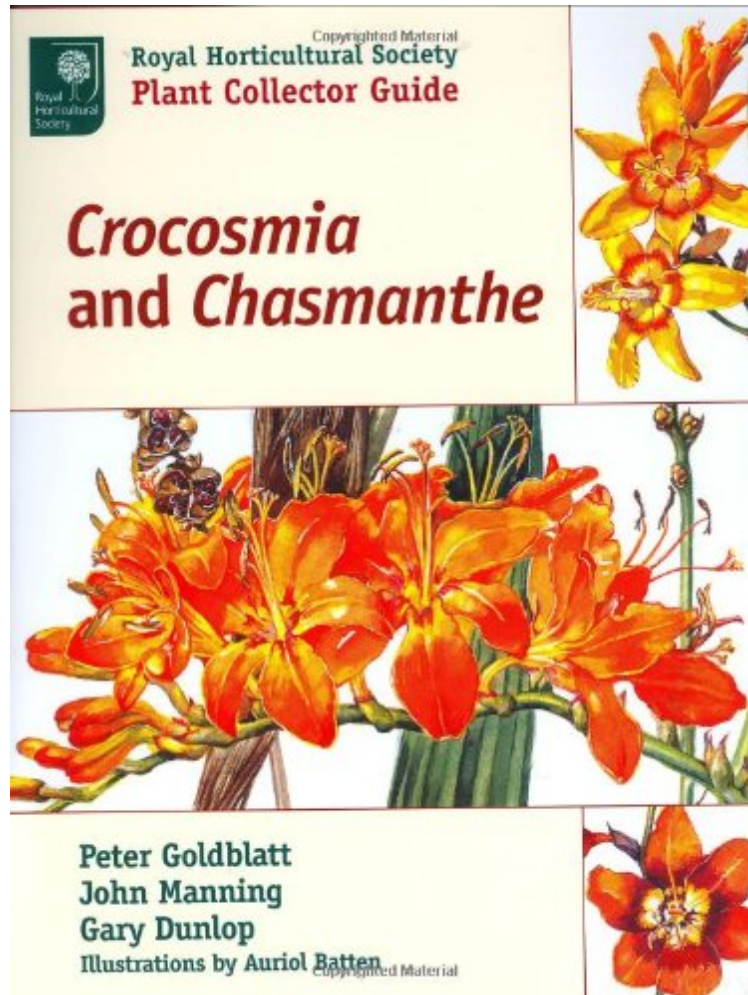


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Peter Goldblatt, John Manning, Gary Dunlop : Crocosmia and Chasmanthe (Royal Horticultural Society Plant Collector Guide) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Crocosmia and Chasmanthe (Royal Horticultural Society Plant Collector Guide):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Alexey V. F. Ch. Bobrov Thank you! 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. where's the brief By Greg Speichert I couldn't wait to get this book. I really like this group of bulbs and I wanted to learn more about growing them and the varieties I could grow and the work being done with them. Well I was in for a surprise. this book does little of that. What it does do is give the reader the history of the plant and its introduction into horticulture. The work that went into it is staggering but nothing for the gardener. Infact after reading it I don't think the authors even grow the plants it is treated as more of an object than a plant. this

was made worse by no color photos just illustrations. now don't get me wrong they were nice illustrations. but would it have killed you to include some photos. I can not recommend this to any gardener unless you are really into botanic history.

Here at last, these beautiful bulbs are fully described and illustrated. Spring-flowering Chasmanthe is a plant for areas of mild winter, but Crocosmia can endure winter temperatures. They flower from early summer well into fall and provide wonderful displays of warm red and orange when the garden often has little else to offer except annuals. A descriptive list of more than 400 Crocosmia cultivars concludes the complete horticultural account of the genera. Superb watercolors of the species and many of the more important cultivars are complemented by charming pencil sketches of each species in its native habitat.

An excellent book ... good for both homeowners and for professionals. -- John E. Bryan Gardening Newsletter 20040916 This is a must book for everyone interested in these fine garden plants. -- Rod Saunders Bulb Chat 20041222 This work is recommended for large gardening collections. -- January Adams American Reference Books Annual 20050511 An authoritative reference on two groups of plants deservedly popular as border subjects in warm-climate gardens. Rock Garden Quarterly 20050601

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