



Marjorie Keates mother told her that a late Easter meant a late Spring. Why does she have to be proven right this year!!! So let's think outdoor and postvie. Start with Clive Ponting's Green History of the World - very outdoor but not so positvie. Better still, Shade Gardening published by Ortho Books gives us colourful, warm snowless Azaleas, Rhododendrons (what does this name really mean? Anyone?) and Camellias. Or better still, a book on one of the few plants I can actually grow. (I have an incredibly black thumb - also I love weeds - I find them fascinating - much to my neighbours dislike.) Geraniums by Brenda Delamain and Dawn Kendall. (Did you know there's a deep purple one?) At this time of the year one gets the urge to record changes in nature - that first crocus, the thawing stream. But sometimes a camera can seem to be a complex, difficult thing to handle. Step-by-Step

Guide to Photography by Michael Langford has hit our shelves just in time. For a more ambitious camera, try the Ansel Adams Guide: Basic Techniques of Photography by John P. Shaefer. Whether you shoot pictures or pretend to, the Adams photographs in this book are a delight to the eye and mind.

Spring is also when our older pets announce that, after a winter sleeping on the register or by the fire, it is now time to venture out. You may wish to take a look at The Complete Book of the Dog by Angela Sayer or The Complete Book of the Cat by Anna and Michael Sproule.

So, let's wait to put away boots, shovels and mitts. Let's enjoy this syrup weather. And let's stop telling each other about the year it snowed in May!!! Think positive. N.B. RHODODENDRON: New Latin, from Latin, from Greek. Rhodo - rose +Dendron-tree a genius of shrub or tree (family Ericaceae) that are native to the cooler regions of the Northern Hemisphere. Editor

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