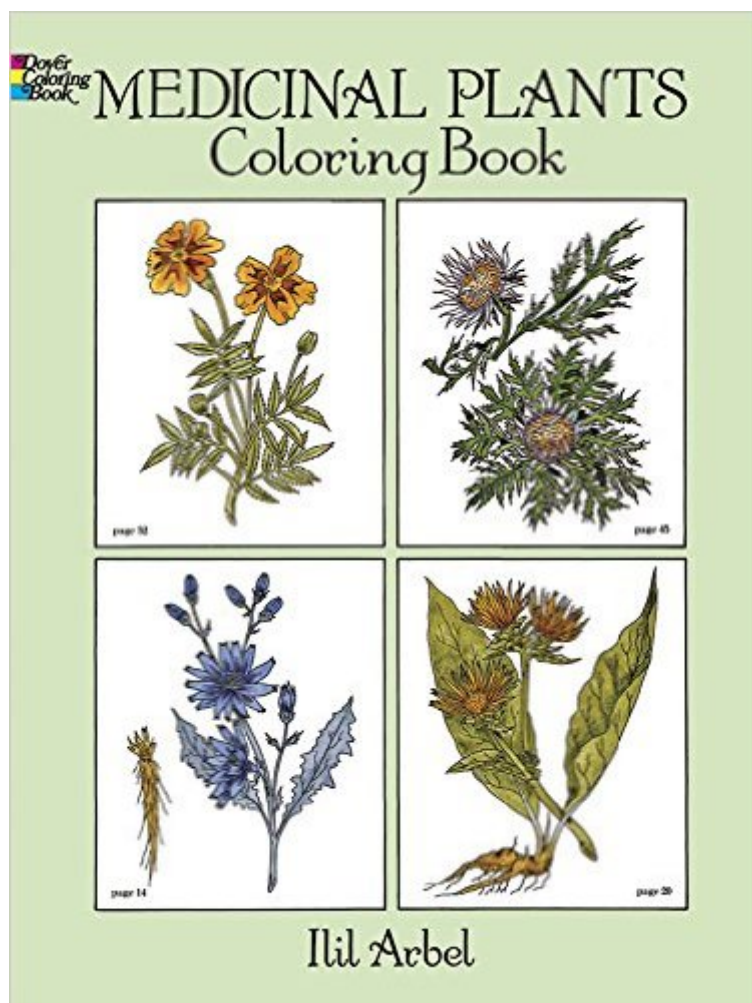


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# Medicinal Plants Coloring Book (Dover Nature Coloring Book)



## Synopsis

For centuries plants have been used to assuage or cure a wide variety of human ills. Even such familiar "weeds" as the dandelion have their palliative uses. This informative coloring book, featuring 44 accurate drawings by botanical illustrator Ilil Arbel, focuses on such medicinal plants from around the world as foxglove, belladonna, mayapple, valerian, dandelion, chamomile, quinine, arnica, burdock, tamarind, lobelia, and many more. Each illustration is accompanied by an informative caption outlining the plant's coloration and physical characteristics, geographic distribution, and medicinal uses. Invaluable as an identification guide and pictorial reference, this volume will appeal to colorists of all ages as well as to artists and crafters in need of royalty-free plant illustrations.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 11 - 14 years

Grade Level: 6 - 8

## Customer Reviews

I love this coloring book! Each page has the name of the plant (both common and Latin) and the medicinal uses of the plant. The cover has colored versions of each plant. Plants covered in this book: Aconite, Aloe vera, Arnica, Balm-of-Gilead, Belladonna, Hedge Bindweed, Boneset, Great Burdock, Castor Bean, Chamomile, Chicory, Coca, Comfrey, Cornflower, Dandelion, Dayflower, Elecampne, Evening Primrose, Foxglove, Yellow Gentian, American Ginseng, Jewelweed, Jimson

Weed, Joshua Tree, Lavender, Lily-of-the-Valley, Lobelia, Mandrake, Marigold, Marijuana, Mayapple, Opium Poppy, Passionflower, Pomegranate, Quinine, Wild Rose, Meadow Saffron, Squill, Strychnine Tree, Tamarind, Milk Thistle, Stemless Thistle, Valerian, and Wild Yam.

I was really excited to get this book! I like to color, I like medicinal herbs, I figured I'd like this book. The pictures are clear, but detailed (great for older children) and include tidbits on each page about the herbs. I was headed to lunch with my hubby who is a police officer when this came in the mail so I threw it in the car on my way out. I opened it to show him and landed right on the Marijuana page! Oops! So I turned the page quickly after he made fun of me for having "paraphernalia" only to land on the Opium page! Hahaha, we both thought it was funny but if you are expecting a coloring book with more legal herbs I suggest this one:

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Beautifully detailed renditions of 44 medicinal plants with a coloring page for each along with a write-up of each plant and it's habitat, uses and cautions, as well as other interesting facts. A great way to pique the interest of children and enable them to begin to identify plants and their medicinal qualities. Fascinating and a great educational tool!

Because this book presents plants from all over the world, it's not necessarily my first choice for identifying local and/or native plants for medicinal use. But the pictures are accurate (as much as they can be with simple line drawings), and for those of us who use dried herbs purchased from a supplier, we can see how the plant that produces those leaves, flowers, stems, or roots actually looks. Each page includes the common name of the plant along with the scientific name and a good description of where the plant is found, what it's medicinal characteristics are, and how it is (or has been) used. There are also words of caution where necessary and appropriate, along with a solid disclaimer in the front of the book. Colored pictures appear on both sides of the covers.

I am fond of Dover because they provide quirky and unusual books, preserving our past. The book includes 45 images of plants with information about the uses of each. This book doesn't get 5 stars because the pictures are back-to-back and the paper is thin, other than that they are fine images with a color key. For the price and the number of images I can accept the paper quality and use pencils. Please note that this isn't a "happy plants heal you" book. Remember that which can heal can also harm and so they include plants that can be poisonous (belladonna) as well as marijuana

and opium poppy. But they include mostly "respectable" ;0) plants such as aloe vera, cornflower, lily-of-the valley, etc. The table of contents provides multiple names for a single image so you can use the name with which you are familiar to find it. They also provide a disclaimer about the information on the plants--"use at your own risk." But kudos to them for preserving the record of this tradition. And that value is why I am fond of Dover Books.

My 7 year old granddaughter developed an interest in plants when we figured out that plantain works great on her occasional rashes. The color pictures included that allow her to match colors when she's coloring the "coloring book" pictures helps her remember how the plants look. The descriptions provide good information on the plant and some of its uses. This is the first coloring book where she was very careful to match colors (no purple faces here) and stay in the lines, which tells me she loves this book. She's even blending crayon colors to match where needed. It would be great if there were a series of these instead of just one.

This is great if you're studying medicinal herbs, it helps to "get up close" to plants that probably don't grow in your area. We really like pretty much all Dover products, and this was no exception.

This coloring book is just what I wanted It arrived on the estimated time of arrival, It tells you about the medicinal plant, what it is good for and you could color it, I will of course recommend to friends and family and I will purchase more....

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