

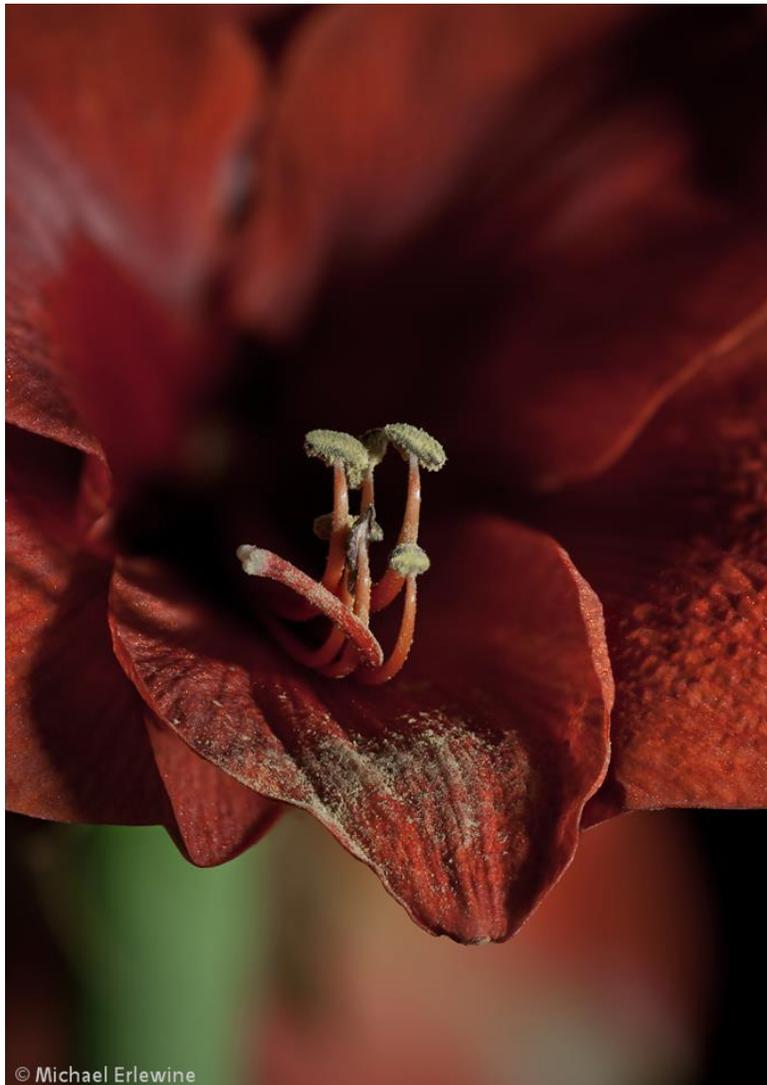
AMARYLLIS
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It's winter and I am looking for indoor things to do. This Amaryllis struck me at the grocery store and I resisted her and went back home, only to drive back and get her. Here she is.

Amaryllis in Greek means "sparkling" and its scientific name "Hippeastrum" translates as horse star. In the Greek myths, Amaryllis was a shepherdess whose love for a gardener (Alteo) was unrequited. Amaryllis walked the path to Alteo's door for one month, piercing her own heart with a golden arrow. The blood from her heart created these beautiful flowers which bloomed with scarlet hues along the pathway.

Taken today. You will no doubt be seeing her again.



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