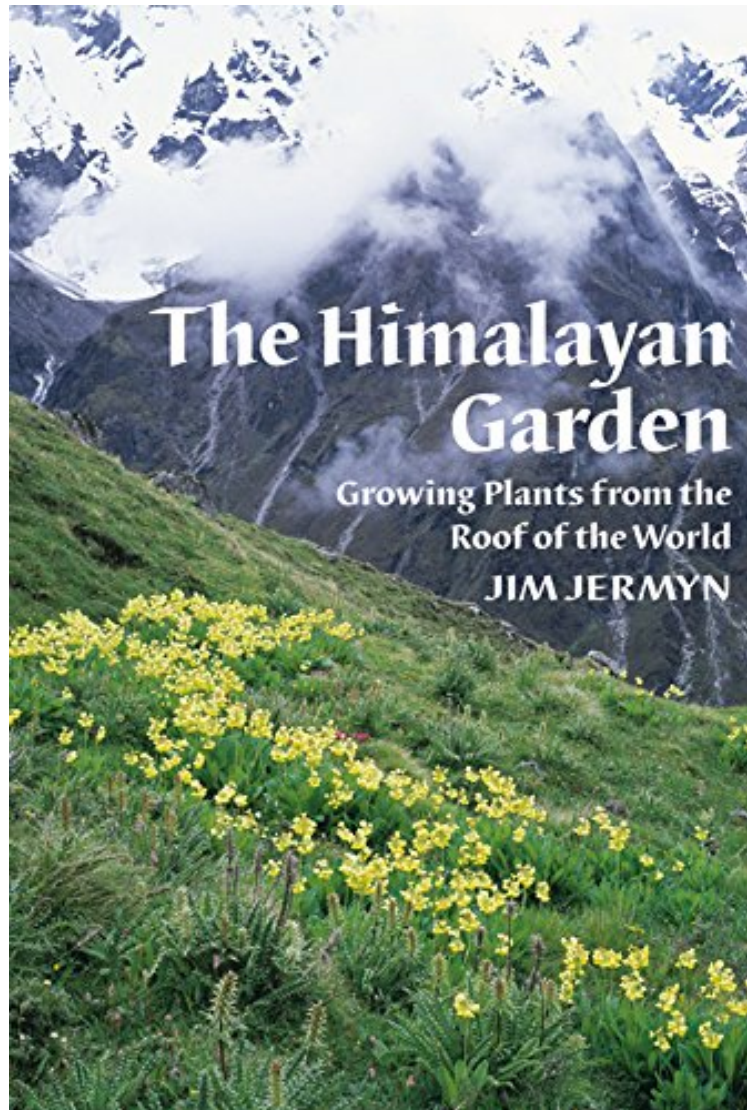


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Jim Jermyn : The Himalayan Garden: Growing Plants from the Roof of the World before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Himalayan Garden: Growing Plants from the Roof of the World:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Himalayan trek and treat. By Theoni Lussos I would agree with everything in the prior review but that the photography is exceptional. I think that most of it is poorly exposed and

there are more shadows in the shots than I would like. Other than that, this book is a real treat particularly because you get to see these plants in their native habitat particularly around Nepal but also including Tibet the Tibetan plateau (now the Chinese Xizang province (boo)), Sikkim, India, and Bhutan. I really enjoyed how Jermyn laid out the book, starting with the geography and some history of the field of ethnobotany including the various vegetation zones in the Himalayas: they surprisingly range from the lofty alpine to subtropical. Jermyn then very carefully spends the rest of the book going through each zone until we reach the top alpine zone depicting the various plants and their unique environs. The book does tend to be technical; Latin names are used throughout. Here's a fairly common from page 39... "The geography of eastern Nepal means that it presents a challenge to collectors, but a successful trip organised in 1971 by Beer...to Jaljale Himale...made fine collections of seed including *Sorbus microphylla*, *Lilium nepalense* and *Primula obliqua*". While there is a great index and attendant bibliography, if you are just an amateur or arm-chair gardener you may require a lot of searching and cross-referencing to get accustomed to thinking of your garden in those terms, so for most of us, this is a long slow slog...but like any trek it is definitely worth the work. /TKL9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. For the serious gardener By Valerie Fletcher Adolph This is a book for the knowledgeable gardener who loves to make the link between flowers native to exotic places and the home garden, and for the plantsman who will take immense trouble to grow specific plants. In my experience it is an unique book because it combines the adventure and awe of the plant hunter in the Himalaya with practical advice about how to grow the plants that were discovered. The colour photographs of the Himalaya are impressive and help the reader to understand the natural environment of the plants described later. The book has seven chapters. The first helps the reader understand the ecological divisions of the Himalaya and the different plant habitats. The second chapter takes a brief look at some of the plant hunters who ventured into the area and brought back new species to challenge our gardening skills. The next three chapters detail how to develop gardens to grow plants from the three main climate zones - temperate, subalpine and alpine. The final chapters cover propagation and pests and diseases. There is a list of sources for seeds and plants in both Europe and North America, a glossary, bibliography and index of plant names. This book really added to my knowledge of plants. I'd never given much thought to the huge variety of plants from the Himalaya. If asked, I'd say primulas, rhododendrons and the blue poppy, *Meconopsis*. I had never realized how many species of *Meconopsis* there are. For a start you can find deep blue ones (*M. x sheldonii*), yellow ones (*M. integrifolia*)... The primula species are even more numerous and some of the orchids take your breath away. The flower photography in this book is exceptional. This is not a book for everyone, but it will be a joy to the serious plantsman. The author writes clearly and knowledgeably and his depth of experience and love for his topic come across to the reader.

