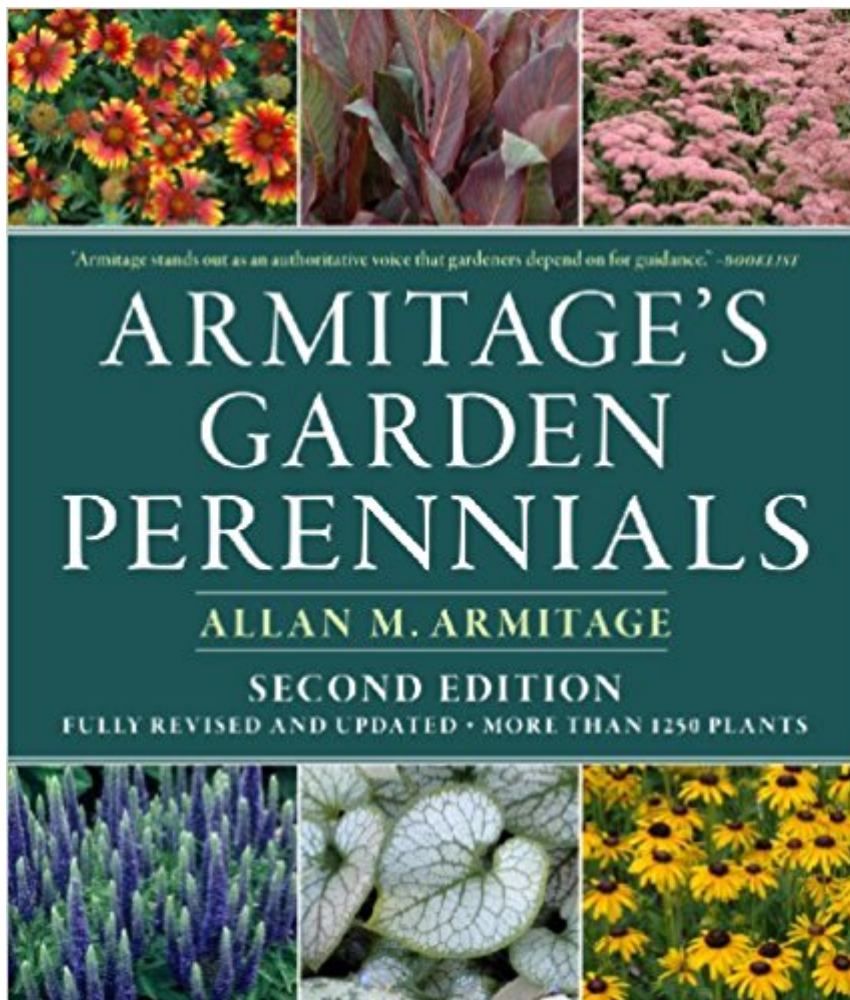




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# Armitage's Garden Perennials



## Synopsis

Originally published in 2000, Armitage's Garden Perennials quickly became a garden-shelf classic. Beloved for its well-edited plant selection and Armitage's trusted advice on choosing and caring for the best plants, Booklist named it "an essential addition to gardening collections." In this second edition, renowned horticulturist Allan M. Armitage once again features his discerning selection of more than 1250 of the best perennials, over 300 of which are new to this edition. Old favorites like phlox and rudbeckia remain, but gardeners will delight in new introductions like the popular Baptisia "Carolina Moonlight" and Echinacea "Tangerine Dream." Each plant entry includes scientific and common names, hardiness zone information, tips on growth and cultivation, and Armitage's unique and beloved humor. Supported by more than 1300 color photos, 400 of which are new, and rounded out with useful lists of plants for specific situations, this outstanding reference belongs on the shelf of every gardener who values first-rate, authoritative information.

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"A reader can open this book to any page and be ensured of both pleasure and enlightenment." •Country Gardens "Its real charm is the descriptions that accompany each plant, written in Armitage's characteristic engaging, conversational tone. . . . Highly recommended." •Choice "This gorgeous resource will find a home in the library of every gardener who wants current, authoritative information, as well as

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One of the world’s foremost experts on herbaceous perennials, Allan Armitage profiles more than 1,250 plants in this comprehensive, reader-friendly volume. In it, you’ll find extensive profiles of some of the most popular new perennials, including arisaemas, echinaceas, heucheras, and podophyllums. More than 1,300 photographs, showing plant details and habit. Concise descriptions and growing information, including hardiness zones, for each plant profiled. The author’s frank opinions about the garden-worthiness of most popular perennials. Expanded coverage of perennials grown primarily for their foliage, including ornamental grasses and ferns. Helpful lists of plants for specific conditions and purposes. No other reference offers so much useful information in one volume. You may well find that Armitage’s Garden Perennials is the only book on the subject you’ll ever need!

Just received this book in addition to several other reference texts on perennials. This one stands out immediately for several reasons. The first point is that it is up to date, with many current varieties discussed. Most of the other books only have discussions of varieties available through about 1990, and things have changed. The second plus is beautiful photographs, of the entire plant, often in mass plantings or fully grown. Many books succumb to the garden catalogue technique of photographing flowers only. I particularly enjoyed the model with two day lilies, both nearly identical in flower color and shape, but oh what a difference in size. Finally, the book is well written and readable. It uses botanical nomenclature as it must, but the discussions of the plant and its habits are clear, understandable to non Latin speakers. My new favorite garden book.

Even for those who groan at the very thought of garden chores, Allan Armitage’s classic work on the most common perennials will be a favorite in their library. Page after page of excellent photographs of the various plants and their cultivars (most taken by the author himself), are accompanied by informative text that is punctuated with the author’s sly sense of humor. Mr. Armitage describes benefits and the drawbacks of each specimen, and the level of care and concern it will demand from

the gardener before it will prosper. This is a must-have for everyone who has ever thought of putting a few plants in the earth.

This is the book I have been using consistently since it arrived in the mail. I do landscape design so it is most useful and a wonderful reference. I am highly pleased with it.

I borrowed this book along with some other perennial books from the library and liked it so much for perennial reference I decided I needed to own my own copy. Sure I use the internet, but it is sooo nice to have a beautiful helpful book to use for pleasure, ideas, and reference. This is the one I chose! Oh, by the way I live in Boise, Idaho.

Armitage is a little overrated, but a good book.

This is one of the best plant guides available. Armitage gives very detailed descriptions in an entertaining, if opinionated, way. If you like this you will really like his guide to plants native to the US.

A must for perennial enthusiasts; great companion to Armitage's "Herbaceous Perennial Plants."

Well written and full of useful information

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