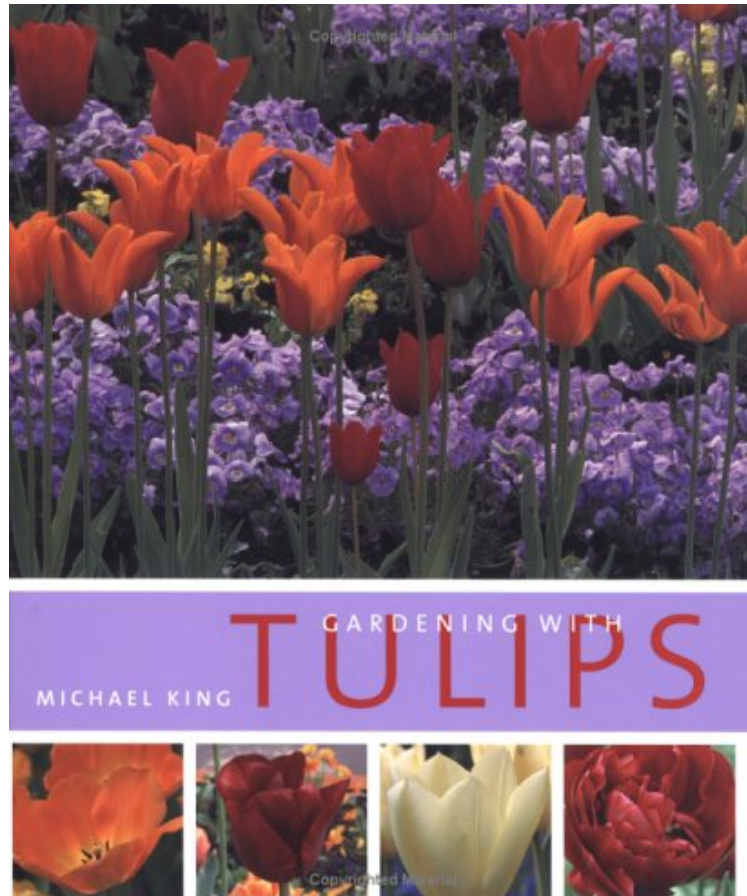


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This is the BEST BOOK on gardening with tulipsBy Jane in SeattleThis is the BEST BOOK on gardening with tulips. Not only are there details on the different types of tulips and how to plant them, but there are more photographs of different tulips than any other book I have seen. Though Timber Press has a new and delightful tulip book (which I used from the library, but did not purchase), I find this older book (and Michael King's writing) to be the most helpful.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Reading from History to Selection, Planting, and CareBy David Gurgell enjoy growing flowers, shrubs, trees, and vegetables but have never planted tulips. With a nice planting bed available at my office building that looked like just the place for a bed of perhaps 300 tulips, I wanted to get up to speed on their selection, planting, and care.In this book I got everything I needed plus a fascinating history of tulips that opened the book. Did you know that tulips come from wild growths in the mountainous areas of Central Asia? Cultivated in Turkey as early as 1000 AD, they were not common in Europe until after 1600. Given all of the things we are learning to fear from Central Asia, it is nice to know

and instructive to learn of things of beauty that also originated there; perhaps there are more. The book has hundreds of colorful photos. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A "Must Have" for serious tulip lovers and gardeners
By Coleen Toone
This book was a delight from the moment I opened it. I was searching for something with information about specific, high performing tulip cultivars and I was not disappointed. It covers a wide variety of species and cultivars within species. The photography is beautifully done and as far as I can tell, colors are as close to accurate as they can get. The written information is extremely helpful to me in my landscape design profession. Thank you, Michael King, for writing to my "plant geek" soul and sharing your magic. This book will be helpful to me for many years to come.

This pictorial guide presents a fresh approach to using these popular bulbs in contemporary gardens. The book begins with a history of tulips and moves on to design approaches and tips for various plant combinations. Twenty groups of tulips are described in detail, and a separate chapter deals exclusively with color varieties, making it easy for readers to choose tulips to create a wide palette of color combinations in their garden. Complete growing and maintenance instructions are also provided.

From Booklist
While tulips planted in uninspired rows lack charm and look old-fashioned, resulting in a gardening cliché, skillful designers like King recognize the beauty and allure of a landscape in which tulips in myriad forms, scents, and colors emerge. Gardeners wishing to learn about the fascinating history and classifications of tulips will savor King's enthusiastic writing, and relish his expert advice on how to use perennials, shrubs, and grasses inventively to allow tulips to shine. Photographs illustrate beguiling examples of Dutch display gardens and bulb fields, ornate bedding schemes, and mixed plantings. Next King offers his top picks: 20 highly varied and excellent types of tulip species and hybrids. Lily-shaped, low-growing multiflowered pastels, and willowy Triumph blooms are among the groups described in depth and shown in breathtaking arrays. As a finale, King addresses the topic of floral color, thus completing a guide that should prove highly useful to any tulip lover serious about garden design. Alice Joyce
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Kathleen Purdy, Horticulture, April 2006
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This definitive guide presents a fresh vision on how to use tulips in contemporary gardens. The author gives detailed guidance on how tulips can best be combined with other garden plants and how to create impact with stunning color combinations. Full growing and maintenance instructions provided. 480 color photos of tulips arranged by color.