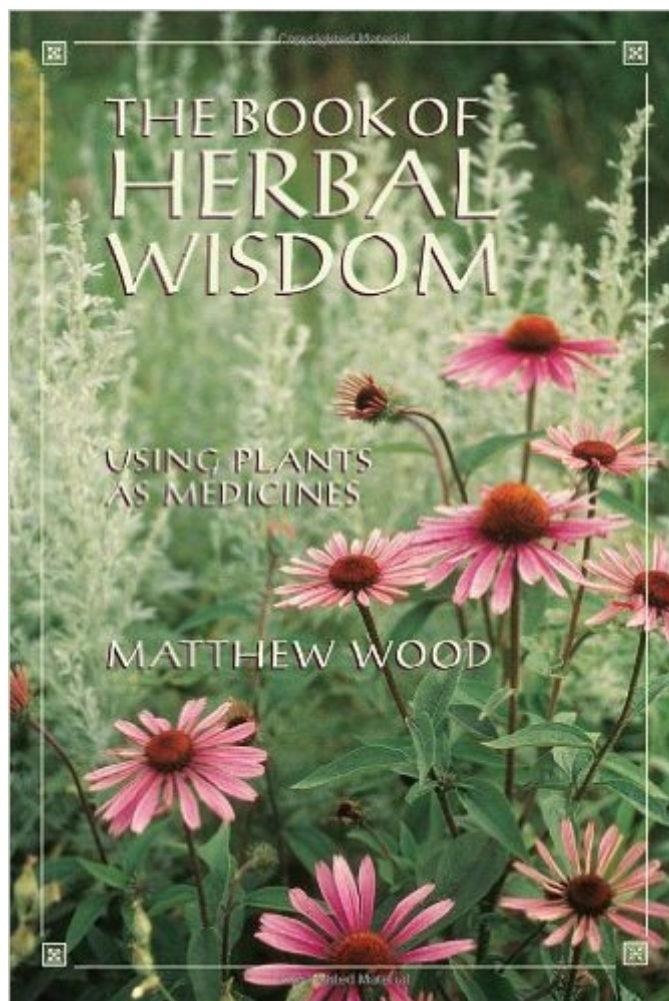


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As a student of Western herbalism though not Homeopathy specifically or solely, I still found--continue to find--this book one of my greatest literary assets in understanding the contexts, traditions and mostly importantly the herbs I am studying. Throughout the book (and his other books) readers will not fail to notice the author's strong personal perspective emphasizing the spiritual aspects of understanding plants. At times I found this intriguing, at other times nauseating, and occasionally both at the same time. Your reaction to this will depend on your own predilections in matters of spirituality and religion. The thing that made Wood's spiritual anecdotes interesting to me was the way he is able to intelligently narrate and describe them and weave them into the fabric of the overall story he tells. Above all else, this book is a book of powerfully written stories about herbs. Each herb discussed in the book has its own story and it is told through the lens of experience of

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