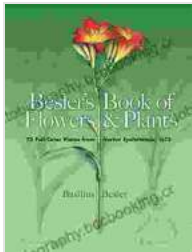


# Besler of Flowers and Plants: A Masterpiece of Botanical Art



## Besler's Book of Flowers and Plants: 73 Full-Color Plates from Hortus Eystettensis, 1613 (Dover Pictorial Archive) by Basilius Besler

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Basilius Besler's 'Florilegium' is a stunning collection of botanical illustrations, showcasing the beauty and diversity of plants in the 17th century. First published in 1613, the 'Florilegium' was one of the most ambitious botanical works of its time. It featured over 1,000 hand-colored engravings of plants, each meticulously rendered with exquisite detail.

Besler was a German apothecary and botanist who had a lifelong passion for plants. He spent years traveling throughout Europe, collecting specimens and studying their medicinal and culinary properties. The 'Florilegium' was the culmination of his years of research, and it stands as a testament to his remarkable skill as an artist and naturalist.

The 'Florilegium' is divided into six volumes, each посвящен a different group of plants. The first volume features flowers, the second herbs, the third shrubs, the fourth trees, the fifth fruits, and the sixth fungi. Each volume is filled with stunning illustrations that capture the beauty and complexity of the plant world.

Besler's illustrations are not only beautiful, they are also scientifically accurate. He carefully observed the plants he drew, and he paid meticulous attention to detail. As a result, his illustrations are not only aesthetically pleasing, but they are also valuable scientific documents.

The 'Florilegium' has been used by botanists and artists for centuries as a source of inspiration and information. It has been reprinted many times, and it remains one of the most important works in the history of botanical art.

### **The Legacy of Besler's 'Florilegium'**

Besler's 'Florilegium' has had a profound impact on the world of botanical art. It has inspired generations of artists, and it has helped to shape our understanding of the plant world. The 'Florilegium' is a testament to the beauty and wonder of the natural world, and it is a valuable resource for botanists, artists, and anyone who appreciates the beauty of plants.

### **Additional Resources**

- The Besler Society
- The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation
- The University of Wisconsin-Madison Libraries

# Image Gallery





Besler's illustration of a lily from the 'Florilegium'



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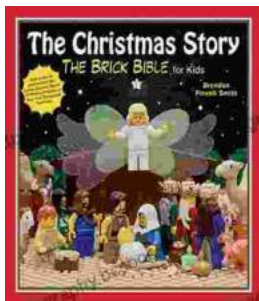
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