Good gardening books are never more welcome than when the days are short and summer’s final fruits and flowers are finding new life in dried arrangements and wreaths. These recent releases will guide you from the Garden of Eden, across the world and back to your own landscape—with fresh ideas for next year’s plantings and new eyes for old favorites.

**Around the World in 80 Plants** (Permanent Publications, 2015, $29.95) culls unexpected edibles for every garden from six continents. Stephen Barstow blends unusual recipes, botanical details, and personal adventure in a book of particular interest to permaculturists or home gardeners looking to experiment in the kitchen. The hybrid format makes this the rare herbal suited as much for pleasure as for reference. Occasional evangelizing and new coinages, such as “edimental” for edible ornamental, suggest that the author aims for wider impact than the breezy title suggests.

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