In this unique resource, Jim Jermyn offers not the usual botanical travelogue but instead a horticultural handbook that allows gardeners at far-lower-than-Himalayan elevations to successfully grow those plants that are native to the high Himalaya mountains. The highlights include species of *Euphorbia*, *Gentiana*, *Meconopsis*, *Primula*, *Rhododendron*, and more. Interest in the plants of this region is at a peak. These plants are guaranteed to add an exotic touch to any garden in which they are successfully grown, and with Jermyn's expert instructions and tips, they can be easily maintained. Whether documenting a well-known garden plant or an uncommon species, Jermyn supplies tried-and-true instructions on garden site preferences and care based on his own extensive experience. Excellent photographs round out an introduction to the plants, and the book includes a comprehensive list of recommended sources from which to purchase specimens both in Europe and the United States.

From Booklist Jermyn writes for sophisticated gardeners who long to grow great drifts of rare blue poppies, and those discriminating green thumbs known to yearn for unusual primulas. Jermyn's combined expertise and fascination with the subject of cultivating species indigenous to the Himalayas result in a manual filled with highly specific advice and instructive growing tips. Determined gardeners are provided with horticultural practices and procedures aimed at achieving successful results when they embark upon cultivating coveted alpine specimens. Focusing on alpiners that thrive in woodland and rock garden situations, Jermyn explains exactly how gardeners living at low altitudes can create appropriate habitats for a range of flora customarily found at high altitudes. Replete with color photographs, this effective resource may intensify the trend toward growing newly introduced and more familiar Himalayan plants. Alice Joyce Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved Jermyn's combined expertise and fascination with the subject of cultivating species indigenous to the Himalayas result in a manual filled with highly specific advice and instructive growing tips. . . . Replete with color photographs, this effective resource may intensify the trend toward growing newly introduced and more familiar Himalayan plants. Booklist Mouth-watering book. . . . Jermyn's thorough knowledge of the range of natural habitats is impressive and allows him to give a full review of the cultivation of each species discussed. . . . An engaging read. Pacific Horticulture Interspersed with nuggets of personal experience on growing the plants at home. . . . Superb photographs that will appeal to the adventurous traveler, the woodland gardener and anyone who enjoys the romance of seeing plants in the wild. Gardens Illustrated The photographs are stunning. Choice If you are among those whose pulse-rate has been kick-started by the Subalpine Zone chapter, then

take care as you proceed to the one on the alpine zone: you may need oxygen to take in the contents of this high altitude chapter. . . . Packed with useful and practical advice on how to establish and maintain these plants. . . . A most useful reference, it will certainly earn its space on many a keen growers shelves. Hortus Lots of full-color photo illustrations of these alpine and perennials growing in their native habitat as well as in private gardens. Bloomsbury My pick of the years gardening books. Financial Times Do I recommend this book? Eagerly! I dont know how any gardener, whether they are generalists or have a specific interest like rock gardening, could resist this book. It will delight you during a rainy evening or while sitting in front of a fire this winter. Suite101.com Jermyns book is a cross between a warm-hearted, friendly travelogue, a horticulture identification reference, and a gardening guide organized according to zone. American Herb Association Quarterly Newsletter The book reads like an intriguing catalog of beautiful plants, enticing you to cultivate them in your own garden. . . . The books superior aspect was the amazing glossy, color photographs located on almost every other page throughout the book. Seeing these beautiful plants, I felt inspired to take on even the most challenging species. Plant Science Bulletin The comprehensive number of other genera and cultivation techniques make this book as fascinating as the plants. Pappus Simply stated, this is a great book in the classic style. Written by a person who not only loves plants, but knows how to grow them and write about them in the most delightful way. . . . A feast for the eye as well as the mind. Gardening Newsletter