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Therefore, this book is designed as a quick reference text, with the aim that researchers, students, academicians with little experience in curry leaf plant are able to grasp their understanding of the scientific aspects of the curry leaf plant. This book will also be of significant interest to those working or doing research in the applied sciences.

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