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Graham Rice : Powerhouse Plants: 510 Top Performers for Multi-Season Beauty before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Powerhouse Plants: 510 Top Performers for Multi-Season Beauty:

10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Fantastic Resource and Good ReadBy CustomerI love this book. I recently began building a hedgerow in my front yard to help with noise, light pollution, vagabond deterrent, bird hummingbird butterfly attractor, and overall privacy screen---- clearly a job for powerhouse plants. This book has been and continues to be a wonderful aid in my plant selection process. It also has care and site requirements that has taken a lot of stress out of how to begin my planting plan. Love it, would buy for friends and family.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Relevant, helpful information on quite a lot of garden plantsBy Nettie ScottThis is a well done general information guide to some of the garden plants that perform well over the years. The pictures by the author's wife are helpful. The author also identifies what he considers as the best varieties of each plant he included so that the reader has a good sense for what might work best in his/her own garden. The book covers a lot of plants which means that it does not offer expansive discussion of each, but what is there is relevant, pertinent and quite helpful. It might motivate me to try growing a few plants that I have avoided in the past assuming that they would be too much trouble. I also bought one as a reasonably priced gift for another gardener.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. garden lustBy JannaI am seeing a number of plants in this book that I hope to incorporate into future garden

revamp. So many choices so little property....

Gardeners, like everyone, are too short on time and money to waste either on plants that only look good for a few weeks. You want hardworking, eye-catching plants that provide beauty for multiple seasons. You want powerhouse plants with colorful spring flowers and summer fruits, or summer fruits and fall foliage, or summer flowers, fall foliage and winter stems...or any combination of two or more of these desirable features. Like flowering dogwood that boasts summer flowers and fall fruit and foliage. Or honeysuckle that has fragrant spring flowers, summer and fall foliage, and fall fruit. *Powerhouse Plants* by Graham Rice features multiseasonal perennials, annuals, groundcovers, vines, shrubs, and trees in profiles that include basic plant information, size, hardiness, and preferred growing conditions.

From *Booklist* Money's tight. Who can afford to buy a plant that does only one thing? Sure, a shrub may have gorgeous spring flowers, but if it fades into the background the rest of the year, its not pulling its full garden weight. Rice catalogs more than 500 overachieving plants that bring multitasking glory to gardens both large and small. From the tactile magnetism of the exfoliating bark sported by the aptly named paperbark maple to the eye-catching allure of a red-twig dogwoods crimson twigs, plants with multiple-appeal factors of fall color, winter interest, spring blossoms, and summer fragrance make economical and horticultural sense. Answering his own gardening mantra, *What else does it do?*, Rices encyclopedic compendium of high-performing annuals, bulbs, shrubs, deciduous trees, perennials, grasses, and conifers highlights his personal favorite cultivars and lists suitable alternatives. Concise care and habit information is augmented by captivating color photographs by Judy White that showcase these hardworking, must-have garden standouts. --Carol Haggas Concise care and habit information is augmented by captivating color photographs by judywhite that showcase these hardworking, must-have garden standouts. *Booklist* The author does an excellent job. . . . overall, this is a handy A-to-Z overview of a variety plants from grasses to trees. *Library Journal* Hundreds of photographs illustrate his ideas but also encourage readers to look a little closer at every plant in their garden and insist that each one earn its place. *Better Homes and Gardens* Promises to be an abiding reference for year-round gardeners. *Garden Design* Offers a mind-boggling number of suggestions. . . . Its about making the most of the space in your garden. And thats always a good idea. *Philadelphia Inquirer* Learn about. . . . how to choose hardworking plants that provide garden interest, in some cases, from spring through winter. *The Virginian-Pilot* Readers will be delighted that the authors suggestions are confined to ones that are easy to grow, hardy, and glorious performers. Nothing makes a gardener happier than to discover that a beautiful plant is also a workhorse and that it requires little attention. *Garden Guru* Theres no need to settle for a garden that looks great in spring or summer but makes you want to yawn during the rest of the year. Add some powerhouse plants, and youll be on your way to a garden that delights you in every season. *North Dallas Gazette*