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Synopsis

Velvety or rough, silver or chartreuse, saw-toothed or scalloped -- foliage can be the star of your garden. This comprehensive guide describes the features and requirements of dozens of leafy plants, each one perfect for mixing and matching with flowers and ornamental grasses in vivid home landscapes. Handsomely illustrated with hundreds of full-color photographs, Foliage will inspire you to look at leaves with fresh eyes. Winner of the 2008 American Horticultural Society Book Award.

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Customer Reviews

Ondra posits that gardens based only on blooms leave something to be desired, but foliage adds visual interest no matter what the season or the weather. The qualities that make foliage attractive are essentially the same as those that apply to flowers: shape, size, texture, and color. Ondra explains how to create attractive combinations, how to plant and grow them, and how to control diseases and pests. Organized by color and texture, each chapter illustrates the features and requirements of dozens of plants, all selected for the unique appeal of their leaves. The author describes their heights, leaf size, and whether they require sun or shade. This informative guide is filled with sumptuous color photographs by Cardillo. George CohenCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

“Nancy J. Ondra’s new book [Foliage](#) is a great marriage of plant expertise, easy-to-understand prose and heart-stopping, gorgeous photographs by Rob Cardillo. As I flipped

through the pages of my copy -- which I had waited for anxiously -- I realized that I would never look at foliage in the same way. *Chicago Sun-Times* "Ondra [has] armed me with a wealth of information and stunning visuals, making it easy to step out of my comfort zone and take the garden to another dimension." *Chicago Sun-Times* "Chock-full of color photographs, "Foliage" shows the palette of possibilities available." *Las Vegas Review-Journal* "Foliage is a must-have book for anyone who wants to expand their horticultural horizons!"

At first I was slightly disappointed with this book because I thought it would have more examples of foliage gardens and landscape plans. However, I love this book for its large pages and bright color photographs of the leaves. It's garden porn. It's an encyclopedia of foliage plants. It describes the plant and hybrid name. One wish is that it would have keys to describe the plant requirements, zones, and to which continent it's native. I loved it once I got used to the idea of what it was and could peruse it for hours.

This book is great for inspiration in designing a garden. Several examples are given where color comes from foliage, not flowers that have to be deadheaded on a regular basis. First concern is the contrast created from the color and texture within the foliage. Flowers become a minor factor. The result is a beautiful low maintenance garden. The many colorful photos throughout the book backs up the premise of the book. This book has given me the inspiration to gradually wean myself from flowers into foliage. I have looked through the book on a regular basis ever since it arrived.

This book has been like a Bible to me when choosing plants for my garden. I am always searching for plants with a variety of colors and textures of foliage to create interest in the garden throughout the season. The book is organized by color of foliage and plant requirements. You can, for example, look up chartreuse plants that would grow well in shady conditions. There are also photos to illustrate most of the plants mentioned. The book is as beautiful to look at as it is a useful reference.

This book does exactly what it promises to do in satisfying style. There are hundreds of plant ideas from the everyday to the exotic. Lovely photographs for most greatly enrich it as a resource. In addition, the books covers plant zones, size water needs and other "must know" info, describes each plant through the seasons and suggests excellent grouping ideas. Color and shape pairings, too. I've already selected some exciting new plants for my gardens this year.

This book has so many lovely pictures and identification of the beautiful plants. I knew it would so I ordered the soft backed book rather than the Kindle as I wanted to be able to see the detail in the pictures. It gave me lots of ideas for my own garden and is just fun to look at.

Love this book! Finally, information on plants by color! Once the flowers are gone in the spring I like to have color in the garden but unless you happen upon a nice plant at a nursery or know a horticulturist it's tough to find ordinary plantings to liven up the garden. The photos are just delightful!

Nancy Ondra has put together a wonderful book. It is clear, concise and colorful. The photos are beautiful. Plants, trees, bushes are all listed and defined. Any plant lover will enjoy having this treasury. Thought I was going to give it as a gift, no, this is a real keeper for my own collection. has a generous book selection on plants and gardens.

Nice textbook perfect condition Thank You!

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