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COMPLETE BOOK OF CACTI & SUCCULENTS



Synopsis

A comprehensive guide to cacti and succulents features photographs of hundreds of plants, step-by-step photographic sequences and instructions for care, propagation, and display, and information on the climate and placement that best suit each plant.

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Customer Reviews

I'm an amateur cacti/succulent gardener here in Japan. It's somewhat of a challenge, as Japan is far away from their natural habitat. I've bought half a dozen books to help me in my task, and The Complete Book of Cacti and Succulents is far and away my favourite. Why? Mainly because it's not loaded with technical information, yet everything an amateur gardener could need is there. Plus it's well organised and easy to find information. The big, beautiful, gorgeous color photos makes it easy to find what I'm looking for, e.g., if I see a cacti in a shop I'm not sure of, I'll surely find it by just thumbing through the pictures this book. From there, I can find more detailed information on the Internet, if necessary. It may not be for everyone, but (so far) it's the best cacti/succulent reference book for me, bar none.

This book only received 4 stars because it is trying to be all things to all readers. Neither the cacti section or the succulent section is anywhere complete, BUT having said that, it does cover the most common of the species/varieties you might run into at your local big box store. I certainly can understand not devoting pages or ink to rare varieties most people would never run come across.

The pictures are clear and helpful, with a nice section where varieties that are reviewed are compared to each other regarding mature size and shape. Each entry has a line of text giving what to expect for height/diameter and what environmental conditions the mature plant prefers. Seems to hold up well to frequent thumbing! Arrived on time, in good shape, and as described.

To be honest I am disappointed in this book, I wanted to love it but I don't. It has more information about types of cactus you will never find for sale on the east coast or even online. And less on soil and how to take care of cactus than I thought it would. Its more like a text book with pretty pictures than a book on how to take better care of your current cactus. It would be a good coffee table book but this book won't help you save any dying cacti.

Same Exact Book as The Complete Illustrated Guide To Growing Cacti and Succulents. be careful when purchasing. I just donated book to the club.

Bought this for a 10 year old who's current obsession is cacti. Was an easy read and has lots of information on identifying a large variety of cacti as well as basic care instructions.

Great book but lots of common knowledge and not for the more advanced gardeners such as myself but great for those who wish to learn the fine and respected art that is gardening

Love this book! Found a lot of of my plants that I was trying to figure out the exact types. It helped me find out the name and gave me a lot of info about each one. Has a lot of pictures to help you find just the plant you're looking for. Very useful book with a lot of information! I'd say this is a great book to have in your collection for any plant person.

Very nice photography and artwork. I think of it as coffee table book. I was looking for a first "how to" book for collecting plants when I ordered this. It's a very nice book with lots of geographic and historical information. While it did have some information about how to care for the plants I was really looking for something like Debra Lee Baldwin's "Succulents Simplified." I kept this book and I think I would have kept it if I had gotten it a bricks and mortar establishment.

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