

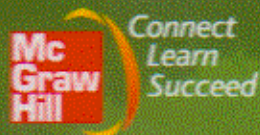
Pictured on the cover are flowers of the “bleeding heart” plant (*Dicentra spectabilis*). The common name of this plant describes the floral arrangement of pink/red outer petals with longer, white, inner petals that resemble a bleeding heart. The genus, *Dicentra*, includes about 20 species of herbaceous plants that are native to Asia and North America. Bleeding hearts grow well in shady areas, with foliage reaching a height and width of about 0.6 to 0.9 meters (2.0 to 3.0 feet). About 3 to 15 individual flowers hang down from a stalk-like structure called a raceme, and each individual flower is about 2.5 to 5 centimeters (1 to 2 inches) in length. Two species of *Dicentra*, namely *D. burmanica* and *D. paucinervia*, were classified by the originator of this book, Kingsley R. Stern, and one species, *D. formosa*, saved Kingsley’s life as he grasped onto the plant to prevent a fatal fall from a cliff during a botanical expedition.

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