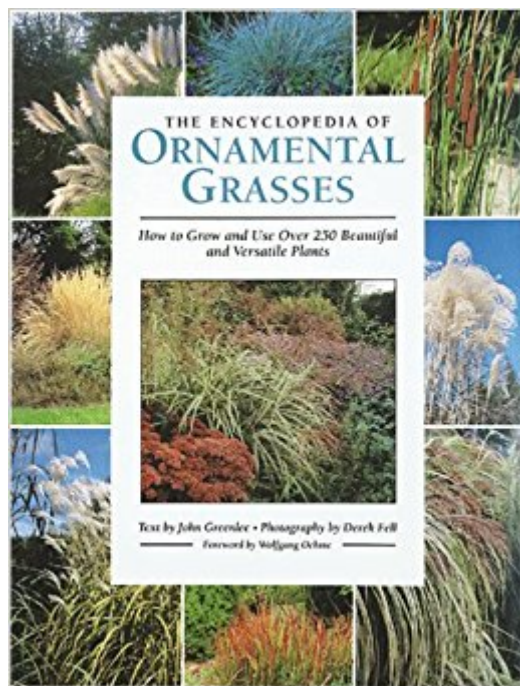




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# The Encyclopedia Of Ornamental Grasses: How To Grow And Use Over 250 Beautiful And Versatile Plants



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As exhaustive a compilation as publication date would allow! Now that their popularity is growing as quickly as the prevalence of droughts, they are finding their rightful place in the landscapes. These myriad rainbows of grasses are amazing home gardeners with their unabashed beauty and minuscule appetites for water.

The Pictures and descriptions helped me to decide which grass I wanted to plant, which is zone approved for my area and what grasses according to height I wanted to landscape with. It also told me how to plant, what type of soil and how much moisture and sun they would need. Also where I could purchase the grasses I wanted. Great Book!

Not a true encyclopedia if you are interested in learning lots about our native grasses. Its main

emphasis is on exotic ornamentals. Nice book if that is what you want to learn about.

Excellent Guide,

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I like the pictures to help me identify different types and the comments regarding how aggressive, sturdy and messy some of them are.

This is a great book with clear, concise information and photographs of grasses, sedges, rushes, etc., but there is one important thing missing: bamboo! I was disappointed to find that family missing completely, but very satisfied with the rest of the book.

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