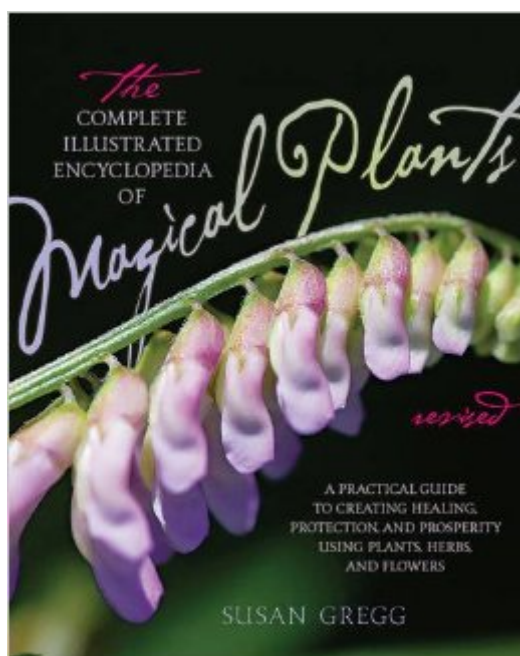


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I bought this book thinking "Oh---cool. Sounds like it might be interesting...." But, I am appalled at some of the factual mistakes that I have found in a cursory first glance at the book. I have a hobby--albeit a rather---uh-- "odd" one: I grow and research poisonous plants. I have a large poison garden and find it fascinating. So, imagine my consternation to read the "Medicinal Uses" for Periwinkle (*Vinca minor*): "....periwinkle is a gentle laxative for children and can be used by adults for chronic constipation." Actually, Periwinkle contains potent vinca alkaloids that, in even small doses, can destroy the bone marrow's ability to make blood cells, resulting in a very unpleasant

death (though, I suppose, that WOULD take care of that pesky constipation problem....). In another example, Meadow Rue is identified as "Ruta graveolens"---and is not, in fact R. graveolens but is actually a "Thalictrum" species.....R. graveolens is the genus/ species name for Common Garden Rue....and, to compound the problem, the author also identifies common Rue as (correctly, in this case) R. graveolens.I also found that the pictures, while beautiful, are not, at times, actually illustrating the plant that they are supposed to illustrate, as in the case of (for example) Balm of Gilead. Or, in another case, the picture of Mandrake----which is, I believe, a paw-paw and not a Mandrake. Sad, really---the Mandrake is such a beautifully sinister-looking little plant, and I love it dearly.This is a good example of why it is a very, very bad idea to treat either oneself or another with herbal medicines unless one is absolutely certain of what one is ingesting.

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