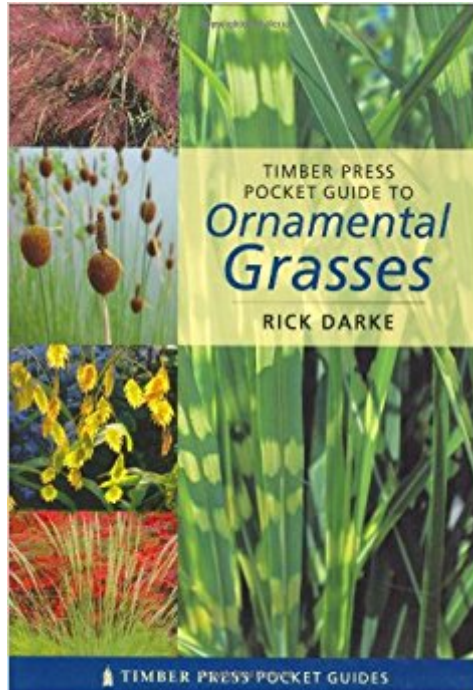


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# Pocket Guide To Ornamental Grasses (Timber Press Pocket Guides)



## Synopsis

An accessible and comprehensive reference to the wide range of striking grasses available to gardeners, this pocket guide features an assortment of plants with varied textures, forms, sizes, and flowering times. In a handy, compact format, new varieties are presented, as well as plant descriptions and cultivation information. More than 500 species and cultivars are covered, illustrated with over 300 color photographs.

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TIMBER PRESS POCKET GUIDE TO ORNAMENTAL GRASSES by Rick Darke. Timber Press, 133 S.W. Second Ave. - Site 450, Portland, OR 97204-3527. 2004. 226 pp. \$19.95 flexible hardcover, ISBN 0-88192-653-1. color photographs, glossary, index. Over 330 bright, sharp color photographs illustrate as many different kinds of ornamental grasses. The grasses are cataloged alphabetically. But 32 categories preceding the encyclopedic catalog group the hundreds of kinds according to different characteristics. A few of these are clumping ornamental grasses, cool-season ornamental grasses, ornamental grasses for cut flowers, ornamental grasses for dry sites (and woodlands, dry shade, fragrance, etc.), and ornamental grasses for movement in breezes. Ornamental grasses are becoming increasingly popular with today's gardeners because of their textures, variety, and adaptability. And because, as the numerous photographs show, they make for attractive gardens and landscapes that do not appear overly manicured. Darke is a landscape

design consultant who has won awards in the field. His "Pocket Guide" is a ideal reference for anyone interested in ornamental grasses, particularly gardeners at all levels.

I checked this book out from my local library in order to preview it before buy it on . I was not disappointed which comes as no surprise especially since I am one of the fortunate ones who, about 10 years ago, had the chance to study Ornamental Grasses at Longwood Gardens with Rich Darke. He knows his stuff. The book is well written, concise and interspersed throughout with the author's personal observations on specific genera and individual species. Excellent photography supports the text. Rich Darke is one of the best garden/horticultural writers of his time. I also highly recommend another of his books, "The American Woodland Garden" for his well written prose and the ability to articulate the beauty and nuances of each scene photographed as well as a plant's more endearing or not so endearing aspects. Stunning photography.

The author writes from a very strong background gained from having planted many of the ornamentals described and photographed in this excellent book. There is much helpfull detail that greatly aids the reader in selecting plants.

A compact, down-to-earth :-) compendium of ornamental grasses lore by the hugely-knowledgeable author of the nearly coffee-table size book covering the same territory. I have this little book with me when shopping for grasses. I also love just browsing through it to learn which grasses I want and which I definitely do NOT (too big, too short-lived, too fussy, need pond to grow in) want.

This little book is everything I heard it would be - a perfect compliment to the larger color encyclopedia. Rick Darke has done a wonderful job for those of us who don't have access to so much first hand info.

As a landscape designer I find this book to be a valuable resource for comprehensive information in an easy to use, quick guide format! If you want one book on the subject this is it.-Cathy

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