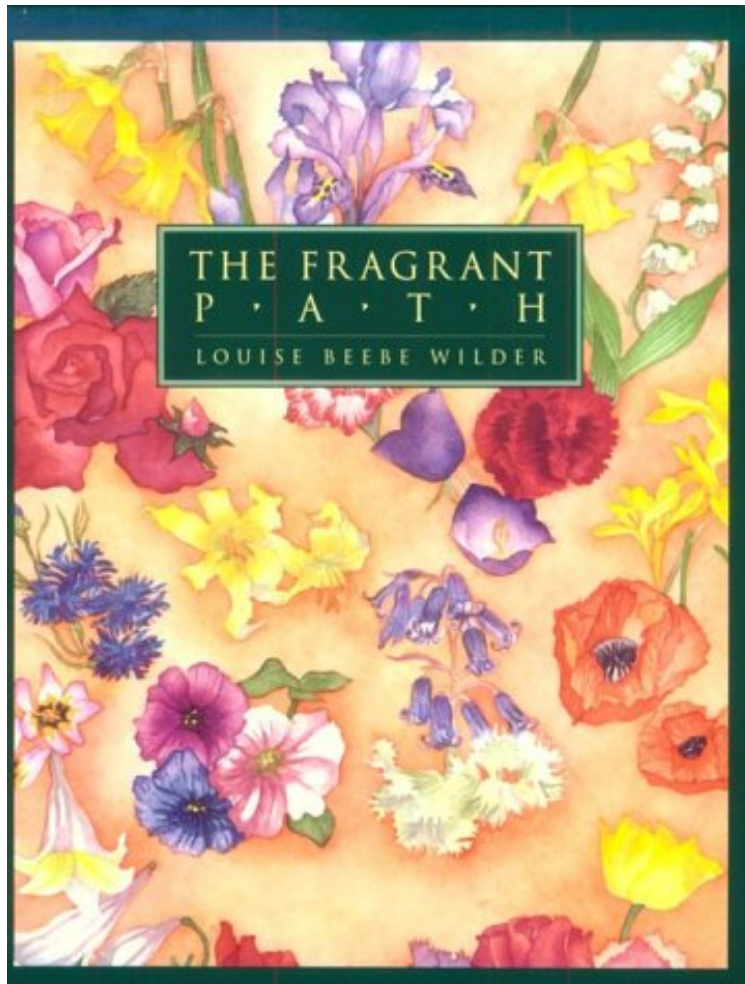


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A gardener's guide to the myriad scents of our gardensBy Melissa EmbryGardening books about flower color abound. Those about flower scents are few and far between. Undoubtedly the most comprehensive guide to plant scents (including the really bad) is Louise Beebe Wilder's "The Fragrant Path," originally published in 1932. The updated 1996 paperback version brings Wilder's incredible plant knowledge to a new generation of gardeners, further helped by updated names of the plants she loved (and sometimes detested).The contents include scented plants by their season of flowering, from early spring through autumn, scented shrubs hardy

enough to survive in Wilder's New York state garden (and another chapter of scented shrubs and trees for southern gardens) and, of course, an entire chapter of rose scents from "the tea scent, the odours of spice and musk and of honey, even that of violets" to "the pungent odour of ripe strawberries" to remind gardeners and even casual readers of the myriad variations of fragrance. After reading Wilder's comments, I found myself stopping on walks to smell the flowers along the way. I already knew buddleja blossoms smell like honey but not that the blooms of *Vitex agnus-castus*, the chaste tree naturalized in my neighborhood are fragrant. And I was pleased to see Wilder realized that annual lupins such as the Texas state flower, bluebonnets, are beautifully scented when growing in masses. (To her nose, it's "a honeylike scent," although she mentions Gertrude Jekyll's opinion of "a very good and delicate pepper." Texas readers will want to smell for themselves during the spring season of bloom.) Wilder also includes a chapter entitled, "Plants of Evil Odour," with a list of horrors to shudder happily through. Still another deals with the scents of nonflowering plants (or near plants) -- ferns and mushrooms. For readers used to the impeccable prose of such gardener/writers as gardeners as Gertrude Jekyll or Elizabeth Lawrence, the self-conscious artiness of Wilder's writing can sometimes be trying. But her acute nose, wide range of plant knowledge and sheer love of flowers will give "The Fragrant Path" a permanent place on my gardening bookshelf. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Take a trip back in time... By Ezekiel M Smith Written in a time when people actually still spoke the English language, not the corrupted slang we speak today.... (I was like... and she was like... and i said like... yeah) Very informative on plants that are rare or have fallen out of favour nowadays... many anecdotes that make the book endearing. She quotes poetry, old stories, and relates much of her personal experience that kind of makes you feel like you are a guest in her country home, and she is entertaining you with stories of travels and plants abroad. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. A beautiful book for scent-seekers By J. Dixon If you are the type gardener who loves a plant that does double duty by not only looking beautiful but also giving out a wonderful scent, then this book is one you'll love reading and one you'll definitely utilize in planning or adding to your garden. Although Louise Beebe Wilder wrote this book in the 1930s, or perhaps because of that, it is beautifully written and is a pleasant walk down a lovely garden path in a less frenetic time.

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