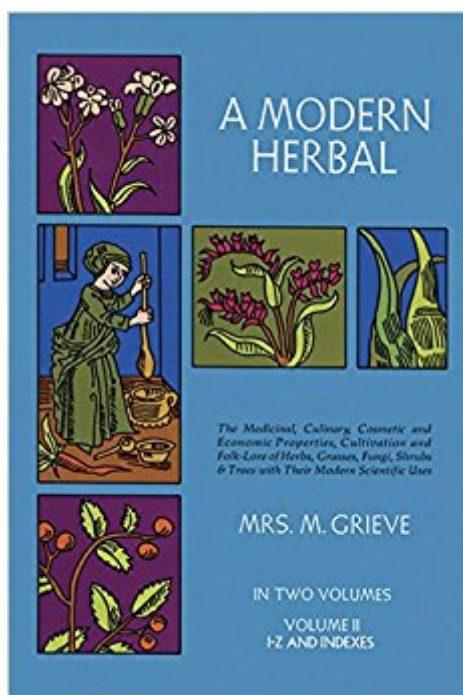


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It's a classic by way of herb books go. The information is old. It's more about the historical understanding of herbs and illnesses, rather than the current understanding of herbs and illnesses. So, for that part alone, it's worth every penny. I like to know the historical background of a plant's relationship with humans. I have both volumes. I think it's an important thing to have access to. Although, these are completely viewable on Margaret Grieve's website. I just prefer the hard copy that I can touch and hold.

I just bought A Modern Herbal (Volumes 1 & 2), and they are exactly what I thought I was getting. These are must have books that belong in a lifetime collection for anyone even slightly interested in herbal medicine. Excellent reference manuals for beginning as well as master herbalists. This book gets 5 stars = Keeper. A story (or information) that stays with me.

ok, need to buy the 2 volumes, I to Z plus indexes on this volume actually i don't refer much to it because i'm use to Barthams encyclopedia which is really good and french Dr Valnet Phytotherapie but it got other herbs, there is some black&white drawings iris, ivy, juniper, kino, laurel cherry, laurel, lavender spike, lemon, lettuce wild, liquorice, loosestrife purple, mallow marsh, marjoram, mastic, mercury, mezereon, mints, moss, mustards, nightshade, deadly/woody, nutmeg, nux vomica, oak galls, olive, orange, opoponax, parsley, paris herb, peeper black, paradise grains, peruvian bark, pellitory, pimpernel, pine larch/wild, pink root, pomegranate, poppy white, quassia, rhatany, rhododendron, rhubarb, rosemary, rue, saffron, sarsaparilla, sassafras, sedge, senna, senega, simaruba, snakeroot, spurge, squill, stavesacre, storax, tamarind, tansy, thistle, thornapple, tobacco, tormentil, wood sorrel, tragacanth, bearberry, valerian, willow, wintergreen, winter's bark, wormseed, zedoary...for the drawings otherwise hundreds and hundreds of plants!!!!

I had Mrs. Grieve's Modern Herbal several years ago, and lost it in a move, so I was thrilled to find the two volumes of the paperback issue. It is an essential reference for the serious herbalist, with historic information as well as taxonomic. It is not an herbal recipe book; one has to have a good idea of what herbs do. It is Anglocentric, but includes descriptions and background for herbs all over the world.

Received the book in very good condition. Have not read all of it but was a bit disappointed in the content. Most of the information was rather generic. I know some of the medicinal plants have qualities that are not listed.

The book is not quite what I was looking for. The information in it is more technical and not as practical than what I wanted. It does have a lot of information you don't find in books on the same subject. For someone looking for more scientific information than what they find in other herbal books, this could be what they are looking for. My friend enjoyed the content so it became an early birthday present. It worked out OK.

This book should have been sold as a set with volume 1. There is a lot of information and it is a fun book to read. It is Pre- FDA regulations so there are plants that are not in the new books. Got to do the research.

Contains all of the information as the original but images are poorly scanned and reprinted. I highly recommend purchasing an original version if you would like to read the text in the graphics. Since I purchased this book for those graphics I was disappointed in the re-print.

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