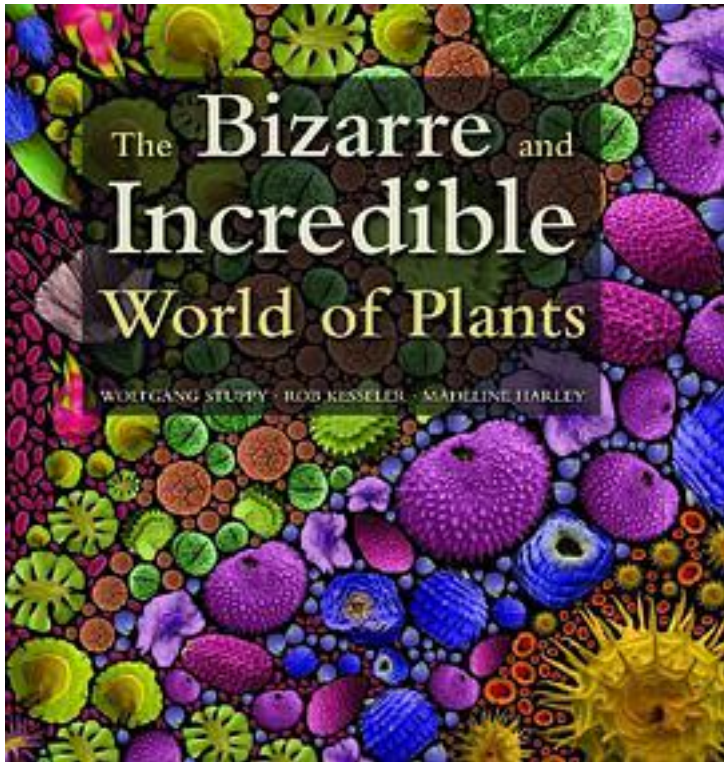


The Bizarre and Incredible World of Plants



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Science and art collaborate to reveal a stunning, even sensual, microscopic world. Three landmark books -- "Pollen," "Seeds" and "Fruit" -- were published in 2006 and 2008 to rave reviews: "breathtaking," "ravishing," "spectacular," "enlightening," "truly revelatory" and "beautiful almost beyond description." In "The Bizarre and Incredible World of Plants," the authors bring the best of these books together in one volume that is a fascinating union of art and science. Visual artist Rob Kessler uses special light techniques and scanning electron microscopy to create astonishing images of a variety of pollens, seeds and fruits. His razor-sharp cross sections reveal intricate interiors,

pods, pouches, keys and other examples of botanical architecture and seed dispersal. Seed morphologist Wolfgang Stuppy and palynologist Madeline Harley deftly explain the botanical purposes of the pollens, seeds and fruit, how they fulfill their missions and their roles in preserving the biodiversity of our planet. Literary references to plant reproduction are featured along with early botanical illustrations. "The Bizarre and Incredible World of Plants" is groundbreaking in its intimate examination of plant reproduction. It is an essential reference for artists, designers and photographers and will fascinate gardeners and general readers.

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