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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. 4.5By TeaBookLoverThis is a smaller book, not a large coffee table one. Still, the photographs are current, gorgeous and inspiring. It is a feast for the eyes to see Cape Cod the Islands and Hydrangeas together.My only complaint is so many of them are too small!! Even with space leftover on the page, the photographs are too small. I'm glad I bought this book but wish both the photographs and the size of the book were much bigger.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Average bookBy Blnde1This book is a cute addition to my enormous collection but it doesn't name most of the varieties of hydrangeas pictured. I think the photography is mediocre. The cover is the nicest photo of them all. If I had flipped through it in person first, I wouldn't have purchased.4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A worthy book of a worthy subject!By JPWhat an exceptional book! As both an avid hydrangea gardener and a Cape Cod and Islands lover, this book sings to a very delightful tune. Congruent with the plants and the settings themselves, this book is pure eye-candy--beware, visual overload will quickly ensue!The author Joan Harrison, who is the founding president of the Cape Cod Hydrangea Society, has done a remarkable job of showing hydrangeas in all sorts of settings across the region: private residences, businesses, parks, ferry terminals, beaches, weddings, and more. She is quick to use a variety of hydrangeas in her photographs (which I really appreciate since often-times the diversity of the hydrangea world goes unsung): macrophylla mopheads of all colors, macrophylla lacecaps of all colors, arborescens, paniculatas, oakleaves, and climbers. Her commentary is brief but this book is really about the pictures anyway. But the few words peppered throughout are useful, succinct, and appropriate. I especially appreciate the references to places like Heritage Gardens, Hydrangea Farm Nursery, Wychmere Harbor, the Wequasset Resort, and others as high-quality, public, or semi-public

viewing places for these glorious shrubs. For anyone interested in buying hydrangeas, the author not only writes about some good plant nurseries on the Cape and Islands, but actually takes pictures of those places so you can see what you are buying before you ever get there! For anyone who has had the privilege of visiting Cape Cod, Nantucket, and/or Martha's Vineyard during the months of July and August, this book makes for a surprisingly exceptional souvenir. While the plants are the stars of the show, there are just as many beaches, harbors, boats, shingled houses, and landmarks "in the background" so to speak that make this book all the more delightful. Within only a few pages, this became my #1 favorite book of all time! SIX stars!

Over 340 striking color photos introduce readers to the quintessential flower of the Cape and the Islands, the hydrangea. The lucky people who live in the region revel in these lush flowers flourishing in a maritime climate. Residents and visitors alike enjoy the beautiful displays of hydrangeas in home gardens, outside restaurants and inns, and especially in waterfront areas, where hydrangeas thrive in the sea air. Blue blooms predominate, their naturally cheerful colors echoing the blue of the sea and the sky. Regional gardeners also delight in creating tapestries of color in shades of pink, purple, and blue. This book captures the beauty of hydrangeas and their wide range of uses, both outdoors and indoors, including their frequent appearance in wedding bouquets. From the lacy white flowers of climbing hydrangeas in early spring to the rich burgundy blooms of late fall, hydrangeas bring accents of beauty throughout the growing season.

About the Author Joan Harrison has studied hydrangeas for over 20 years, traveling to England, Wales, Belgium, France, and Ireland to view beautiful displays. She is a member of the American Hydrangea Society and the founding president of the Cape Cod Hydrangea Society.