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FEATURED BOOK : REVIEW 1



EXHAUSTIVE INFORMATION ON MEDICINAL PLANTS

Rating : 9.5
★★★★★★★★★½
(9.5/5)

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Medicinal Plants of the World (Vol 2): Chemical Constituents, Traditional and Modern Medicinal Uses *by* Ivan A. Ross. 7" x 10" Hardcover.
Humana Press Inc., 999 Riverview Drive, Suite 208, Totowa, New Jersey 07512; Publication Date 2001. xiv+487 pages, ISBN 0-89603-877-7 (acid-free Paper). Price $110.00

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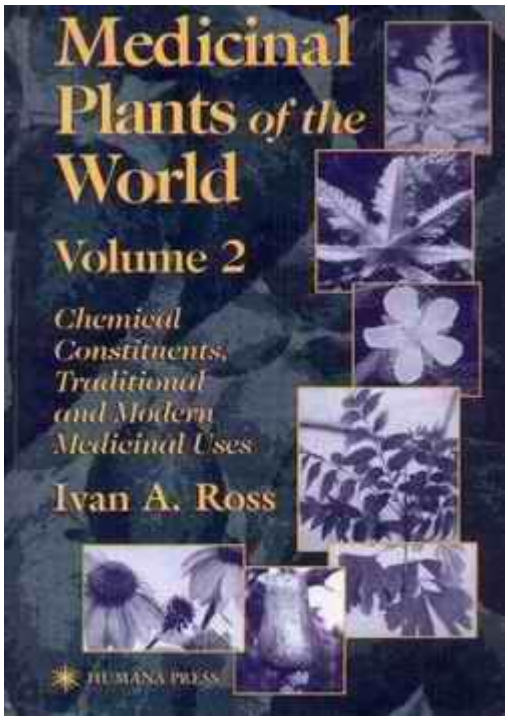

Over centuries medicine has drawn considerable amount of information, especially in therapeutic, from the world of plants. In addition there is substantial interest in plants in the field of the developing Alternative Medicine, which more and more people turning towards. Thirdly there is a need for understanding the toxicology of plants in relation to the community. In such a context, a book such as this pleasantly fills this vacuum of ignorance.

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This volume is essentially a catalogue of twenty four different plants and their properties. Each chapter deals with a specific plant. There is a photograph of the plant accompanying. There is a list of names for each plant in different countries making identification easy in different communities. This list of geographic synonyms is followed by a botanical description. The geographic distribution is also catalogued. This is then followed by its medicinal use in different communities. There is a section on the chemical constituents of the active ingredients of the plant in question, with references attached to each item. There is an extensive section on the pharmacology of the active constituents. Finally there is a comprehensive list of references.

The amount of available information is exhaustive and easily grasped by the reader. As a reference volume I cannot think of a more desirable one in any literary collection.

Editor's Note: For review of Volume 1 of this book, please click here.

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