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ÂiTropicalismo!: Spice Up Your Garden With Cannas, Bananas, And 93 Other Eye-Catching Tropical Plants



Synopsis

Does your garden lack zing? Are your borders a bore? Spice them up with a touch of the tropics! Tropical plants bring sizzle to every garden. Bananas in Maine, cannas in Canada—these plants can be grown everywhere. Whether used in containers or planted directly in the ground, their bold leaves and over-the-top flowers create instant drama. Pam Baggett chooses 100 of the best tropical plants and shows readers how to grow them, how to combine them with other plants, and how to make eye-popping compositions of color and pattern. Love flaming orange? Try cannas, lantanas, and 'Fire Dragon' coleus. Screaming magenta more your taste? Go for hot-pink four o'clocks, bloodleaf, and 'Cranberry Punch' pentas. If you're passionate about purple, grab princess flower, Brazilian skyflower, and 'Purple Majesty' sage. *Tropicalismo!* offers hundreds of ideas for turning gardens, decks, and patios into a visual fiesta. A taste of the tropics is all it takes to turn your garden into a paradise.

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Customer Reviews

“A thoughtful, well-organized, flip-through idea book of tropical plants.” —*Garden Design*

“Those looking for something spicy to ginger up an everyday garden will find lots of ideas and pictures in this small book.” —*Small Gardens*

“Makes all of the plants sound exotic and alluring, which is the whole point of adding a tropical or two to your garden setting.” —*Cleveland Plain Dealer*

“Provides a flash of inspiration that will have you even more anxious for spring to arrive.” —*Northwest Indiana Times*

“You’ll see cannas to fulfill your wildest technicolor

dreams, from lemon-lime striped âˆBengal Tigerâ™ to purplish mocha âˆConstitution.â™ And there are nearly 100 other plants to experiment with. . . . If youâ™re looking for ways to add some tropical punch to your pots and plots next summer, Tropicalismo! is worth a look.â•Â âˆ”Minneapolis Star Tribune âœMakes you want to go out this weekend and buy plants. Author Pam Baggett has written an easy-to-read paperback highlighting 100 tropical plants. This is more than just another plant identification book.â•Â âˆ”South Florida Sun-Sentinel

Pam Baggett is a freelance writer and former owner of Singing Springs Nursery. Her articles have appeared in Horticulture, Fine Gardening, The American Gardener, Carolina Gardener, and Better Homes and Gardens. She lectures and teaches workshops based on her published books. Baggett has won the Quill and Trowel Award from the Garden Writers Association.

This book is very light on detailed information regarding raising tropical plants, you could get this type of information from a plant catalog for free.

The text and photos are beautiful. However, the binding is weak and began to fall apart with the first and second reads.

I found this very little book a bore. Gave me no inspiration for accomplishing the 'Tropicalismo' theme in my gardens at all. A waste of money and will pass it on to anyone who wants it for just shipping.

Pam Baggett describes plants like no one else in the business -- her descriptions are detailed, intimate, and always on target. An incredibly useful resource for those looking for specifics about individual plants (including gorgeous photos) and some suggestions for appropriate partnerings. Clearly the publisher's format limits what can be done, but this is a delightful little "sonnet" of a garden book, working beautifully within the constraints of its form to inform and inspire us.

I bought this on clearance for \$5 at tractor supply and consider it money wasted. Nice pictures, no info on growing or propagating. Basically a coffee table book in miniature.

Those of you who remember Pam's fantastic and much-missed nursery, Singing Springs Nursery, will be as happy as I am to relive the fun of reading her personality-packed plant descriptions. Each

entry includes suggestions of compatible companions for inspiring container and garden combinations, too.

I have to agree with the low rating reviewer - just review the "Search Inside this Book" feature, and you can see that the book has no good photos of tropical landscapes. If you want pictures of single tropical plants, you can get those from any garden supply magazine. The author would do well to update the book with photos of tropical style gardens, showing how others have "spiced up their gardens" and created the "tropical environment". Before and after photos would be nice but aren't even necessary - just great photos of tropical style gardens would be a significant improvement.

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