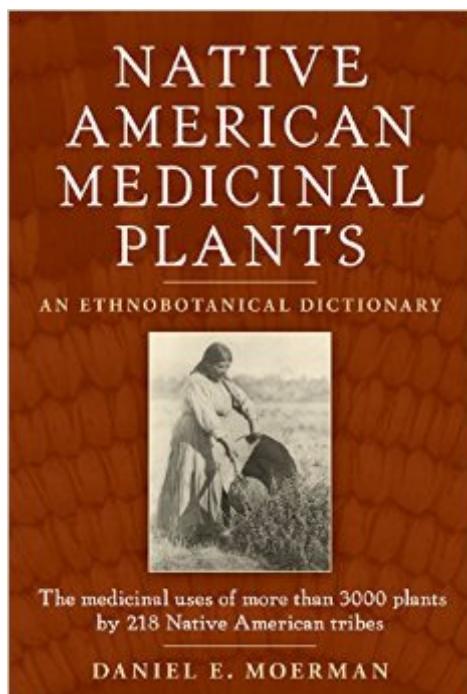


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The books by Daniel E. Moerman are a must have, BUT....choose wisely. The only reason to buy

the Food Plants book is if you want only the food knowledge and not the Medicinal uses or even how the plants were used in other ways (like entertainment). If your interest is medical and not culinary, then get the Medicinal book. For me the best is the original Native American Ethnobotany because it has the edible, the medicinal and other uses of the plants. What is missing in his first book, but is in the Food Plants book are the line drawings of plants. It might be nice to add that in future publications of the Native American Ethnobotany book, but is not enough to go out and duplicate the information already printed in this fine study. Do yourself a favor and choose the complete work to the two later releases.

This is a very thorough desk reference. It is made easy to use with varied different indexes. With so many sources from a variety of eras gives the information real depth and a special insight to western medicine.

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