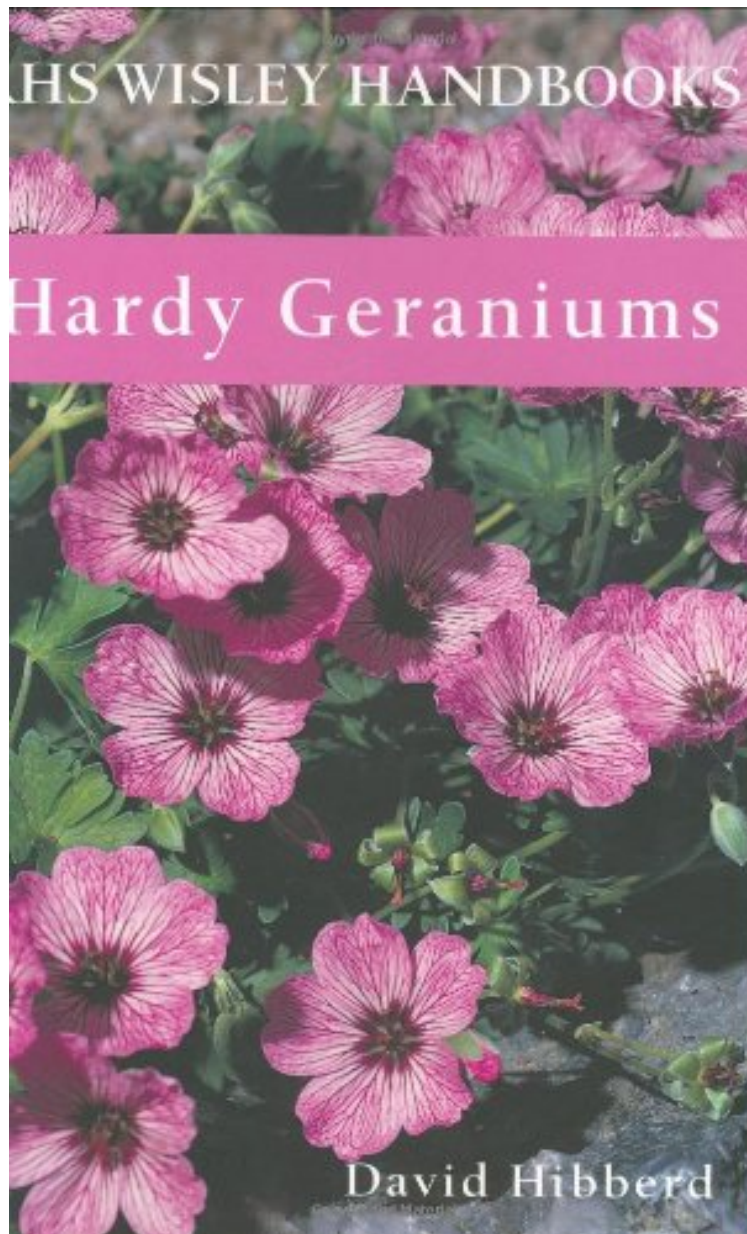


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Successfully grow the popular, delicately beautiful, yet reliable geranium. The hardy varieties covered in this essential illustrated introduction are not restricted to conservatories or sunny balconies; these perennials provide excellent ground cover, pretty herbaceous foliage, and colorful pink or purple flowers. See how to choose the best variety for your soil and situation, and find out about care, cultivation, planting, and propagation. There is a list of recommended varieties and cultivars for best results.

Found in nearly every garden and surviving neglect most plants would expire in, hardy geraniums are part of a vast genus of plants. From the diminutive *Geranium sanguineum* to the imposing *Geranium psilostemon* they come in a range of colours, forms and sizes and can be accommodated in all sorts of different soils and aspects. David Hibberd, a retired nurseryman, has grown and sold hardy geraniums for many years and here shares his experience of their usefulness and ease of cultivation with the reader. From choice to siting, propagating and general care, he clearly and concisely explains the many varieties' requirements. Lavishly illustrated, the photographs clearly demonstrate the differences between them, showing the delicate pinks of *Geranium dalmaticum*, the shocking pink of *Anne Folkard*, the pure whiteness of *Kashmir White* and the soft lavender of *Geranium erianthum* *Calm Sea*. The dusky pinks and maroons of *Geranium phaeum* add a dark feel to the borders in Spring while the sunny *Geranium madarense* and *palmatum*, their imposing foliage adding winter interest in warmer areas, greet Autumn with their showers of pink flowers. And not just flowers but attractive foliage too, often scented, and coming in a range of greens from deepest emerald to lime. Part of the RHS Wisley handbook series, this is a comprehensive and concise look at hardy geraniums, fully illustrated and clearly written. Aimed at both the amateur and professional grower, this is an invaluable addition to any serious horticulturalist's bookshelf. - Lucy Watson

About the Author David Hibberd sits on the Geranium Council at the Royal Horticultural Societies. For many years he ran Axletree Nursery in Kent. Now in retirement he is a full time writer, lecturer and gardener.