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To help you spark up your own horto-spectrum, here are some two-thumbs-up thumbnails of some of my favorite books that dote on annuals.

Thank you once again for your interest and enthusiasm. Don't hesitate to stay in touch if I can provide further information. Feel free to e-mail me right from this website!

Victorian Gardens, Brent Elliott, Timber Press, 1986. Explore the previous Great Age of Annuals, an era when “brighter, darker, deeper, and more exotic” were all positive attributes incapable of excess. To compete in such well-hued times, our famous modern plant retailer would have had to have called itself Purple Flower Farm.

The Art of Beautifying Suburban Home Grounds of Small Extent, Frank J. Scott, 1870. Not yet back in print (I don't believe), but usually available in design and horto-libraries, e.g., Mass. Hort. in Boston, and RISD in Providence. Scott's confident design advice and unselfconscious misogyny are both engaging and unsettling by turns. An hilarious, horrifying read—and the origin of much of today's classic suburban landscape.

Hot Plants for Cool Climates, Susan Roth & Dennis Schrader, Houghton Mifflin, NY, 2000. A sensation when it first came out—and by now, in this fast-changing field, a classic—**HP for CC** shows you how to welcome to your northern garden tropicals that can be held over from year to year, not just annuals that are tossed at the end of each season. Celebrates the welcome trend of the 90's toward warmer colors and heat-friendly species, to the benefit of August and September gardens everywhere.

Garden Flowers from Seed, Christopher Lloyd, Timber Press, Portland, OR, 1994. In his endearingly gossipy and confessional style, Lloyd and his co-author explore hundreds of species, many of them annuals, that self-respecting gardeners may well want to grow from seed. (And because so many unusual annuals don't tolerate transplanting, growing your own is a necessity.) Best bits: When the two authors disagree if a plant is a gem or trash. It's liberating to know that even the experts can't see eye-to-eye.

Annuals, Martyn Rix et al. Random House, NY. 1999. Annuals have come of age: Finally, the long-awaited companion to Rix's definitive series, **Shrubs, Perennials 1 & 2, Herbs, Roses, & Bulbs**.

Astonishing Annuals
Providence Athenaeum, March 2006

Latin	Common	Sources
<i>Abelmoschus manihot</i>	Abelmoschus	6.
<i>Alcea rosea nigra</i>	Black Hollyhock	1, 6.
<i>Amaranthus caudatus</i>	Love Lies Bleeding, alias Nun's Whip	1, 3, 6.
<i>Amaranthus hypochondriacus</i>	Prince's Feather	6.
<i>Angelica gigas</i>	Korean Angelica	4.
<i>Atriplex hortensis</i> var. <i>purpurea</i>	Purple Orach	1.
<i>Caladium</i> 'Black-leaved'	Black-leaved Caladium	8.
<i>Caladium</i> 'Rosalie'	Caladium Rosalie	7.
<i>Canna</i> 'Russian Giant'	Russian Giant	4.
<i>Cnicus benedictus</i>	Melancholy Thistle	1.
<i>Coleus</i> 'Golden Wizard'	Golden Wizard Coleus	4.
<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>	Elephant Ears	7.
<i>Cynara cardunculus</i>	Cardoon	1, 2, 3.
<i>Datura metel</i>	Angel's Trumpet	1, 4.
<i>Erigeron mucronatus</i> 'Profusion'	Mexican Daisy	1.
<i>Geranium</i> 'Persian Queen'	Persian Queen Geranium	4.
<i>Gladiolus callianthus</i>	Acidanthera	7.
<i>Helichrysum petiolare</i>	Licorice plant	4.
<i>Helichrysum petiolare</i> 'Limelight'	Limelight Helichrysum	4.
<i>Heuchera</i> 'Palace Purple'	Palace Purple Heuchera	4.
<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>	Himalayan Impatiens	1.
<i>Ipomea batatas</i> 'Blackie'	Black-leaved Sweet Potato	4.
<i>Lavatera trimestris</i>	Lavatera	3.
<i>Malva sylvestris</i> ssp. <i>mauritiana</i>	Mauritian Mallow	4.
<i>Mirabilis jalapa</i>	Four O'Clock	1, 5, 6.
<i>Nicotiana alata</i>	Jasmine Tobacco	4, 6.
<i>Nicotiana langsdorfii</i>	Green-flowered Tobacco	1, 4, 6.
<i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	Woodland Tobacco	1, 2, 4.
<i>Nicotiana glauca</i> var. <i>rosea</i>	Smoking Tobacco, Pink	6.
<i>Nigella damascena</i>	Nigella	1, 3, 5, 6.
<i>Papaver somniferum</i>	Opium Poppies	1, 3, 6.
<i>Perilla frutescens</i>	Perilla	1, 4.
<i>Petunia integrifolia</i>	<i>Petunia integrifolia</i>	4.
<i>Plectranthus argentatus</i>	Cuban Sage	4.
<i>Polygonum capitatum</i> 'Afghan'	Prostrate Knotweed	1.
<i>Polygonum orientale</i>	Kiss Me Over the Gate	1, 4.
<i>Ricinus communis</i> 'Zanzabarensis'	Zanzibar Castor Bean	1, 4, 6.
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	1, 6.
<i>Sorghum bicolor</i> <i>technicum</i>	Broom Corn	2.
<i>Tagetes minuta</i>	Tree Marigold	2.

Sources, either for seeds or plants, of the annuals mentioned in this lecture.

All but Avant, Van Bourgundien, and Singing Springs are mail-order seed houses. Van Bourgundien sells mail-order-only plants, bulbs, and tubers. Avant sells plants both mail-order and on-site.

1. Chiltern Seeds

Bortree Stile, Ulverston, Cumbria LA12 7PB, England
T: 01229-581137
F: 01229-584549
www.chilternseeds.co.uk

2. Seeds of Change

PO Box, 15700 Santa Fe, NM 87506-5700
T: 888-762-7333
F: 888-329-4762
www.seedsofchange.com

3. The Cook's Garden

PO Box 535, Londonderry, VT 05148
T: 800-457-9703
F: 800-457-9705
www.cooksgden.com

4. Avant Gardens

700 High Hill Road, North Dartmouth, MA 02747
T: 508-998-8819
www.avantgardensne.com

5. The Fragrant Path

PO Box 328, Fort Calhoun, NB 68023
No Phone Listed
Catalogue: \$2

6. J.L. Hudson, Seedsman

Star Route 2, Box 337, La Honda, CA 94020
No Phone Available, By Mail ONLY
Catalogue: \$1

7. Van Bourgondien

245 Route 109, PO Box 1000, Babylon, NY 11702-9004
T: 800-622-9997
www.DutchBulbs.com

8. Singing Springs Nursery

8802 Wilkerson Road, Cedar Grove, NC 27231
No Phone Listed
F: 919-732-6336
www.SingingSpringsNursery.com

