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# Ultimate Orchid



## Synopsis

A celebration of the world's most fascinating flower. No other group of flowers captures the imagination like orchids. Found worldwide in nature, and grown by hundreds of thousands of enthusiasts, orchids have lured explorers into remote lands, inspired philosophers and artists, and provided the raw material for big business, plant breeders, and home gardeners of every stripe. Ultimate Orchid presents these magical plants in all of their splendor and diversity. In-depth coverage. Created in association with the Smithsonian Institution and the American Orchid Society, Ultimate Orchid includes more than 400 dazzling full-color photographs that present a cross-section of the orchid world. The authoritative text contains essential facts and interesting details for all of the major orchid groups. Beginners and seasoned fanciers alike will find inspiring and useful information throughout the book. A complete guide. In addition to the detailed, illustrated profiles of more than 350 orchid varieties, Ultimate Orchid includes special sections on the following: orchids in history, what makes a flower an orchid, how orchids are classified, conserving orchids in the wild, cultivating orchids at home, orchid shows and awards, and orchid collectibles. Ultimate Orchid is the ultimate guide to orchids in all their glory.

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If you are looking for a book with great clear pictures of the many different types of orchids this is the book for you! It is great for identifying the different species you see and want to know what they are. Has some informational parts about the orchid and how it has been used over time and

civilizations. GREAT BOOK!

This book is very nice with respect to the orchid pictures they have in here. Very nice for a coffee table center piece and an excellent gift to inspire a soon to be orchid lover. They would be absolutely awestruck with their beauty and these photos bring out the best qualities in the flowers. It gives a good description but maybe a little too simple for those in the advance stages of growing. They do, though, have some nice pictures of fairly rare orchids. For example, there is a picture of a *Cymbidium canaliculatum* there that is absolutely beautiful (not variety sparkesii!). Growing tips are okay, but the book is more for the identification part and the enjoyment of the family Orchids.

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I bought this book with a group of other orchids book very nice pictures i think is very large compared to the others ones, great entertainment book for your living room table, nice addition to any orchid lover.

I heard the author speak at our orchid society years ago! He was extremely down to earth for being a knowledgeable university professor! This book reflects his LOVE of orchids and the desire to amaze others with thier beauty! AMAZING PHOTOGRAPHY! His wife was one of the best botanical artists to date!

If you want a colorful, informative orchid growing book, this is a great one. The colorful photos are great, and growing instructions are complete. Great book.

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