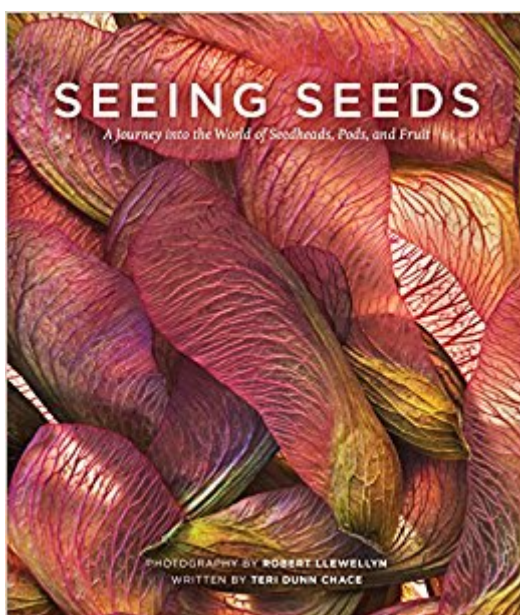


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# Seeing Seeds: A Journey Into The World Of Seedheads, Pods, And Fruit (Seeing Series)



## Synopsis

Robert Llewellyn's images reflect a depth of detail that until now, only the best botanical illustrators could approach. "The Washington Post A centuries-old saying goes, "Great oaks from little acorns grow." But as this dazzling book reveals, there is much more to a seed than the plant it will someday become: seeds, seedheads, pods, and fruits have their own astounding beauty that rivals, and sometimes even surpasses, the beauty of flowers. Bitter melon seeds resemble a handful of rubies. Poppy pods could be art nouveau salt shakers. And butterfly vine seeds look exactly like those delicate insects captured in mid-flight. Seeds also come with fascinating stories. Jewels of Opar got its name from a fabled city in Edgar Rice Burroughs's Tarzan stories. Lotus seeds sent into orbit by Chinese scientists came back to earth mysteriously altered. And fava beans "beloved of foodies" have a Jekyll-and-Hyde personality: they can cause the debilitating condition known as favism in some individuals and at the same time combat the microorganism that causes malaria. In these stunning pages you'll gain an understanding of how seeds are formed and dispersed, why they look the way they do, and how they fit into the environment. Seeing Seeds will take you to strange and wonderful places. When you return, it's safe to say that you'll never look at a seed the same way again.

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Seeing Seeds offers a cornucopia of photographs by Robert Llewellyn. . . . The text, by Teri

Dunn Chace, offers fascinating tidbits. • • "The New York Times • "Both exquisitely beautiful as well as informative. . . . Reading this book will leave the reader with a greatly enhanced knowledge and appreciation of plants and their lives, as well as a sense of wonderment at so much natural beauty in unexpected places. • • "Gardens Illustrated • "Seek out the Seeing series, and prepare for your breath to be taken away. • • "NYBGâ™s Plant Talk • "Amazing array of spectacular photographs, many shot at unusual angles that underline their ability to, sometimes, outshine the flower that produced them. • • "Hortus • "This is an odyssey full of wonder thatâ™s worthy of narration by Jacques Cousteau. . . . So often we look, but we donâ™t see. This book tries to change all that. Marvel at natureâ™s symmetry, patterns and hidden textures. • • "The English Garden • "Magical encapsulations of the future, seeds also are tiny worlds of their own. The new book, Seeing Seeds, explores them in near microscopic detail. • • "Sunset • "A marvelously artistic and detailed look at how plants perpetuate themselves. . . . The energy and ingenuity of seeds practically jumps off the pages of the book. • • "Pacific NW Magazine • "Youâ™ll never look at these important plant parts the same way again. • • "Mother Nature Network • "What Llewellyn has done with his photographs is something akin to entering the temple of creation on a microscopic level. • • "The Daily Progress • "Revel in the splendor of the plant world with Seeing Seeds. • • "Rodaleâ™s Organic Life • "A breathtaking photographic journey into the world of seedheads, pods and fruit. • • "Alpine Garden Society Journal • "The macro images show well-known plants like poppies and cattails in a newly glamorous, occasionally otherworldly light. This is the equivalent of an Annie Leibovitz fashion shoot for plants. • • "mental\_floss

What is inside a seed? How does it all work? Why do some seeds, pods, and fruits have such strange shapes? The answers to these and many more questions can be found in the pages of Seeing Seeds. Robert Llewellynâ™s stunning photographs and Teri Dunn Chaceâ™s illuminating essays open up a world of beauty and fascinating information that will forever change the way you look at these small miracles of nature. •

This book is not your grandma's book about plants and seeds. It is a five star journey, an eye-opening odyssey that changes the way you feel about seeds, fruits, plants and spices. I have shared this with my very young children and they have been fascinated at the photos. The information in this book is unlike any other gardening book or book about plants that I have ever read and has given me an appreciation of the intricacies and complicated nature of any seed. Teri Dunn Chace uses clear, vivid language and presents the seed to you in a way you have never seen

before. The highly beautiful photographs, compliment the text perfectly. It's a coffee table book, a textbook and a picture book all in one. You don't have to be a gardener to like this one!

Seeds are fascinating structures. They house genetic data which carries the past into the future and perpetuates a vital life form. This book gives readers a chance to see inside and appreciate the complex processes that bring forth that life force and then re-encapsulates it for the next generation. There are so many forms of seeds. They become activated by many different climate effects and associations with animals who depend of them for food while providing dispersal. This is a fascinating book. Consider it as a gift of insight and source of enlightenment.

A grand follow up and companion to the earlier Seeing Flowers. Delightful writing and magnificent pictures.

Beautiful photos. Not quite what I anticipated - maybe expecting a little more botany? It was hard to discern that from the material in reader reviews. Still, a lovely contemplation of the individuality of seeds and their exquisite unique invitation to continue the next generation of their species.

Excellent information about the natural world we take for granted. I'd use it with children, to get them out into nature and looking more closely; perhaps even creating their own collection of seeds and how they can spread and plant themselves, or need help to do so.

Beautiful photography, that's coming from a professional photographer.

Another book in the seeing series that is fantastic. I am amazed at the different ways plants reproduce and the lengths they will go to for seed distribution! Beautifully photographed also.

Beautiful book. I gave it as a thank you gift and the recipient absolutely loved it!

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