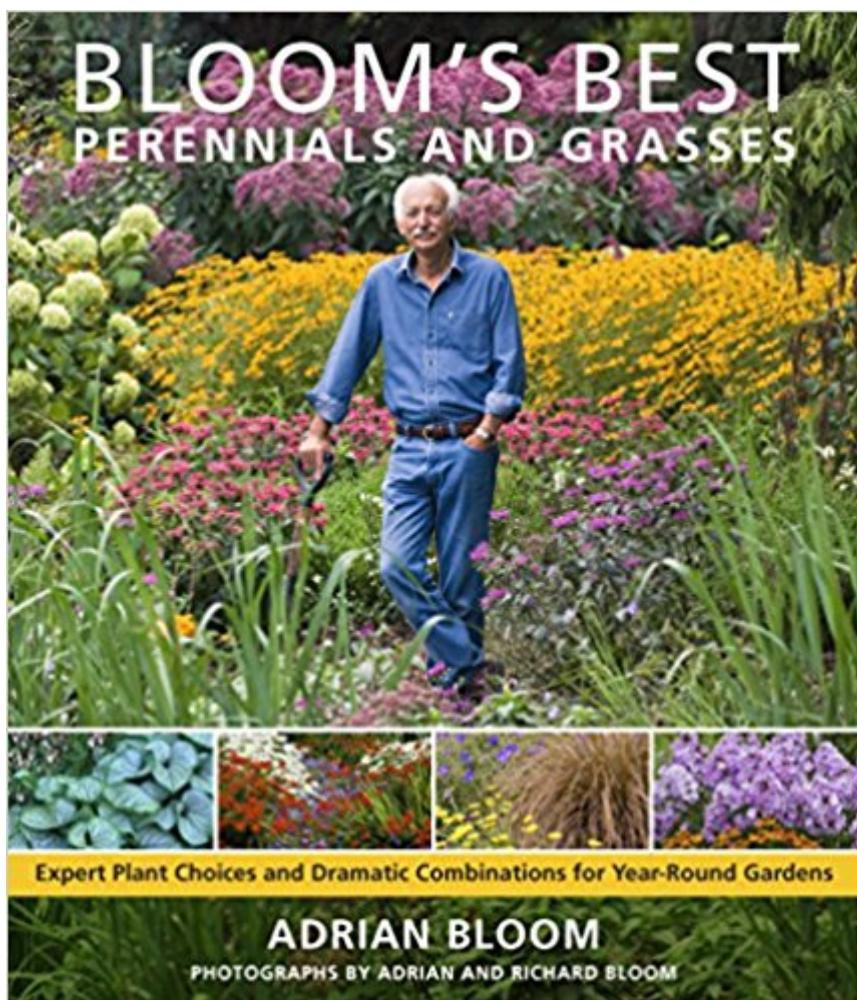


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# Bloom's Best Perennials And Grasses: Expert Plant Choices And Dramatic Combinations For Year-Round Gardens



## Synopsis

A thoroughly informative reference for gardeners of all abilities. With so many different perennials and grasses available, how can you know if you're making the right choice? In Bloom's *Best Perennials and Grasses*, Adrian Bloom distills his years of experience as a nurseryman and gardener to offer 250 reliable choices that are beautiful and easy to maintain in a year-round garden. Detailed descriptions feature information on growth, care, and design tips for use in gardens of all sizes. Bloom explains how to design and plant well-structured borders that feature perennials and grasses with a mix of other plants. He also shares his trademark "river of plants" • design style that dramatically features the beauty of a plant throughout its life cycle.

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## Customer Reviews

The Bloom family's nursery gardens at Bressingham and Adrian Bloom's enchanting Foggy Bottom garden provide brilliant backdrops for this encyclopedic guide to favored flowers and corduroy-leaved perennials, contrasted by finely textured, billowy grasses. Bloom's artistic presentation draws on decades of experience to explain how to create sweeping seasonal displays. Whether a gardener wishes to bolster an existing planting scheme or develop a new plot from scratch, the mouthwatering photographs should help with visualizing the weaving together of colorful perennial blooms with grasses backlit by the sun. Plantsman Bloom discusses design elements and garden situations, focal points, plants with fastigiate forms, and garden styles from informal cottage to naturalistic to formal. The chapter, "Take Twelve Plants" • is a great teaching

device, and thereâ™s plenty of practical advice on plant selection, soil preparation and maintenance, while the concluding directory of plant species and praiseworthy cultivars features enticingly detailed descriptions, and serviceable tips on placement, plant culture, size, and seasonal performance. --Alice Joyce

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I recently heard Adrian Bloom speak and was intrigued by his wonderful color combinations. This is a great book with absolutely wonderful pictures and explanations of 400 garden worthy perennials and grasses. He also has a section on his 12 favorite plants that one could use for their entire garden. The book explains where each plant originated, soil preferences and watering needs. The photos show some of the plants at various times of the year so one can see how they can add interest to the garden during different seasons. This author was the past owner of Blooms of Bressingham and his comments make this an enjoyable read along with a gorgeous and informative book. I intend to plant an area with a wave of summer color for next year.

one of the best books I've gotten so far on gardening and techniques. loads of info

As advertised, delivered promptly. Book is so, so. I was hoping for more of a "how to" book on landscape design. It's more of a photo journal of various gardens.

Bought as a gift for new homeowner with lots of room for gardens. Beautiful ideas for a great

landscape.

Beautiful book with wonderful descriptions of plants.

Thank you for the book , it came in a timely manner!

An highly inspiring book :very well illustrated and the text is professionally written . I bought many perennials because of this book and so far ,no regrets . I even bought a second book as a gift for friends .

We have here photos of Foggy Bottom and The Bressingham Gardens in Norfolk UK.Pleny of wonderful photos of perennials and grasses fill this new book. Whilst I personally did not discover anything new in the perennials and grasses depicted there, it was interested to see plants so well grown. The photo of aster frikartii 'Monch' was a delight to set eyes upon. Lots of the perennials mentioned were bred or release from Bloom's nursery, over the years. It would have been nice to see salvia 'Caradonna' and the new weird border phloxes in the photos as well as the new coloured echinaceas. A good book to look at and great to see the plants in the photos identified botanically not common names.Enjoy.

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