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# Keith's Plant Books

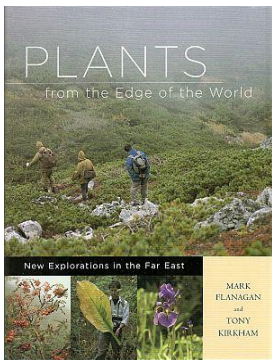
## Late Summer?! 2011

Or is it early winter?! After my last newsletter where I referred to hearing the word "Autumnal" in a July weather forecast here at least in England as I started preparing this newsletter we were having exceptionally good weather for the time of year and better than most of the "Summer". But for later this week colder than average temperatures are forecast. Our good old fashioned up and down weather continues unabated! Almost seems inappropriate that I am highlighting some good reads for the coming winter.

This time I'm suggesting some plant hunting books for the winter evenings – switch off the TV and forget all about what is on the news! - as well as some other recent arrivals. There are also highlighted some extra special offers valid until the end of October 2011 whilst stock is available - [To see all Special Offer Books then please click here when online](#)

### Plants from the Edge of the World

Flanagan & Kirkham



We've all no doubt heard about the intrepid plant hunters who centuries ago risked at best great hardship and at worst danger to explore the remote parts of the world to bring us back the marvellous range of plants we have become accustomed to. So these days apart from politically difficult parts of the world plant hunting is easy and straightforward – isn't it? Well, read this book to find out the reality!

Prompted by the 1987 UK hurricane which uprooted so many trees in Southern England, this book gives an account of the Kew search for new plants from the temperate regions of Korea, Taiwan, Eastern Russia and Japan to find new plants to fill the gaps.

Yes, we can move far more quickly around the world, and even in the most remote part of the world there are much better facilities than centuries ago. But no doubt there is still just as large a contrast between what we have got use to, and the much more limited facilities in the remote regions.

And some things won't have changed at all. Differences of opinions, mosquitoes, unfamiliar food, and for the trips in this book very wet and windy weather which makes the typical UK weather seem quite pleasant!

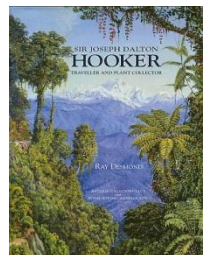
Written in a style which makes you feel as if you are there you can experience all the trials and tribulations in the comfort of your own home! You never know, it might inspire you to go and have a look yourself, but you might try a time of year when the weather is better (going in the autumn when seed is available probably won't be so important for you! Oh – and yes the plants that were encountered do figure largely as well along with reports on how some of them have fared subsequently in cultivation. 2005 9 ¼ x 7 ¼ 312 pages Hardback £12.50 RRP £25

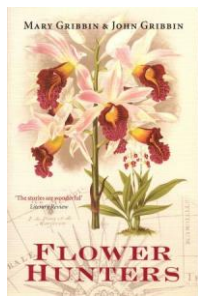
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And some other plant hunting etc books recently in stock

[The Smallest Kingdom](#) - Fraser

[Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker](#) - Desmond

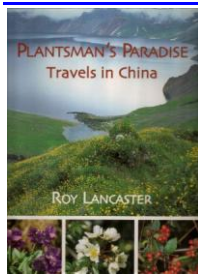




## Flower Hunters – Gribbin

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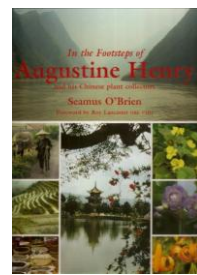
Seeds of Adventure: In Search of Plants - Cox & Htchinson



Travels in China: A Plantsman's Paradise – Lancaster

In the Footsteps of Augustine Henry - O'Brien

Guide to the Flowers of Western China - Grey-Wilson & Cribb



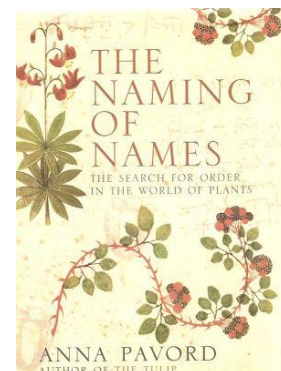
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## The Naming of Names

