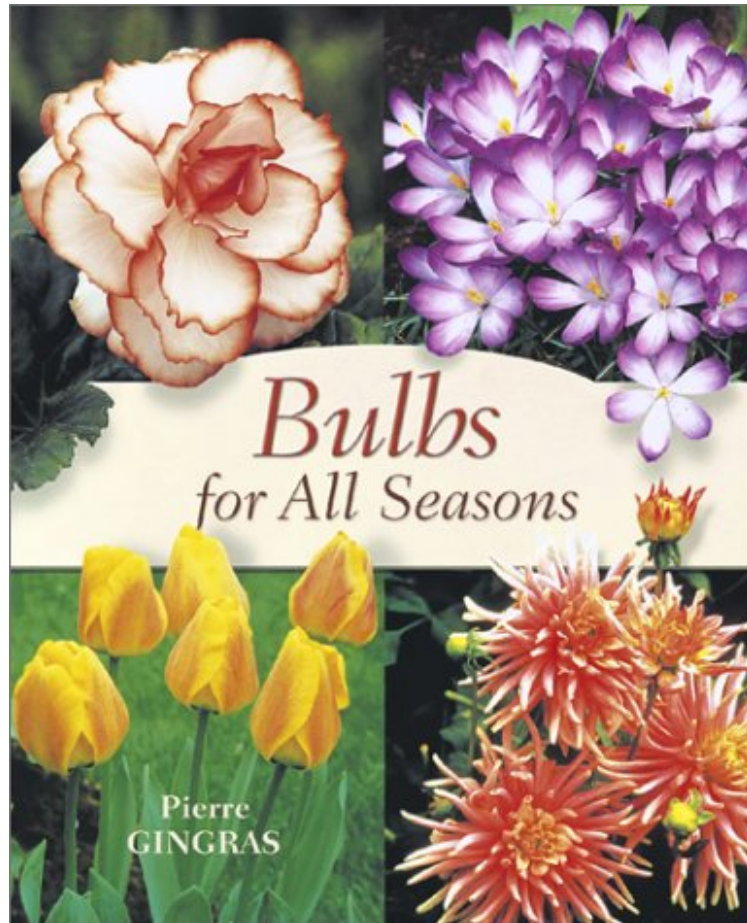


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Experienced gardeners will know that bulbs are one of the most important garden elements. In this highly useful guide, more than 200 bulbs currently available on the market are presented by season, from the relatively unknown and exotic to the reliable and indispensable. For every season there are outstanding bulbs: spring brings snowdrops, crocuses, tulips and decorative garlic and in summer dahlias, lilies and gladioli; in fall autumn crocuses and precious

saffron. Finally, in winter, amaryllis, cyclamen, oxalis and clivias plants brighten homes in the darker winter months and throughout a good portion of the early year. For those in warmer climates, many of these winter bulbs are just one more season of garden color. Pierre Gingras also discusses: the characteristics of true bulbs, corms, tuberous roots and rhizomes gardening in microclimates tips on buying bulbs mulching and hardiness growing basics, fertilizing, and forcing propagating and naturalizing. *Bulbs for all Seasons* features more than 70 different species, including *Amorphophallus titanum*, an arum species that produces the biggest flower in the world. There is also a glossary of terms as well as a bibliography and detailed index. Easy to read yet comprehensive, this book is the ideal reference source for all gardeners.

From *Library Journal* Here are two beautifully illustrated new titles devoted to bulbs. Canadian gardening columnist Gingras covers bulbs that flower from spring to autumn as well as houseplants grown from bulbs for winter. Very brief introductory material explains the botany of bulbs, methods for making them grow, and U.S. and Canadian hardiness zones. The rest of the book is an encyclopedia giving details on how to grow specific plants. Arranged by season, then by scientific name, each entry includes a general description of the genus along with interesting historical facts, native habitat, and general culture. Each genus entry is followed by a selection of species and a discussion covering origin, description, flowering period, cultivation techniques, and hardiness zones. Though *Taylor's Guide to Bulbs* (Houghton, 2001) offers more general information, Gingras's book is still recommended for its extensive plant encyclopedia. *Summer-Blooming Bulbs* covers well-known bulbs (including corms, rhizomes, and tubers) like caladiums, cannas, and dahlias, as well as lesser-known summer bulbs like the crinum lily and summer hyacinth. Introductory chapters consider general care, propagation, designing with bulbs, growing in containers, and pests and diseases. Also included is a helpful list of summer-blooming bulbs that naturalize well, arranged by region of the country. The heart of the book is a useful and thorough encyclopedia of summer-blooming bulbs. Arranged alphabetically by scientific name, the entries in this encyclopedia each include a description, native habitat, how to grow, hardiness zones, cultivars and related species, and suggestions for companion plants in the garden. Recommended for all libraries. Sue O'Brien, Downers Grove P.L., IL Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. From *Booklist* For gardeners whose knowledge and use of bulbs are limited to the ubiquitous spring-blooming crocus and tulip, Gingras offers a broad compendium of more than 200 bulbs that go beyond these time-honored garden mainstays by introducing many overlooked plants capable of brightening the landscape year-round. Beginning with spring's lesser-known but equally beautiful *Eranthis* and *Puschkinia*, for instance, Gingras' bulb-oriented garden segues into summer with vibrant Arum and *Gloriosas* providing a welcome change of pace from the more widely used Cannas and Dahlias. In autumn, *Colchicum* and *Lycoris* burst on the scene, and winter doldrums are easily erased by *Clivia* and *Cyclamen*. Although North American gardeners buy--and plant!--some 1.6 billion bulbs annually, Gingras maintains such impressive numbers do not reflect the wide variety of bulb species available and is an enthusiastic advocate for their greater use. Covering more than 70 different species, Gingras shares enough practical cultural guidance about buying, fertilizing, and naturalizing techniques to bring even the most ardent daffodil devotee onto the bulb bandwagon with confidence. Carol Haggas Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved Recommended for its extensive plant encyclopedia. (Sue O'Brien *Library Journal* 2002-01-01) Fascinating insights into bulb biology and advice for growing and storing them, interspersed with personal anecdotes and historical tidbits. More than 200 splendid photographs make this a useful and attractive book for both amateur and professional gardeners. (*Globe and Mail* 2001-11-24) Not only a comprehensive guide to flowers that grow from bulbs; it's filled with beautiful photos of crocuses, daffodils, tulips and all kinds of bulbs that bloom clear into autumn. (Susan English *Spokesman* 2001-09-28) Everything you'll ever need to know about bulbs ... an excellent reference tool. (Mary Cameron Frey *Chicago Sun-Times* 2001-12-07) Introduc[es] many overlook plants capable of brightening the landscape year round ... Gingras shares enough practical cultural guidance about buying, fertilizing, and naturalizing techniques to bring even the most ardent daffodil devotee onto the bulb bandwagon with confidence. (Carol Haggas *Booklist* 2001-11-15) Comprehensive, easy to use. (Connie Krochmal *Washington Daily News* 2002-09-25)