

Vaughan, M.J.: **The Complete Book on Cut Flower Care.** - Timber Press, Portland 1998. 145 pp. GBP 14.99. ISBN 0-88192-412-1.

The reader is provided with a book bringing the survey of all aspects concerning cut flower and cut foliage care. In the special part, nearly two hundred of cut flower genera are treated in alphabetical order. Short description often accompanied by black-and-white figure, suitable flower stage for buying, vase life and trade care such as suitable temperature and other conditions are mentioned for each genera separately. Cut foliage and ornamental fruits are treated in the same way. Basic data are summarized in the table at the end of the book. In general chapters, an overview of useful recommendations for cut flower care at home and at the retailer, for flower treatment with flower food and other preservatives, for refrigeration, of effects of ethylene, and of problems with botrytis, water quality, drying flowers, and flower arranging are given.

Nowadays flower market offers a great number of cut flower and cut foliage species. Good knowledge how to handle them and care for them is necessary to ensure customers of obtaining high-quality and long-lasting flowers. Therefore the book is very useful for florists, flower retailers, and for all people enjoying flowers and wanting to have pleasure from them.

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