



## Botanica Magnifica: Portraits of the World's Most Extraordinary Flowers and Plants

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- An unabridged miniature edition of *Botanica Magnifica*, featuring 250 stunning photographs of rare or exotic plants and flowers by the 'Audubon of flowers,' Jonathan Singer

First published as an oversized clothbound volume in 2009, *Botanica Magnifica* has received widespread acclaim from the scientific and artistic communities. In the words of an *ARTnews* critic, Singer's flowers and plants, photographed "in large scale and exquisite detail, emerge from the shadows in a manner evocative of Old Master paintings." Now Abbeville is to offer this masterwork of botanical photography as a pocket-sized hardcover book, in their trademarked *Tiny Folio* format. Mirroring the design of the larger edition, this little volume is organised into five alphabetically arranged sections: (I) Orchidaceae, presenting the full diversity of orchids; (II) Florilegium, portraying the complexity and beauty of flowers; (III) Proteus, illustrating plant forms perfectly adapted for survival; (IV) Zingiberaceae, a tribute to the fascinating ginger family and (V) Botanicus, a selection of beautiful and bizarre specimens from the Smithsonian's research collection. Each pictured plant is accompanied by a clear and accessible description of its botany, geography, history, and conservation.

With its marvellous reproductions and fascinating text, the *Tiny Folio* of *Botanica Magnifica* is a charming miniature version of one of the most impressive volumes of natural history ever published.

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