



“The Explorer's Garden: Shrubs and Vines from the Four Corners of the World” by Daniel J. Hinkley (NIRS Library #80-18)

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Dan Hinkley's quest for distinctive plants has led him on expeditions to China, Korea, Nepal, Chile, and remote areas of North America. His first book, *The Explorer's Garden: Rare and Unusual Perennials* presented the most fascinating perennials found during Hinkley's treks around the globe, describing the assets each plant brings to the garden, and explaining how it is best cultivated and propagated.

The Explorer's Garden: Shrubs and Vines from the Four Corners of the World is Dan's second book on the Explorer's Garden Series. A great read, giving his perfect experiences on the way plants grow in their native lands and how he

discovered them growing, often up banks or cliffs.

His masterful prose is a delight to read, many fine details emerge of his worldly travels. Extremely well documented are his chapters in this book; whereby he takes a genus and gives you wonderful information on it. Take for example his thoughts on the shrub- 'vibenum'; a great lot of info is given in this chapter and the reader comes away, actually blown away with details of this perfect shrub. The photos throughout are a delight, clear and beautifully presented.

"There are few gardeners where validation of a plant's worthiness I would take so seriously", I quote Dan's words here, from his forward to Marina Christopher's recent book; definitely applies to Dan's treasured book.

Illustrated with Hinkley's own splendid photographs, as well as those of Lynne Harrison, this new edition includes a new preface by the author and a completely updated list of sources for plant material.

BOOK REVIEW *(Submitted by Noni Godfrey)*