

The book that helped make Michael Pollan, the New York Times bestselling author of *Cooked* and *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, one of the most trusted food experts in America. In 1637, one Dutchman paid as much for a single tulip bulb as the going price of a town house in Amsterdam. Three and a half centuries later, Amsterdam is once again the mecca for people who care passionately about one particular plant—though this time the obsessions revolves around the intoxicating effects of marijuana rather than the visual beauty of the tulip. How could flowers, of all things, become such objects of desire that they can drive men to financial ruin? In *The Botany of Desire*, Michael Pollan argues that the answer lies at the heart of the intimately reciprocal relationship between people and plants. In telling the stories of four familiar plant species that are deeply woven into the fabric of our lives, Pollan illustrates how they evolved to satisfy humankind's most basic yearnings—and by doing so made themselves indispensable. For, just as we've benefited from these plants, the plants, in the grand co-evolutionary scheme that Pollan evokes so brilliantly, have done well by us. The sweetness of apples, for example, induced the early Americans to spread the species, giving the tree a whole new continent in which to blossom. So who is really domesticating whom? Weaving fascinating anecdotes and accessible science into gorgeous prose, Pollan takes us on an absorbing journey that will change the way we think about our place in nature. From the Hardcover edition.

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*The Botany of Desire: A Plant's-Eye View of the World* is a nonfiction book by journalist Michael Pollan. Pollan presents case studies that mirror four types. A farmer cultivates genetically modified potatoes so that a customer at McDonald's half a world away can enjoy a long, golden french fry. A gardener plants. *The Botany of Desire* has ratings and reviews. Jason said: I love books that open my eyes, teach me something, and even go so far as to re-ed. *A Plant's-Eye View of the World* In *The Botany of Desire*, Michael Pollan ingeniously demonstrates how people and domesticated plants have formed a. *The Botany of Desire: A Plants-Eye View of the World* and cannabis to illustrate the complex, reciprocal relationship between humans and the natural world. best-selling book, this special takes viewers on an eye-opening exploration of the human relationship with the plant world, seen from the plants' point of view.

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