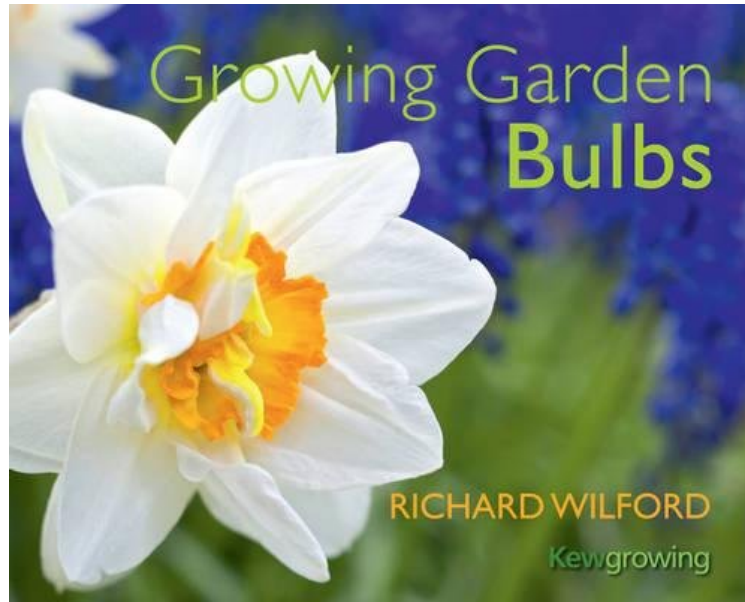


## Growing Garden Bulbs (Kew - Kew Growing)

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**Richard Wilford : Growing Garden Bulbs (Kew - Kew Growing)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Growing Garden Bulbs (Kew - Kew Growing):

There are few delights as universal as spotting the first buds of spring. The appearance of a bold tulip or a shy daffodil heralds warmth and changing seasons. These plants, as well as others such as nerines, lilies, irises, and hyacinths, begin life as bulbs. While they require careful cultivation, they can brighten gardens year after year. With the expert guidance in *Growing Garden Bulbs*, readers will have the confidence and inspiration they need to get started growing fantastic bulbs. This practical and highly illustrated guide focuses on growing temperate garden bulbs in the outdoor garden. It walks readers step-by-step through all aspects of bulb growing, covering everything from buying to blossom. Chapters address the when and how of buying bulbs, selecting the best specimens, planting both outdoors and in pots, naturalizing, keeping pests and diseases away, and, for the more adventurous, propagating plants. In addition, a detailed planting guide takes readers through every season, making it easier to plan gardens. Because the book draws on more than thirty years of experience from one of the leading experts on bulbs, readers can be sure they are getting accurate and practical information. From tulips to snowdrops, fritillaries, daffodils, and many more, *Growing Garden Bulbs* looks at all the popular garden bulbs and their relatives, highlighting plants that can be easily found in garden centers and local nurseries. Thanks to the book's user-friendly style and rich illustrations, the hardest part will be choosing which bulbs to buy first.

"Richard Wilford has a lot of useful tips about how to tackle the long-term care of bulbs (feed with tomato food when the plants are in bloom, to avoid producing leaf rather than flowers); and has many pointers on planting, either in pots

or in the soil. But of course the real fun is his choice selection of good flowering bulbs to run right across the gardening year, beginning with elegant snowdrops such as *Galanthus elwesii* in winter and ending with the bright sting of lilac provided by autumn cyclamen."