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#### Review

"Adaptogenic herbs can be most useful in the quest for health in our stressful society. David Winston and Steven Maimes explain and champion the use and benefits of these important herbs." (*James A. Duke, author of The Green Pharmacy*)

"This is a much needed book, an important update to the *materia medica* of North America, and constitutes important continuing education on a wide variety of new herbs entering into the North American herbal marketplace." (*Paul Bergner, Medical Herbalism, Winter 2007*)

"It's about time a book took on the subject of immune herbs, and this one does an excellent job of explaining why they are so effective at combating stress-induced illness. The text is very easy to read and understand, but still contains the latest scientific research, all well referenced." (*American Herb Association, Vol. 23:1, April 08*)

"Brilliant! Fully researched, full of information not readily available, as well as being practical and easy to digest. The authors have managed to blend the traditional and recent scientific information into a fully comprehensive and informative text. This will become a classic, a definitive work on this most important group of medicinal plants." (*Rosemary Gladstar, founder of United Plant Savers and author of Herbal Healing for Women*)

"Essential reading for all involved with adaptogens, whether practitioners or consumers. This is the first comprehensive guide to adaptogens based on good herbalism, good science, and NO hype! A truly excellent book." (*David Hoffmann, BSc, FNIMH, author of Medical Herbalism and Herbal Prescriptions after 50*)

"With *Adaptogens*, David Winston and Steven Maimes have finally made this important healing concept accessible to a wider audience. We need adaptogens--gentle remedies that, over time, have the powerful effect of restoring and protecting our health on many levels. David Winston's vast clinical and practical knowledge of herbs adds tremendously to the value of the book." (*Christopher Hobbs, author of Handmade Herbal Medicines and Natural Therapy for Your Liver*)

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