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Prelude

Who painted the trees green? Well, Nature can do this and other magic. Nature abounds in colours of all shades. Long, long ago people began to name colours for plants, animals and minerals they saw them in, so as better to tell them apart. But as time passed, ever more plants, animals and minerals were discovered that reminded us of colours already named. So we started to use the names for shades we already knew to name these new natural elements. What are these names? Join us as we look at beautiful colour shades one by one – from snow white, through canary yellow, ruby red, forget-me-not blue and moss green to the blackest black, dark as the night sky. On each spread, some shades can be connected to a particular plant, animal or a stone you can find in the picture. Can you match all the pairs that belong together?



White

White – how lightly it moves!
A plump cloud in the sky, whitish dandelion fluff...
Fragile chute, whither with the white?
On a snowstorm, with the clink of icicles...
Far, far away! To where snowflakes dance.





Orange

Orange dances in a whirl of autumn leaves,
in fiery sparks of evening sun,
the sweet taste of oranges on your lips,
swallowing what remains of summer.



Purple

Purple breathes fragrant lavender desire.
Taste the sweet yet tart grapes of the vine?
Come evening, violets close their heavy flowers,
to tempt with dreams of journeys unknown,
and mouths filled with blackberries.





Nature is teeming with incredible colours. But have you ever wondered how the colours green, yellow, pink or blue might taste or smell? What could they sound like? Or what would they feel like if you touched them? Nature's colours are so wonderful and diverse they inspired people to use the names of plants, animals and minerals when labelling all the nuances. Join us on a journey to discover the twelve most well-known colours and their shades. You will learn that the colours and elements you find in nature are often closely connected. Will you be able to find all the links in each chapter? Last but not least, if you are an aspiring artist, take our course at the end of the book and you'll be able to paint as exquisitely as nature itself does!

