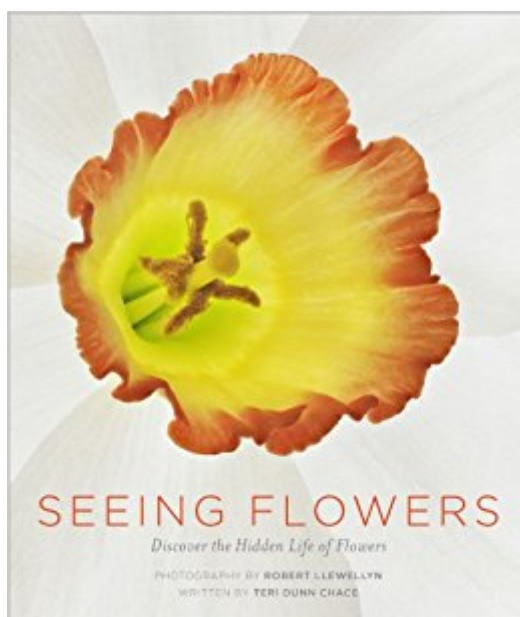


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# Seeing Flowers: Discover The Hidden Life Of Flowers (Seeing Series)



## Synopsis

We've all seen red roses, blue irises, and yellow daffodils. But when we really look closely at a flower, whole new worlds of beauty and intricacy emerge. Using a unique process that far surpasses conventional macro photography, Robert Llewellyn shows us details that few of us have ever seen: the amazing architecture of stamens and pistils; the subtle shadings on a petal; the secret recesses of nectar tubes. Complementing Llewellyn's stunning photographs are Teri Dunn Chace's lyrical, illuminating essays. By highlighting the features that distinguish twenty-eight of the most common families of flowering plants, Chace gives us fascinating insights into the natural history of flowers, such as the relationship between pollinators and floral form and color. At the same time she gives us a deeper appreciation of why and how flowers have become so deeply embedded in human culture. Whether you're a nature lover, a gardener, a photography buff, or someone who simply responds to the timeless beauty and variety of the floral world, *Seeing Flowers* will be a source of enduring delight.

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"Llewellyn stitches close-ups to reveal delicate depths—through his magic, there is a world in a daylily. Shelf Awareness "Seek out the Seeing series, and prepare for your breath to be taken away." NYBG's Plant Talk "Presents 343 blooms in such extraordinary detail that you feel you're glimpsing the

garden from an insect's perspective. • Sunset "Whirlwind tour of flowers, literature, and garden writing. • The Horticult "Looks at blooms in a way you probably never have. • The Akron Beacon Journal

Flowers are an essential part of our visual experience—their beguiling colors and shapes are why we plant them in our gardens and bring them into our homes. But there's a whole other dimension to flowers that our eyes ordinarily can't detect. This hidden world is what *Seeing Flowers* reveals. Through Robert Llewellyn's dazzling, innovative photographs and Teri Dunn Chace's engaging essays, we enter into a fantastic realm where petals become the walls of richly hued caves and pistils and stamens turn into bizarre, extravagant sculptures. *Seeing Flowers* opens the door to the wealth of beauty and information found in the familiar plants of our gardens, fields, and roadsides.

I purchased this book when I saw the sub-title, "Discover the Hidden Life of Flowers". For anyone who wants to know more about flowering plant families and see some stunning photographs of flowers, get this book. The author writes about 28 different flowering plant families. Reading about each one is like talking to a family member who knows all about the rest of the family ~ who belongs in the family, who belonged once before but has been cast out, their quirks, their foibles, all kinds of interesting tidbits. The pictures are amazing, showing lots of details that we often miss, even when we are holding the flower in our hand. Even the captions for the photos contain great info and should not be skipped over. I think that gardeners of all levels of experience will find this book to be readable, enjoyable, and useful. Plant addicts should be warned that this book will definitely feed your addiction and you'll read about more plants that you want to have in your garden.

It's beautiful. I borrowed a library copy before ordering, so I knew what to expect. I am both an amateur artist and a lover of weeds, seeds, and cultivated beauty. I did a painting of the clover in this book and already sold it. Also have done the poppy and pansy. The photography is amazing, inspiring! Plus the text is full of good information. I love this book and hope to also buy *Seeing Trees*.

I bought this book for my friend who is an artist. I thought the up close photos would aid her in the drawing and painting of flowers during the winter months when these flowers are not in bloom.

I have just received this beautiful book and can tell already that it will be a favorite among my coffee table books. Can't wait to spend more time with it very soon.

Photos are awesome with loads of detail and color. Shipped with protective plastic wrap - be careful removing: cover page can tear when opening/removing wrap as it might stick (static electricity) to plastic wrap so be careful. Book will be a very useful resource.

The pictures showed the anatomy of different flowers by families. The text supported the picture by discussing the characteristics of each family. Other members of the family were discussed in the text to illustrate the diversity within the family. This is one of those books which you can pick up and put down after enjoying the pictures then pick it up again to read the text of one family then another family. I really enjoyed this book. I like the scientific correctness of this book. since I am a Horticulture PhD

Amazing book. Beautiful images looking deep into the heart and soul of flowers. Teri Dunn Chase's copy is inspiring as always. A winner!

Excelent photographs. Unusual angles and all together a great collection.

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