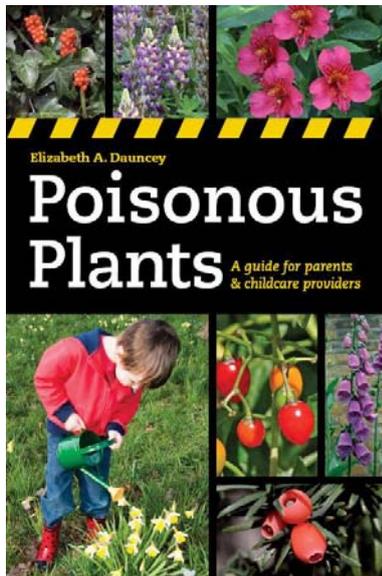


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Anyone caring for children, and for educators, medics, sellers of plants and flowers, gardeners and those responsible for plants in public places.

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- Hazard assessments for the 130 most poisonous plants in the home, garden and countryside
- Plants that are harmful if eaten or touched are covered
- The introduction provides general advice regarding plants that cause allergies or mechanical damage
- A list of 'safe' plants is included
- Gives advice on how to undertake risk assessments of plants in particular circumstances, e.g. in gardens, public spaces or indoors
- Information is concise and accessible
- Each plant entry is accompanied with symbols to indicate the attractive plant parts, plant type and where the plants are found. Pull out cover flaps provide a key to the symbols, enabling quick reference for the reader.
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Description

This accessible guidebook is the result of a long-standing collaboration between the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and the Medical Toxicology Information Services at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital, London. Helpful descriptions and more than 230 photographs will assist you in identifying more than 130 of the most poisonous plants likely to be encountered as pot plants, in flower beds and vegetable plots, and in more natural environments. The toxins contained in each plant (especially in plant parts that are attractive to children) and the likely symptoms should they be inadvertently touched or eaten are explained.

Poisonous Plants provides important information for anyone caring for children, and for educators, medics, sellers of plants and flowers, gardeners and those responsible for plants in public places. It will enable you to assess the potential risks posed to children by toxic plants and provides ideas for designing and planting a safe environment.

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