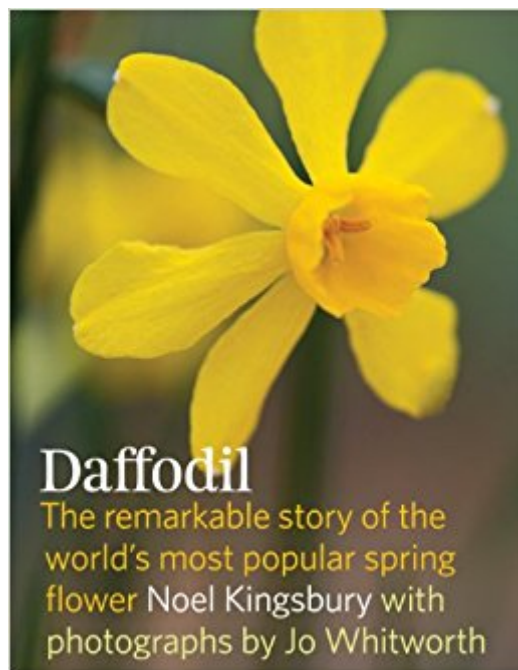




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Daffodil: The Remarkable Story Of The World's Most Popular Spring Flower



Synopsis

There is no harbinger of spring like a field or garden filled with bright yellow daffodils. But the world of the daffodil is much more than just its place in the march of the seasons. It's a plant whose history starts with the tombs of the Pharaohs, through pre-Darwin evolutionary theory and Cornwall's burgeoning bulb business, and leads to the current explosion of varieties from plant breeders seeking new colors, fragrances, and forms. Daffodil reveals a global plant infatuation that has led to more than 25,000 cultivars available in nearly every shade of yellow (and now pink, orange, and white). Noel Kingsbury tells the tale through an engaging narrative history and plant portraits that highlight more than 200 varieties. Jo Whitworth's revealing photography shows a side of the daffodil rarely seen. Plant lovers will relish the stories and gardeners will cherish the cultivation notes, plant descriptions, and recommendations.

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 "Cold Climate Gardening "Everything one needs to know about the species is covered. . . . With color photography by Jo Whitworth on every page, the book explains the daffodil's early history. . . . and spread around the world.
 "Desert Exposure

Daffodils are the quintessential spring flower. Their arrival in our gardens, parks, and woodlands is a sure sign that winter is drawing to a close.

Nice book with great pictures and some information on their culture.

Noel Kingsbury is one of my favorite outdoor authors. He has come up with another winner with this one. I bought several copies for my wife to give out my hometown's Daffodil Festival.

Brief but well written history of the development of narcissus cultivars. Includes culture. Very good color photos as well. Recommend.

Great general information and fantastic photos, makes for a wonderful read if you are interested in daffodils, Recommend to everyone.

Appreciate finding this book which suited my sister well for her birthday.

This book is better than my best expectations!

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