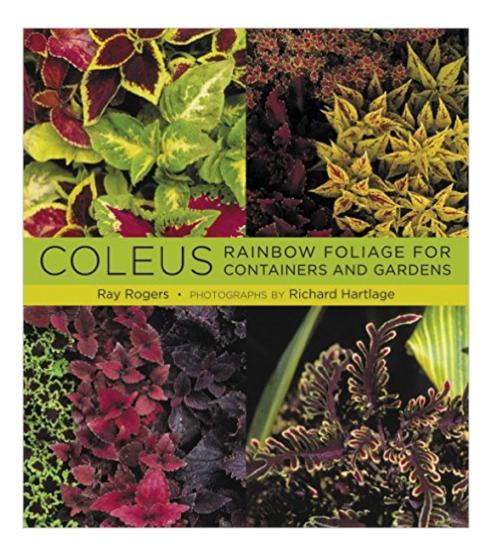
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Coleus: Rainbow Foliage For Containers And Gardens





Synopsis

These are not your grandmother's coleus. Favorites in the Victorian era, these plants have made a dramatic comeback with a dazzling variety of leaf color, shape, and pattern. And no other plant is so easy to grow and propagate. Their sumptuous colors and tough constitution make coleus ideal both as attention-getting focal points and as complements to other foliage or flowering plants. In this lavishly illustrated volume, expert plantsman Ray Rogers offers equal parts of design inspiration and practical advice. The heart of the book is an encyclopedia that describes and evaluates more than 225 varieties.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I've been a coleus fanatic for years, and really enjoyed this book. Lots of good information here that I hadnt known, even though I've grown a great many coleus.I only wish the book could have been twice as long and included a more comprehensive listing and photos of coleus (in all fairness, there are thousands of them and many are very similar). It would also have been nice to have included more photos of coleus combined with other plants-coleus fills out a pot/planting of flowering annuals beautifully if done well. It's not a talent I have but I have many photos of wonderful combinations done by others.On the whole, this is a terrific book. Any coleus lover will enjoy it and learn from it.

This book is great for coleus lovers. I have many of these varieties in my garden and do not know the names. Now I know what they are called and can order them yearly if I love them. Thank you for a comprehensive book on a garden staple.

Great book Well organized with lots of good info. The only thing I would change would be to get the terms section up front as there are many of us, myself included, who are new horticulture and in some cases the author uses terms before they are defined. Not a problem for the experienced gardener but a bit confusing for the newbie. Otherwise this is a super book and great reference.

I purchased the book and it arrived in excellent condition and in a timely manner. I love to own the books even though everything is on the net. I find turning the pages and looking back and forth between the pages very relaxing.

A very thorough and logical presentation of "all you ever wanted to know about growing Coleus" without getting too collegiate. Sensational photography. I've always wanted to incorporate more Coleus in my California in-ground landscape and patio-pot settings...now I'm much more confident that I will be successful. This book is a must-have...so informative and such luscious photos...and reasonably priced. Show it off at your next "garden-club" meeting.Wayne R. Martinson

Ray Rogers does a great job of showing us how to use Coleus both in a landscape design and as a star standing on their own. The book does a great job of explaining what and how the plant can be used in ways beyond what is normally seen. One great example of this is the use of Coleus as a topiary. Never did I think this was possible but it is and looks great! The pictures in the book are of a great quality thanks to Richard Hartlage's eye for design. Beyond the images being great to look at they relate well to the text. I am on my third copy of this book because the first two copies were borrowed from me and never returned.

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