

## GARDENER'S BOOKS

### Floral Inspiration

SPRING MAY BRING a profusion of colorful flowers and fresh foliage to our gardens, but indoor floral arrangements can bring this abundance into your home in any season. Whether you're thinking of dipping your toes into floral design or would like some inspiration to break out of a design rut, these recently published books will certainly awaken your imagination.

In *Floral Diplomacy at the White House* (Stichting Kunstboek bvba,

2017, \$45),

Laura Dowling shares

her experi-

ence serv-

ing as chief

floral de-

signer for

the White

House from

2009 to

2015. The book offers an insider's look

into Dowling's process of creating ar-

rangements for countless holidays, and

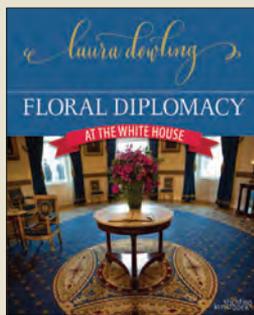
diplomatic events. Often, the featured

arrangements were intended to convey

deeper, symbolic messages that reflect-

ed the intentions of the White House

specific to each event.



Louesa Roebuck and Sarah Lonsdale's *Foraged Flora* (Ten Speed Press, 2016,

\$40) bursts

with stun-

ning, full-

page pho-

tographs

by Laurie

Frankel of en-

chanting ar-

rangements

that celebra-

te nature's beau-

ty through the

seasons. Each month of the year gets a

chapter, featuring arrangements compos-

ed entirely of foraged and gleaned

flowers from around Roebuck and Lons-

dale's homes in California. The authors'

musings on discovering beauty all around

them and their philosophy of foraging

provide plenty of food for thought.



Portrait photographs of gorgeous bou-

quets or the individual flowers that

compose them

grace almost

every page of

*The Flower*

*Book* (DK,

2017, \$40) by

Rachel Sieg-

fried, a floral

designer and

cut-flower

grower in England. The book opens

with a chapter detailing Siegfried's design

process, informed by how plants grow

naturally. Detailed profiles of her fa-

vorite seasonal blooms follow—60 in

all— complete with buying, growing,

and display advice for each.

—Julia Polentes, Editorial Intern

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