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Corine Delahaye : Sensational Bouquets by Christian Tortu: Arrangements by a Master Floral Designer before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sensational Bouquets by Christian Tortu: Arrangements by a Master Floral Designer:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Sensational images, sensationally disappointed.By Nancee 123I was excited when Sensational Bouquets arrived, but soon realized this book was not what I had expected it to be. I assumed, incorrectly, that this beautiful book would include some "how to" information about creating similar arrangements for my own home. This is clearly a coffee table book, a gorgeous one at that, but if you are looking to learn how to re-create amazing arrangements for yourself, you won't find any help included within these pages.This is strictly a picture book, and if that is what you are looking for, look no further this is it. However, if you desire some specific insight into how to create your own sensational bouquets, better to look elsewhere.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Beautifully illustrated book, but short on information.By Kathleen BenningerThis book is at

best a coffee table book. I didn't realize when I purchased this book that it is a mere flower pictorial and does not lend itself to teaching anything really about flowers or how to arrange. But I give this book props for its beauty and picture layout. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. lovely photographs
By NY reader
What an artist Christian Tortu is. I am fascinated with the photos. It is a wonderful coffee table book or for dark cold days in winter.

This gorgeous volume celebrates the floral designs of Christian Tortu, who has dazzled followers the world over with his ability to create novel compositions that show off the shapes, colours, textures and singular beauty of individual flowers to their ultimate advantage. He has designed flowers for the great fashion houses of Dior and Chanel as well as for the Cannes Film Festival. From a simple yet striking circular bouquet of tulips tied in raffia to glorious bursts of dahlias in wax vases, from delicate rose petals and orchids floating in silver shells to an enchanting mix of water lilies and hyacinths in transparent glass, more than 100 colour photographs taken exclusively for this book bring to life the astonishing still-life arrangements of this internationally heralded French floral designer. This lavishly illustrated volume will be a treasured gift for all plant and flower lovers.

.com "Nature is a good guide; it teaches us everything," says master floral designer Christian Tortu. It is the perfect summation of his work. Unpretentious yet stunningly beautiful, Tortu's arrangements have drawn inspiration directly from his childhood treks through the countryside of his native town of Anjou, France. Sensational Bouquets by Christian Tortu is at once an intimate profile of the artist--who has designed floral arrangements for Dior and Chanel, as well as for the Cannes Film Festival--and a useful guide to how he creates his exciting and unique bouquets. Tortu always looks to nature for inspiration. There, he finds freedom: of form, of color, of scent, all mixed together flawlessly, without artifice or ostentation. Paying homage to nature's inherent sense of design, Tortu creates stunning arrangements while bending all the rules of traditional flower arranging. Unexpected plants join in clever, surprising combinations to celebrate the drama of nature--of birth and death, and everything in between. Garden roses nestle in a tangle of blackberry branches much as they would in an overgrown garden. Wild thistles poke their prickly blossoms out of a bunch of softer, rounder bred thistles and speak of a miraculous harmony between wild and cultivated plants. Green almonds, lotus fruit, and poppy capsules come together in an enthralling play of yellow against green. As if Sylvain Thomas's sumptuous photographs of Tortu's arrangements weren't inspiration enough, the text of Sensational Bouquets reads like poetry. This book will both motivate and guide readers to toss out what they've learned about flower arranging and let nature and their own unbridled intuition dictate how they assemble their next gathering of wild and/or cultivated plants. --Robin Donovan
About the Author
Sylvain Thomas is a photographer for the French magazine Residences Decoration. His love of plants and flowers makes him the perfect photographer for Christian Tortu's designs. Corine Delahaye is an editor, writer and communications consultant for various publications, as well as a contributor to Maison et Objet, an important interior design exhibition in Paris.