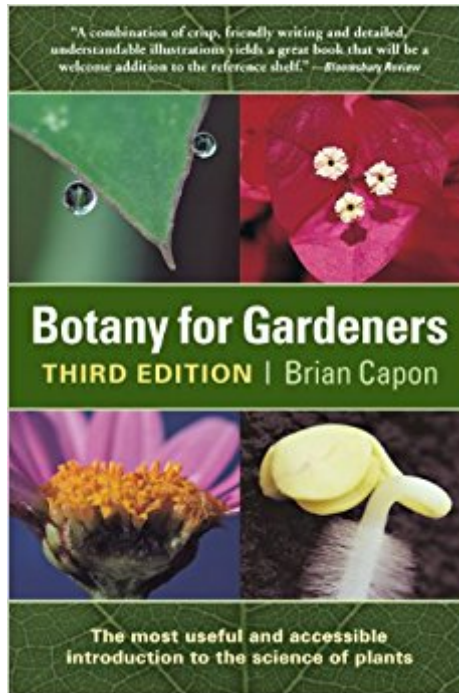




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A bestseller since its debut in 1990, this indispensable and handy reference has now been expanded and updated to include an appendix on plant taxonomy and a comprehensive index. Two dozen new photos and illustrations make this new edition even richer with information. Its convenient paperback format makes it easy to carry and access, whether you are in or out of the garden. An essential overview of the science behind plants for beginning and advanced gardeners alike.

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Customer Reviews

This book was required for a Botany/Horticulture Class at community college. The book is very concise and the author is very precise with every word. A very well written text! This book is very appropriate for college class, but may be too technical for the average gardener. Check it out at the local library before you buy.

I was having trouble ploughing through a botany textbook, getting lost in the myriads of details. Brian Capon takes a different tack-- the key facts explained clearly with diagrams. And, such interesting facts-- a 50 foot silver maple transpires nearly 60 gallons per hour! He taught botany for 30 years, and it shows in his clear and concise book.

“Botany for Gardeners” by Brian Capon I happened to ask a professional Botanist if there was such a thing as a credible primer on Botany written for non-scientific nature-lovers. Hoped for was a book that wouldn’t sedate me with mounds of Botano-jargon and esoteric tangents into the world of Bio-philosophy. He recommended this book highly. I thank him immensely. It’s logically organized, interesting, relevant, and written so actual people can grasp the subject matter. It’s helping me recognize and understand the plant cycles on my property and convert a few acres over to a “natural area” for the benefit of birds and wildlife.

This book was excellent! I took a plant science class recently and this book covered all the bases as far as stems, roots, leaves, flowers, pollination, and photosynthesis. I liked that the book was interesting and I think if I hadn’t taken my plant science class, I still would have liked reading it in my free time to learn about plants. It covers a lot of the basics, but does not have any dichotomous keys. It is very interesting to read and helps you learn a lot of things about plants. Would recommend!

Whoah! I’m one of those people who is a hands-on learner, so to read directions about how to do something always kinda snags me, but this book did a wonderful job on helping by its thorough classification of plants and their characteristics. I’ve been a hard-core hobby gardener for 7 years, and I thought I knew plenty about identifying both food and herbal plants. This book proved I still have much to learn. I’m studying for my Master Herbalist Certification, and although the school has a few books about botany we must complete to graduate, I decided to add this one to get a more in depth understanding of plants and identifying them. Especially knowing we are to be thoroughly tested on similar looking plants whereby the “twin” is actually poisonous, like Hemlock. Thank you Brian. I personally love to be able to go to different areas and States and identify plants and trees.

What I like about this book is that, as a beginner in botany myself, it opened my eyes to better take

care of plants in the garden. It's easy to read and things just tend to click the more you learn. Some of the jargon is hard to remember but the photos help understand what Capon is trying to illustrate; but sometimes he doesn't include figures which is frustrating. But after reading this book, I can now make inference on how to pollinate a flower myself, plant a seed the right way and how to cut into a tree without giving it too much trouble to heal. This book is not only for horticulture beginners but also for biology majors who are interested in plants.

I really liked this book. The author had some very interesting facts about plants that made me want to learn more. The author also presented the information quite simply, so it was easy to read and learn. It refreshed my biology knowledge from high school, but at the same time gave me some fascinating facts that were put into bigger context. I really enjoyed it and now want to read the books recommended at the end of this book.

I enjoyed Brian Capon's *Botany for Gardeners*. The book was recommended reading for volunteers at the Huntington Library and Garden. I found it a nice refresher as the last botany class I had taken had been in high school. The book covers such topics as plant growth, organization, reproduction and adaptation. Brian's love and enthusiasm for his subject comes through in his writing. His illustrations, both diagrams and photographs, were clear and illuminated the subject matter nicely. The book touches on the chemistry that would underlie a more rigorous study, in such areas as photosynthesis and cellular biology, giving a taste that allows the reader to decide whether to pursue more in-depth study. After reading the book, I feel much more knowledgeable about the basic concepts of botany as they relate to the plants I see everywhere around me and I would recommend this book to anyone wanting an introduction or refresher for the basics of botany.

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