

BOOK NOTICE

MATT CANDEIAS. 2021. **In Defense of Plants**. (ISBN-13: 978-1-64250-453-8, hbk). Mango Publishing, 2850 Douglas Road, 2nd Floor, Coral Gables, Florida 33134, U.S.A. (**Orders:** mango.bz/). \$18.95 US, 280 pp., appendix, index, 5¼" × 7¼".

From the Publisher: In his debut book, internationally-recognized blogger and podcaster Matt Candeias celebrates the nature of plants and the extraordinary world of plant organisms.

A botanist's defense. Since his early days of plant restoration, this amateur plant scientist has been enchanted with flora and the greater environmental ecology of the planet. Now, he looks at the study of plants through the lens of his ever-growing houseplant collection. Using gardening, houseplants, and examples of plants around you, *In Defense of Plants* changes your relationship with the world from the comfort of your windowsill.

The ruthless, horny, and wonderful nature of plants. Understand how plants evolve and live on Earth with a never-before-seen look into their daily drama. Inside, Candeias explores the incredible ways plants live, fight, and conquer new territory. Whether a blossoming botanist or a professional plant scientist, *In Defense of Plants* is for anyone who sees plants as more than just static backdrops to more charismatic life forms.

In this easily accessible introduction to the incredible world of plants, you'll find:

- Fantastic botanical histories and plant symbolism
- Passionate stories of flora diversity and scientific names of plant organisms
- Personal tales of plantsman discovery through the study of plants

About the Author: Matt Candeias holds an M.A. in community ecology from SUNY Buffalo State and a PhD in ecology from the University of Illinois. He is the host of the *In Defense of Plants* Podcast and one of seven authors on *Flora: Inside the secret world of plants*, a joint publication between the Smithsonian and the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew. When he's not tending to his houseplants, find him at yearly botanical talks in garden groups, museums, clubs, and more.

Review is forthcoming!