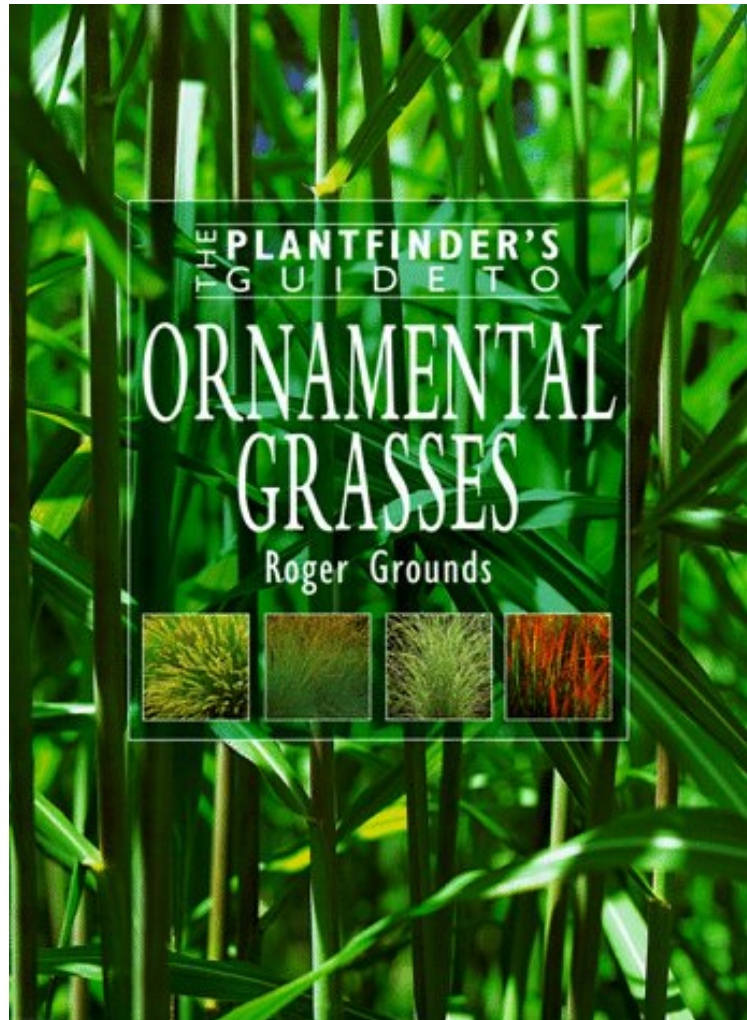


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Roger Grounds : Ornamental Grasses (Plantfinder's Guides) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Ornamental Grasses (Plantfinder's Guides):

14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Good book on grasses with excellent illustrations. By bamboo@tiac.net This book offers a fine overview on grasses and is particularly strong in the range and quality of the photos. If you have trouble choosing or identifying grasses from descriptions or line drawings this book will help enormously. My particular interest is the bamboos. There are photos of bamboos not often seen in this country (USA). The photos make the book a valuable addition to the books available on bamboo. But the text dealing with bamboo has many errors, surprising with an author with Roger Grounds's experience. The book is published in this country by Timber Press and in the UK by David Charles Publishers but is clearly a UK book reworked for the US market.

Similar in style to the Gardener's Guide series but somewhat larger in format and each covering a slightly broader theme, these books deal with hot topics in today's garden circles.

From Publishers Weekly *Grounds* (The Small Garden, 1994) takes on the plant world's largest family with an articulate and methodical presentation of grasses that includes horticultural history, botanical descriptions, cultural instructions and design recommendations. Readers will examine grasses as they fit into bounded English gardens-as-art schemes and the flowing gardens-as-nature tradition imitating the American prairie. The vocabulary of grasses includes references to forms of leaf ("tufted," "fountain-like") and flower ("spike," "whisk," "plume"). *Grounds* divides his design chapters between colored-leaf grasses and flowering grasses. Segueing from the tradition of the contained English garden, with its static structure, defined edges and focus on blossoms and high maintenance, *Grounds* advocates visual drifts and rustling movement of flowering lawns, discussing "modern grasseries" in formal gardens, container grasses and the wild gardens of wetlands and dry woodlands. Swarms of Latin nomenclature may cloud the minds of some readers, but the abundant color photos will inspire the design instincts of others. Copyright 1998 Cahners Business Information, Inc. 'If you are to buy one book on grasses, this should be the one' - *Gardens Illustrated*; 'Combines inspiration with sound practical advice' - *Gardening Which?* About the Author Roger Ransford Paterson *Grounds* is fascinated by plants and has written extensively about them in books such as *Bottle Gardens* (1976), *The Private Life Of Plants* (1980), *Small Garden* (1994), and *The Plantfinder's Guide to Ornamental Grasses* (1998). Known to many as the "grass guru," he is an internationally renowned public speaker. Born in London in 1938, *Grounds* attended St. Catharine's College in Cambridge then became gardening editor for publisher Ward, Lock Ltd. in the 1970's. He has worked as head gardener at Moundsmere Manor, Moundsmere, Basingstoke, Hampshire, England.