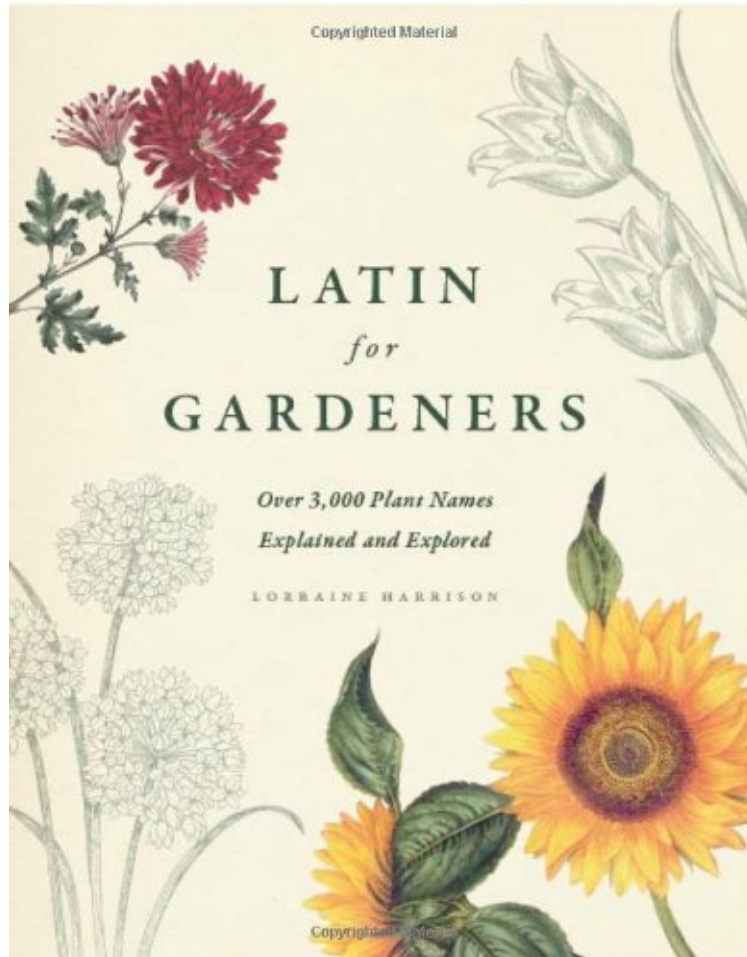


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that you can use to mark where you last left off. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Excellent book! By WEBBBI have been an avid hobby gardener for a few years now but can never remember the names of plants. I decided that it might be fun to learn the latin names but felt intimidated because I have a terrible memory for names. This book is excellent. I love it. It not only tells you the latin names but explains the origin of the genus or species name. This makes it easier for me to remember because often the names are related to a characteristic, color or country of origin of the plant. The drawings are beautiful as well and the overall look and feel of the book makes me feel like I'm referencing an old text. Great addition to my gardening book library. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Much appreciated gift By ML Mama I bought this for a woman who loves nature, enjoys gardening and has a ridiculous grasp of Latin etymology for plants, animal species... "SAT words" in general. Obviously this tome was right up her alley. I believe many a curious plant lover would find this beautifully cloth-bound reference book a joy to own. That being said, as a book lover (not a Latin or plant person per se), I was disappointed that there weren't more illustrations or even botany based art work from Flemish masters to complement the richness of nomenclature being explored. My critiques essentially wishes that a different book had been written so it could be dismissed as unfair. Still, when describing the world of flowers with an enraptured audience, why so stingy with visual lushness?

Since Latin became the standard language for plant naming in the eighteenth century, it has been intrinsically linked with botany. And while mastery of the classical language may not be a prerequisite for tending perennials, all gardeners stand to benefit from learning a bit of Latin and its conventions in the field. Without it, they might buy a *Hellebores foetidus* and be unprepared for its fetid smell, or a *Potentilla reptans* with the expectation that it will stand straight as a sentinel rather than creep along the ground. An essential addition to the gardeners library, this colorful, fully illustrated book details the history of naming plants, provides an overview of Latin naming conventions, and offers guidelines for pronunciation. Readers will learn to identify Latin terms that indicate the provenance of a given plant and provide clues to its color, shape, fragrance, taste, behavior, functions, and more. Full of expert instruction and practical guidance, *Latin for Gardeners* will allow novices and green thumbs alike to better appreciate the seemingly esoteric names behind the plants they work with, and to expertly converse with fellow enthusiasts. Soon they will realize that having a basic understanding of Latin before trips to the nursery or botanic garden is like possessing some knowledge of French before traveling to Paris; it enriches the whole experience.

"Comprehensive and beautifully illustrated."