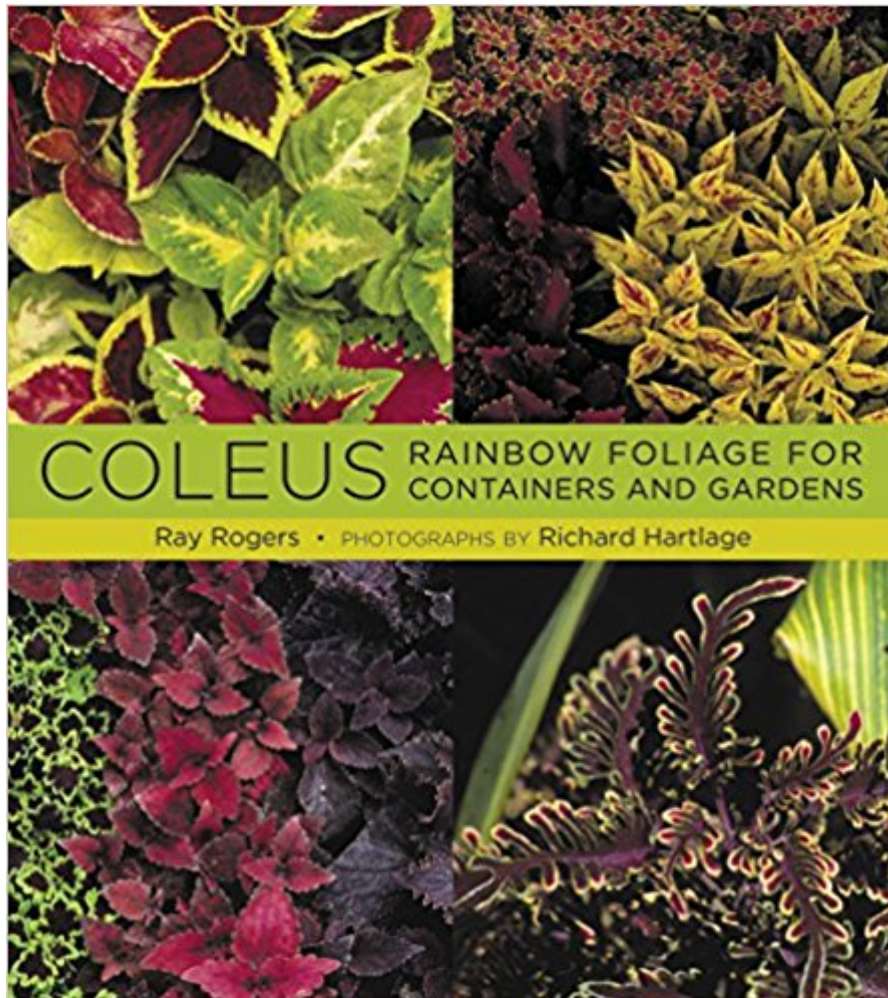




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Coleus: Rainbow Foliage For Containers And Gardens



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“Revels in the diversity of the plant.”—[The Washington Post](#)

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“Ray Rogers takes a comprehensive look at these garden staples and even shows a few uses for them, such as training them into topiaries, that we never thought of. If you haven't been tempted by the new cultivars and want to see what all the chatter is about, this is the place to start.”—[Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

“Any coleus lover will find it enjoyable and educational.”—[Garden Compass](#)

“Can turn even a curmudgeonly coleophobe into an ardent admirer as Rogers enumerates their many benefits. The stunning color photographs by Richard Hartlage add even more credence to the claim that coleus have their place in almost any garden setting.”—[San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

“A wonderful

book for any gardener. The coleus is truly a versatile plant, but also an essential plant for every garden. *Portsmouth Herald* "For a lover of coleus, this book would be a welcome gift and a valuable reference. An added bonus is the beautiful photography, which is sure to provide delightful diversion in the darker months." *Connecticut Horticultural Society Newsletter*

Coleus are no longer your grandmother's parlor plants. Favorites during the Victorian period, they have made a dramatic comeback. It's easy to see why: no other plant offers such a dazzling variety of leaf colors, shapes, and patterns, and no other plant is so easy to grow and propagate. Given a modicum of care, coleus will flourish from spring until frost. Although older varieties performed best in shady situations, newer ones have been selected for sun tolerance, making it possible to grow coleus in every part of the garden. With their sumptuous colors and tough constitution, coleus are ideal both as attention-getting focal points and as complements to other foliage or flowering plants. As happy in a container as in open ground, they are the ultimate in versatility, their uses as unlimited as your imagination. Whether you're a weekend gardener in search of easy, reliable color, or an enthusiast who wants to collect every colues available, this exciting and comprehensive resource will give you exactly what you're looking for--and more. Expert plantsman Ray Rogers offers equal parts inspiration and practical advice, with history, plant characteristics, problem solving, propagation, and designing with coleus in both containers and in the garden, all brought to life by Richard Hartlage's masterful photographs. An encyclopedia covers more than 225 varieties.

Great book Well organized with lots of good info. The only thing I would change would be to get the terms section up front as there are many of us, myself included, who are new horticulture and in some cases the author uses terms before they are defined. Not a problem for the experienced gardener but a bit confusing for the newbie. Otherwise this is a super book and great reference.

I purchased the book and it arrived in excellent condition and in a timely manner. I love to own the books even though everything is on the net. I find turning the pages and looking back and forth between the pages very relaxing.

This book is great for coleus lovers. I have many of these varieties in my garden and do not know the names. Now I know what they are called and can order them yearly if I love them. Thank you for a comprehensive book on a garden staple.

Great book for those interested in growing and learning about coleus. Great pictures and informative text. Next year I am going to have a garden full of these neat plants. Susi

Best coleus book.

VERY WELL WRITTEN BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED I THOUGHT AFTER ALL MY YEARS OF RAISING THEM I KNEW IT ALL BUT I LEARNED A FEW TRICKS A VALUABLE ADDITION TO ANY COLEUS LOVER BILL AMOS

This book provides all necessary information to everyone who wants to know about coleus plants, so I will strongly recommend this book to my friends.

This book has beautiful photographs and lots of interesting information. The variety of coleus is amazing. However, the information is not as practical as I had hoped. Therefore, it is on my coffee table and not in my gardening shed.

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