

Book review:

Armitage, Allan M. *Armitage's Garden Perennials*. 2d ed. Timber. 2011. 348p. photogs. index. ISBN 9781604690385. \$49.95.

Armitage (horticulture, Univ. of Georgia, Athens; *Armitage's Native Plants for North American Gardeners*) is back with over 300 new perennials in this updated edition of an excellent book. Vibrant color photographs are paired with recommendations for growth and care of over 1250 plants. Armitage does not hesitate to offer candid opinions about the plants, which may occasionally be interpreted as brusque by those unfamiliar with his work. Despite this, novice gardeners will appreciate the approachability of Armitage's style and the humorous anecdotes about his gardening experiences. Also useful for novice gardeners are his recommendations of plants for specific purposes or characteristics (e.g., drought tolerant). Master gardeners will relate to Armitage's authority and coverage of overlooked plants. **VERDICT** Because of its extensive selection and candid editorial notes, this reference source is highly recommended for all levels of gardeners.

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