



Healing Plants

From Elizabeth Blackwell's "Curious Herbal"
Edited by Marta McDowell

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- A delightful miniature gift for herbalists, gardeners, and admirers of botanical illustration
- Includes 137 beautiful engravings of medicinal plants from Elizabeth Blackwell's *Curious Herbal* (originally published 1737-39), along with Blackwell's descriptions of their medicinal properties
- Introduction by renowned garden writer Marta McDowell, about *A Curious Herbal* and the history of herbal medicine
- A companion to other *Tiny Folios* on natural history, such as *The Trees of North America* and *Audubon's Birds of America*

A miniature treasury of medicinal plants, drawn from the work of a pioneering woman artist.

This miniature book contains a veritable garden of healing plants, specially chosen from Elizabeth Blackwell's *Curious Herbal* (1737–39). A talented artist, Blackwell published her herbal as a means of financial support after her husband landed in debtor's prison — and it quickly became a prized reference for doctors and apothecaries. Each of the 140 exquisite hand-coloured engravings featured herein — from elderberry and chamomile to aloe and St. John's wort — is accompanied by Blackwell's description of its medicinal properties. The plants have been selected by the renowned garden writer Marta McDowell, who also contributes an introduction about Elizabeth Blackwell and the herbal medicine of her time. **Healing Plants** is the perfect little gift for anyone interested in herbalism, botany, or gardening.

Marta McDowell is a gardener, lecturer, and horticultural writer. Her books include *A Curious Herbal: Elizabeth Blackwell's Pioneering Masterpiece of Botanical Art* (Abbeville), *Gardening Can Be Murder: How Poisonous Poppies, Sinister Shovels, and Grim Gardens Have Inspired Mystery Writers*, and *Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life*, winner of the Gold Award from the Garden Writers Association.

