

BOOK REVIEW

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A Botanist's Vocabulary -- 1300 Terms Explained and Illustrated
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Learning and applying correct plant terms is not always the most engaging pursuit. While the technical terms used to describe plants can be complex, it is essential that we use them correctly. The simple drawings throughout this glossary explain and illustrate words from the language of botany from abscission to zygomorphic. Even the more basic terms we use more often, such as corona or cotyledon, are drawn clearly to promote familiarity with the words that describe plants. If plant descriptions now and then confuse you, then this botanic dictionary will be really useful on your desk as a ready reference. And if you love language, this helpful book of 1300 terms explains and illustrates important technical vocabulary to assist gardeners in expressing themselves more accurately. I learned a lot just by casually paging

through this beautifully illustrated glossary, and so will you.

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