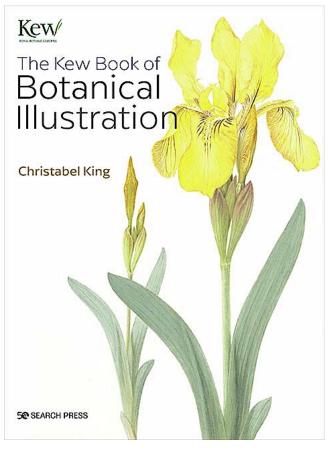
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Key Selling Points

- This meticulous guide covers all aspects of botanical art and illustration and is endorsed by the world-famous Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew
- The previous hardback edition has sold over 15,000 copies
- Christabel King is an eminent and acclaimed botanical illustrator, well-known for her work in Curtis's Botanical Magazine
- Flowers and botanicals are a popular subject for artists of all abilities.

Description

'This is botanical illustration at the highest level.' - The Artist

Christabel King is the foremost botanical artist at the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, world leaders in the study and preservation of plant species.

Here she shares her passion for depicting plants, both in scientific illustrations and in looser botanical art.

This inspiring guide covers everything you need to know: choose a subject and create a vibrant composition; accurately sketch, shade and colour leaves, flowers, cacti and more; finally, press and preserve your own treasured specimens. A chapter on travel drawing gives a flavour of the author's worldwide experience, and there are many of her beautiful plates from the prestigious *Curtis's Botanical Magazine*. There is a helpful section on suitable subjects for beginners and a glossary of terms, to get you started in the beautiful art of botanical illustration.

About the Author

Kew's chief botanical artist, and one of Kew's elite band of practitioners, Christabel King has been working as an illustrator at Kew for 40 years. In 1975 she began painting for their prestigious *Curtis's Botanical Magazine* (the longest-running botanical magazine – first edition 1787), after achieving a degree in botany and scientific illustration. She runs successful workshops and courses at Kew and is highly skilled and acclaimed for her work. Christabel lives in Twickenham, Middlesex, UK.

About the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

The Royal Botanic Gardens Kew is a world-famous scientific organization and home to two elegant gardens in the South East of England – Kew Gardens in South West London and Wakehurst Place in West Sussex which also houses Kew's Millennium Seed Bank. Kew Gardens is a recognized World Heritage Site, with stunning glasshouses and a rich history of royal heritage interwoven with the development of modern-day plant science and sustainable development.

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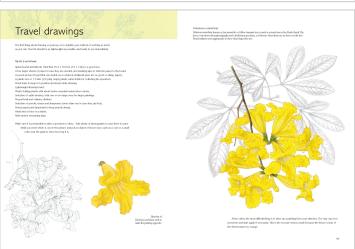
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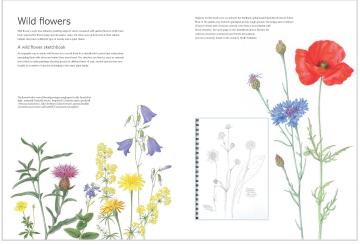
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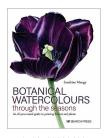
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