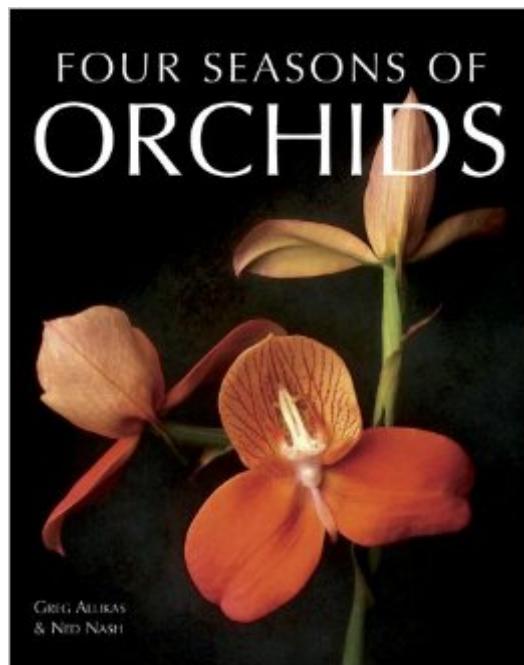


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# Four Seasons Of Orchids (Gardening)



## Synopsis

Long prized by collectors and specialist cultivators, orchids are commonly (and mistakenly, as it turns out) believed to be difficult to grow and maintain. In fact, many varieties are as easily grown as any other perennial. There are as many as 20,000 species with the family Orchidae, including plants that bear some of Earth's most showy and flamboyant flowers. This superb book presents a selection of the most exceptional orchids anywhere, all of which can be cultivated at home. But unlike other books on this topic, *Four Seasons of Orchids* is divided by the season in which they flower. Compiled by renowned orchid photographer Greg Allikas and recognized orchid expert (and American Orchid Society judge) Ned Nash, the book is organized into four parts, Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter, making it easy for any horticulturalist to plan his or her orchid year with dazzling displays of color. Full of magnificent, unique photographs and accompanied by a wealth of advice for their cultivation, this book is as beautiful as it is useful.

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## Customer Reviews

I started collecting and cultivating orchids about a year and a half ago and was overwhelmed by all the orchid books on the market. I purchased several, but this has been my bible. I like to have something in bloom at all times and by describing what plants bloom when the book helped me achieve my goal. It is also the best potting guide I have seen with step by step instructions and photographs on how to transfer and pot several different types of orchids, even how to mount on cork. With notes on seasonal care and dealing with common pests, the book exceeded my initial expectations. On top of all of that, it has so many gorgeous (often full page) photographs it even

serves as a choice coffee table book. If you're looking to collect, learn more about orchids, look at beautiful pictures of the many species, or if you're searching for a gift for the orchid fanatic in your life this is where it's at!

Featuring spectacular full-color photography of each orchid showcased in "Four Seasons Of Orchids", a superbly compiled 256-page compendium of information making this an excellent guide for amateur gardeners and horticultural professionals alike. Of special note for beginning orchid gardeners are the step-by-step potting guides for all the featured orchids from 'Phalaenopsis' to 'Cattleya'. The collaborative work of commercial photographer and orchid grower Greg Allikas and botanist and orchid expert Ned Nash, "Four Seasons Of Orchids" is a welcome and very highly recommended addition to academic library Horticultural Studies, and community library Home Gardening reference collections in general , as well as personal and professional reading lists for growing orchids in particular.

The "Four Seasons of Orchids" is a gorgeous book. Anyone who loves flowers would benefit from receiving this book for a gift, or just buying it for the extensive information on orchids. I went to several bookstores in town before ordering off of and all the stores were out of it and it was on back order so it is very popular. My husband is an orchid lover and does quite well with his collection. Enjoy the book if you get a chance to see or purchase it.K. Nance - San Diego

This book is great for the beginner and those who have been growing orchids for a while. I bought it for my orchid club. Simply written and beautiful pictures to illustrate. And the price was reasonable too!

this is a well written, beautifully illustrated and photographed book with extensive, useful information about orchids

This book is once again a masterpiece by Greg Alikas and Ned Nash. Tons of beautiful photographs and very helpful information on growing orchids.

Bought two books on Orchids and neither one answered my question on how to force Orchids to bloom. Has plenty of other information. I have just one type of orchid but I've enjoyed caring for them. Last year I had one with 22 blooms on it, may be a record, who knows.

This book was given to my mom for mothers day. She received after fretting about not knowing how to take care of an orchid I had purchased for Easter. The book was great- lots of pictures & explanations as to how to successfully grow orchids.

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