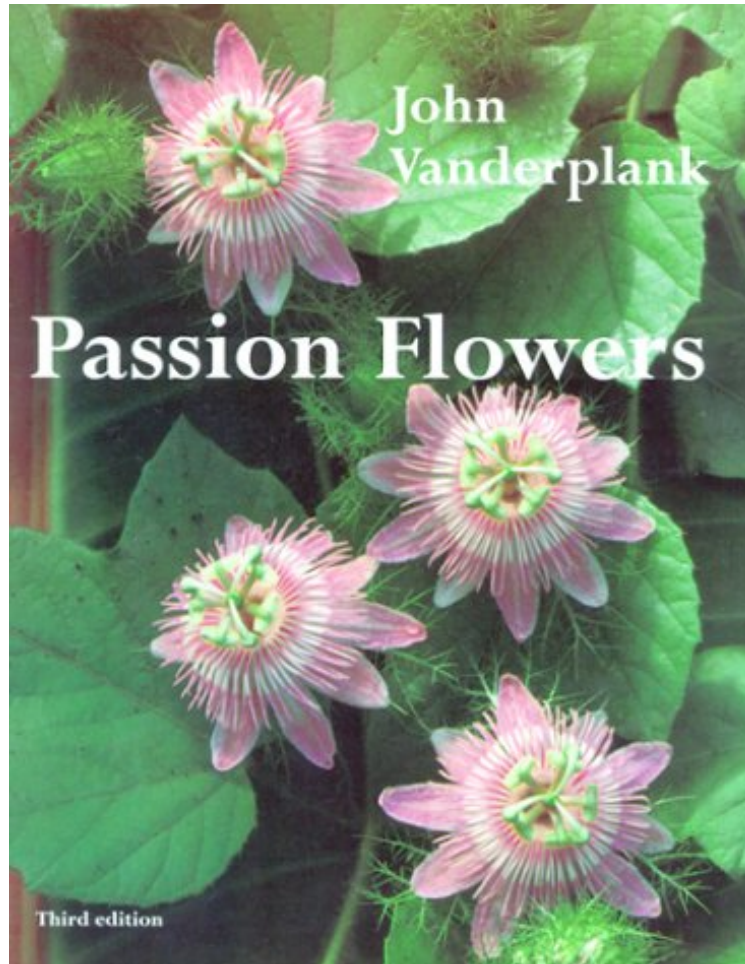


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Praise for the first edition "Whatever your level of interest or curiosity, Vanderplank has provided the information for further exploration. . . . *Passion Flowers* is the most comprehensive work on the subject in more than fifty years."  
Steven Foster, *American Horticulturist*  
About the Author John Vanderplank is Keeper of the U.K. National Collection of *Passiflora* and a commercial nurseryman dedicated to the production of passion flower hybrids with a long flower life. He keeps a permanent exhibition at Greenholm Nurseries Garden Centre, Congresbury, Avon.