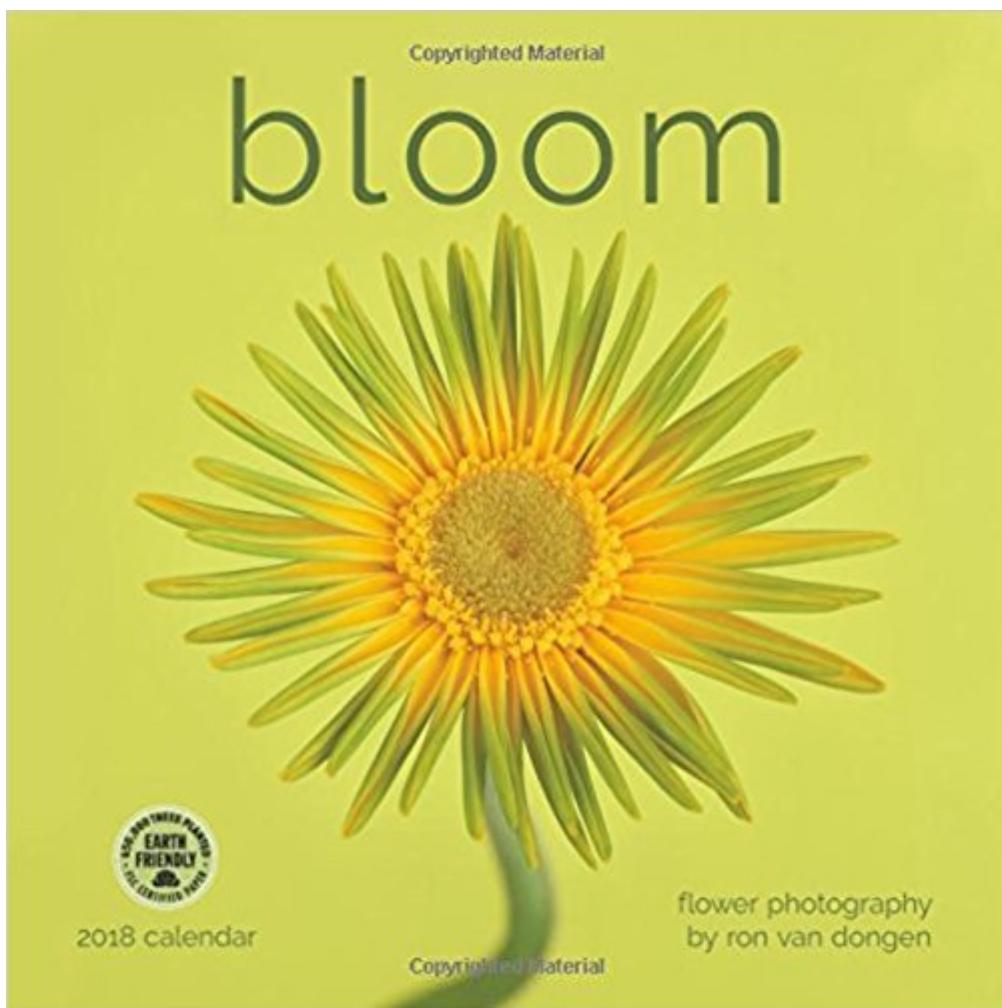


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Bloom 2018 Wall Calendar: Flower Photography By Ron Van Dongen



Synopsis

Let your spirits bloom year-round with Ron van Dongen's sumptuous flower photographs. This stunning wall calendar will brighten your space and infuse your days with serenity and rich color. 12" x 12" wall calendar (12" x 24" open). The perfect gift for the gardener or the flower enthusiast. A year of stunning, rich-with-color flower photographs on your wall. Frameable artbook-quality printing. Features insightful quotes by writers such as Oscar Wilde, Emily Dickinson, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Thomas Traherne, and William Shakespeare. Printed on paper sourced from a combination of sustainably managed forests and recycled materials. Published by Amber Lotus, an independent carbon-negative US company that has planted more than half a million trees since 2008. This calendar features US and Canadian legal holidays, phases of the moon, and important observances of the world's major religions. Enjoy the delicate grace of the Sandersonia preparing to unfold; ponder the simple elegance of the vibrant anemone; and marvel at the wild majesty of the GloriosaÃ lilyÃ Ã¢œ all cultivated and photographed by Ron van Dongen. The artist opens a window into Mother Nature's process, capturing each blossom with a view camera and rendering it in up-close detail so that you feel like you are watching the petals unfold before you. Van Dongen's subjects reside in his backyard flower garden, where he nurtures these exotic plants from seed to bloom, tending them daily. The resulting floral portraits showcased in the Bloom wall calendar will transform your space into a garden of delight and enhance your inner landscape.

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Plants in bloom are innate healers. A single glance at one of nature's miraculous blossoms can move the spirit and rejuvenate the soul. Photographer and backyard botanist Ron van Dongen captures that transformational quality in his floral portraits, taken at very close range with a view camera in his own garden. Elegantly simple, each color image suggests an entire life cycle, a landscape in and of itself that the artist says reflects the struggles and confusions of everyday life. In other words, a flower in full bloom is a microcosm of all life. Born in Venezuela and raised in Holland, van Dongen at first chose to study biology, but a passion for personal expression drew him to the Academy of Art College in San Francisco, where he studied photography from 1989 to 1992. The confluence of those two loves — art and science — represents a long fascination with how nature functions and how nature affects (and reflects) the human condition. Van Dongen's photographs can be found in major collections around the world, including the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, the Portland Art Museum, and the Sir Elton John Photography Collection.

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