potpourri, pomanders and wreaths. I am curious about growing some herbs at home--particularly Parsley, Basil. Again, not seeing that this is beating what I can find online. *Puts in the books to try to sell or give away box*

Cadillacrazy says

I found this book on the discount shelves of my local Borders Bookstore. It is a good overview/I.D. book of herbs with photographic images. each herb gets a photo, description, and quick overview of what it's used

for. If you are looking for a book that tells you how to prepare herb remedies this is not the book you are looking for. If you are looking for a handy Identification guide, this is a good candidate.
