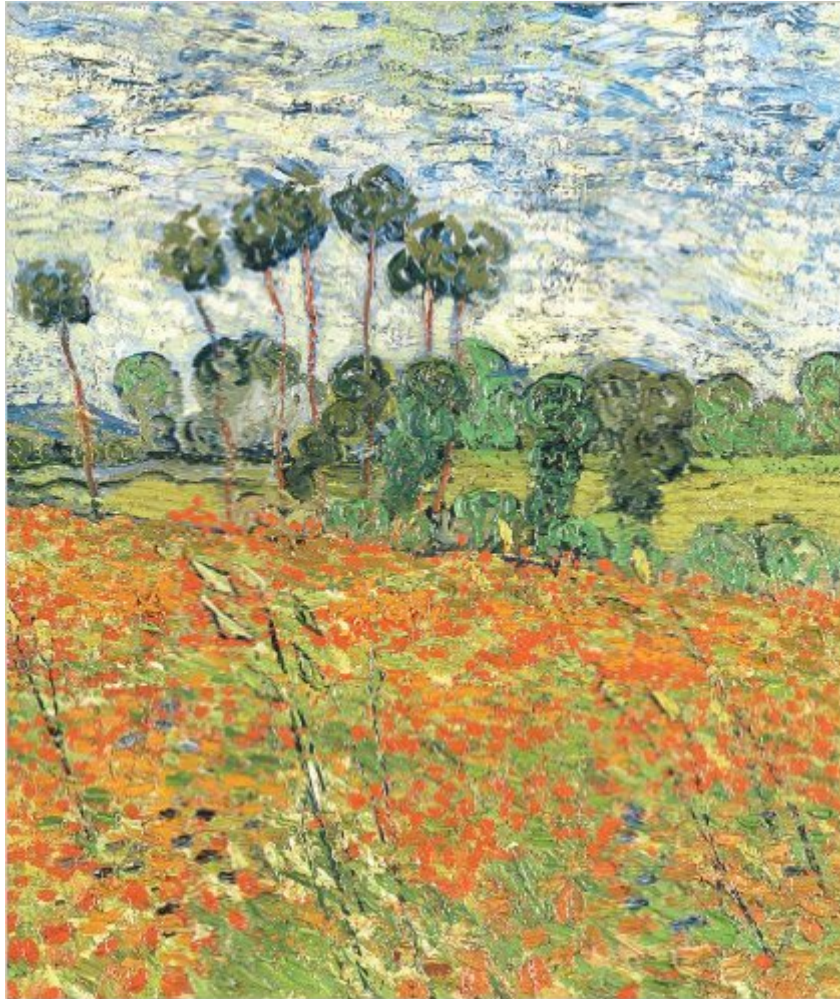# Raven Biology Of Plants

Synopsis

Long acclaimed as the definitive introductory botany text, Raven Biology of Plants, Eighth Edition by Ray Evert, Susan Eichhorn, stands as the most significant revision in the bookâ ™s history. Every topic was updated with information obtained from the most recent primary literature, making the book valuable for both students and professionals.

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Customer Reviews

I have a complimentary teacher copy of this book, but I'm pretty sure it is the same edition. The authors are Evert and Eichhorn, with a dedication to Peter Raven, who has been a co-author on this book series since its inception. We are teaching Introduction to Botany from this textbook to our biology undergrads and despite discussions every now and then about switching textbooks we keep coming back to it as the best book suited for the class. It is by many considered the "plant biology bible" of sorts and provides a wide overview of botany. We have just adopted the 8th edition for the class starting next semester, but I have only taught from the 7th edition so far.The book overall is clearly written and nicely illustrated. It gives an overview of a wide range of topics and consequently contains a lot of information especially for someone new to the field but doesn't go into a whole lot of detail on each one (at least from a teacher perspective). E.g. the discussion of chloroplasts (arguably the most important organelle in plant cells) fills a page and a half. The sheer amount of material is too much to teach in a one semester introductory course at sophomore level, and I usually end up covering about half or a little more of the content. The vast amount of info and wide

range of topics makes it a great reference book and students who are thinking of making a career in a plant-oriented field may want to hold onto it for future use while taking upper level courses.

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