Pavord

Traces the development of botanical naming and classification from the earliest days through to 1705 when the fundamentals were established. Written in an engaging style, and illustrated with many contemporary B&W and colour illustrations. 2005 10 x 7 ½ 471 pages Hardback £15 RRP £30 Softback £8.50 (RRP £16.99)

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## Tulip

Pavord



Tells the story of the history of the bulb in cultivation – it's subtitle of “the Story of a Flower that has made Men Mad” implies a bit of a thriller! But it does also include species and cultivar information and is very well illustrated in colour. 438 pages 10 x 8 1999 Hardback (RRP £30) £15

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Also recently received : Galanthomania: Snowdrops - Van Dijk

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## Saxifrages

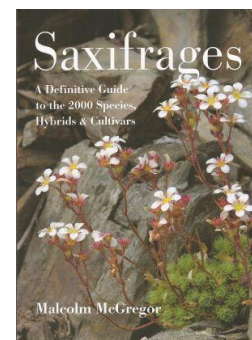
McGregor

This is a book for growers of these plants. Based on both seeing the plants in many of their habitats as well as cultivation, the author provides the best overview of the whole genus available. After brief introductory sections on the family taxonomy and habitat they are then covered by section, with information on their distribution, cultivation as well as describing species and many cultivars. Well illustrated with many colour photos. 2008 10 ½ x 7 ½ 384 pages Hardback £22.50 (RRP 35)

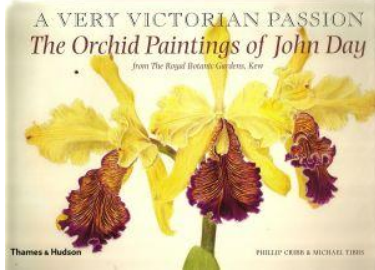
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Also recently received: The Auricula: History, Cultivation and Varieties - Guest

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## A Very Victorian Passion - The Orchid Paintings



## of John Day

Cribb & Tibbs

Based on the wonderful watercolour paintings by John Day, a Victorian collector of Orchids who painted not just his own plants but those from other collections at a time when many of these plants were being introduced to cultivation. The illustrations are supplemented with information on the plants by two well known orchid experts making the book not just an attractive album for those who enjoy botanic art but also useful to Orchid growers. 2004 8 ½ x 12 464 pages Hardback £20 (RRP 49.95)

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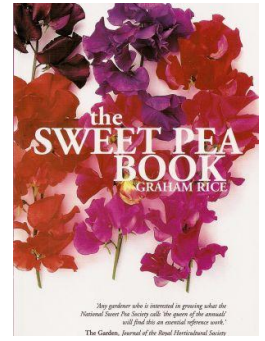
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Add a bit of scent to your garden next year!

## The Sweet Pea Book

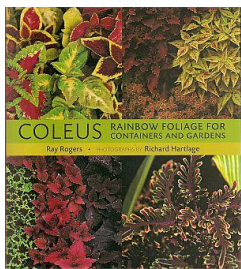
Rice

A book for gardeners rather than exhibitors, this covers their cultivation, uses and for those who are a bit more adventurous, breeding new varieties. All well illustrated with many colour photos. 2002 10 x 7 ¾ 144 pages Softcover £10 (RRP £14.99)



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And add some different splashes of colour!



## Coleus

Rogers & Hartlage

Are these plants coming back in to fashion? In these gloomy times perhaps we might consider growing some of the colourful and easygoing plants which use to be fashionable, and Coleus comes in to that category. This book is written by an enthusiast for the plants, and conveys it in this book with what you'd need to know about the plants, how to grow and suggestions for their use, with many varieties described and illustrated in colour. 2008 9 ¼ x 8 ¼ 228 pages Hardback £12.50 (RRP £20)

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