

What a Plant Knows:
A Field Guide to the Senses of Your Garden and Beyond
Daniel Chamovitz
Oneworld Publications. 2012

- The best way to describe this book is to quote Professor Stephen D. Hopper, Director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
 - ‘*What a Plant Knows* is lively, eloquent, scientifically accurate, and easy-to-read ... I commend this engaging text to all who wonder about life on Earth, and seek a compelling introduction to the lives of plants revealed through centuries of careful scientific experimentation.’
 - The chapters cover the senses: What a plant sees, smells, feels and hears as well as spatial and memory attributes.
 - The author shies away from the term ‘intelligence’ and suggest ‘awareness’ as a more suitable term for what a plant knows.
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Flowering Plants:
A Concise Pictorial Guide
General Editor: Leon Gray
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. 2011

- A beautifully illustrated **selection** of plant families.
 - Each family includes description, distribution, economic uses.
 - Text is very small.
 - Fully indexed, glossary.
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The Aboriginal Story of Burke and Wills:
Forgotten Narratives
Edited by Ian D. Clark and Fred Cahir
CSIRO Publishing 2013

- Having recently re-read Sarah Murgatroyd’s *The Dig Tree* I looked forward to reading this book.
- It was project of the Royal Society of Victoria to redress a major deficiency on the existing histories – no “in-depth study had been made of the interaction between Indigenous people and the expeditioners and their potential and actual contribution to the expedition”. **This is certainly ‘in-depth’.**
- It brings together a great deal of information which would previously have required much research.
- A very interesting book.