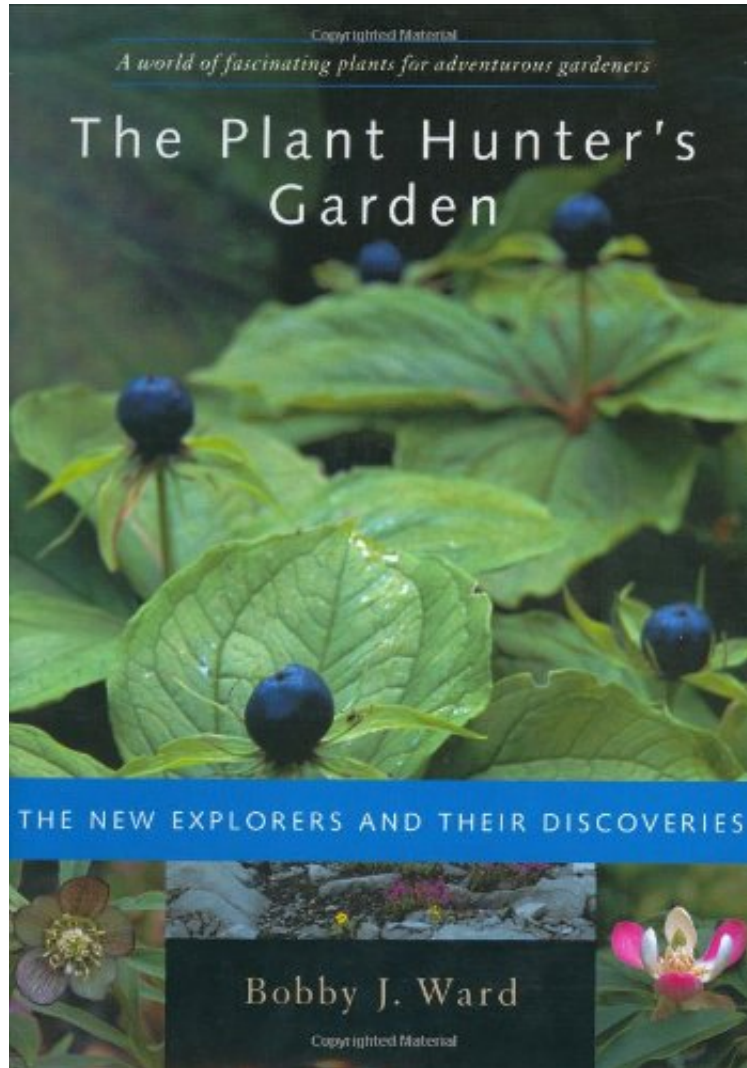


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Many gardeners are vaguely aware of the "greats" of plant exploration, such as E. H. Wilson, George Forrest, or John Tradescant. Fewer may know the names of today's plant explorers or recognize the makings of a new golden age of plant discovery. Nonetheless, a quick visit to almost any nursery will reveal the bounty of these intrepid plant collectors, whose handiwork enriches gardens everywhere. The Plant Hunter's Garden profiles 32 of today's more prolific plant hunters. From the Czech Republic to the Rocky Mountains, Bobby Ward has sought out those explorers in the private sphere who are collecting plants specifically for horticultural introduction. While providing interesting details on the lives and careers of these new explorers, the real focus of the book is on the plants themselves. Ward asked each of the hunters to choose the very best treasures from their years of collecting, and has sumptuously illustrated these jewels in stunning photos. Many plants in these pages became bestsellers quickly after introduction from the wild, but hundreds more underappreciated gems are sure to entice and surprise any reader of this book. From the comfort of the armchair or the potting-shed table, readers of The Plant Hunter's Garden can embark on their own voyages of discovery in these delightful pages.

From Booklist Ward profiles a rare group of individuals who are following in the footsteps of intrepid explorers of long ago who brought gardeners many of the plants that appear in today's gardens. And like those of the past, these modern plant hunters are discovering treasure troves of new species and varieties in remote regions of China, South Africa, South Asia, and even the U.S. Ward writes delightfully engaging portraits, introducing readers to folk such as Jim and Jenny Archibald, who produce a newsletter seed list from their base in Wales. And where would plant fanatics in this country be without the likes of Dan Hinckley, plantsman and explorer extraordinaire who created beautiful Heronswood Nursery? It's there that many of his discoveries are eventually made available to the public. All 32 plant hunters profiled are worthy of attention. Homebodies who love to garden will savor reading about vast realms of uncommon plants, the unique people who set out to find them, and the magical places where plants do, in fact, reign supreme. Alice Joyce
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