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inviting. The cover is attractive and appropriately represents the content. The content is clearly presented, it is uncluttered and the print large enough to read comfortably but not so large that it has the look of a school reading book. The book doesn't claim to cover every seed in the world - this would be impossible - but it does cover a very significant number, most of which are illustrated by scaled photographs. I do like to have plenty of photos in this type of book. It's reader-friendly, it doesn't complicate matters by being too scientific but neither is it too basic. This isn't a book to read from cover to cover - after reading sections relating to collection, cleaning and storage of seeds, the main sections which describes each seed is more for dipping in and out of for reference purposes. Although on the face of it this is quite expensive for a paperback, I can understand why. It must have taken ages to take all the photographs and add a scale. It may even encourage me to be adventurous and have a go at growing new plants from collected seed.

This full-color, user-friendly book covers the basics involved in the collection, cleaning, and storage of seeds. Learn from an expert how to safely and effectively construct your own sieve and seed cleaner with household materials, overcome pests when storing seeds, and handle environmental factors that may threaten the integrity of your seeds. An introduction to identifying different varieties of seeds will make collecting easy for beginner and experienced collectors alike. One thousand close-up color photographs of seeds gathered from vegetables, herbs and spices, garden flowers, fruit-producing plants, trees, shrubs, and vines are included in this encyclopedia-style volume. Each entry identifies the seed's family, common name, species, genera, and origin, and includes collection methods, a description of the number and color of seeds, useful hints for collection, and notes on growing the source plant. Gardeners around the world will appreciate this comprehensive guide to harvesting nature's bounty and preserving its genetic material for years and gardens to come.