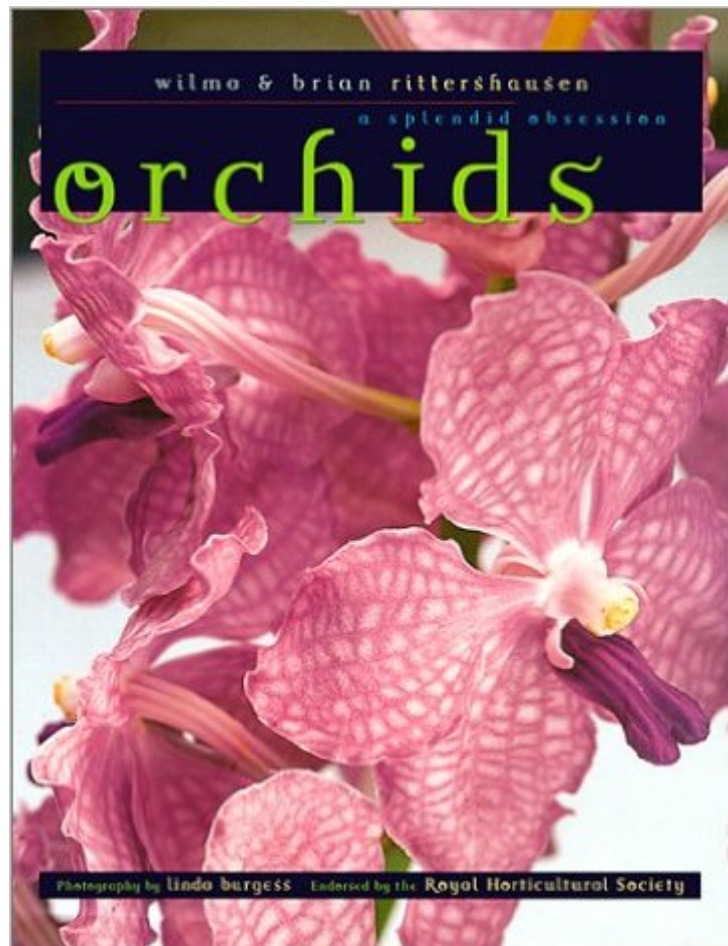


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# Orchids



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Orchids are the movie stars of the flower world, but like movie stars, they have a bad reputation. Too complicated. Fussy. Weak. Orchids aren't difficult; they're just different. With more than 25,000 naturally occurring species, plus 100,000 registered hybrids from the last 150 years of breeding, orchids are by far the largest and most varied family of flowers on the planet. The truth is, anyone can grow an orchid. This book - the only orchid book to carry the authority of the Royal Horticultural Society - reveals how and where cool-, intermediate-, and hot-growing orchids can be cultivated at home. It includes information on watering, light and shade, repotting, propagation, pollinating, flowering, and controlling diseases and pests. The orchid enthusiast will enjoy the romance and excitement of the history of orchids, paired with the vivid and radiant colors of orchids on every page. Everyone, from the beginning orchid grower to the expert to the obsessed collector, will enjoy this stunning tribute to the world's most glamorous flower.

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I have 5 or 6 books on basic orchid care and this supasses all of them in depth of content. It is simple to understand and the pictures are breathtaking. More importantly, they examine every part of orchid care, not just the basic air, light, water. There are detailed instructions on how to hybridize your own orchids, which I have only seen before in costly advanced books. I feel this book is an excellent resource for the beginner who has an orchid or two and wishes to know more. It's a handy reference for "just the basics" as well.

As a windowsill orchid hobbyist who already owns a few beginner's books, I found this one to be

beautifully designed with gorgeous photos and photographic step-by-step directions on full repotting (including root trimming), dropping on an orchid (moving a healthy but overgrown plant to a larger pot w/o touching root system), orchids in baskets, and mounting orchids on bark. The section on pests/disease is also very clearly articulated with large photographic examples. The book does, however, go into quite a bit of detail about different types of orchid pollination, propagation, as well as greenhouse construction. While these topics might be interesting for the first-time grower, I'm a little unsure as to whether most "newbies" starting out with a handful of plants have THAT kind of space, time, or money to devote to the hobby, at least at first. I was also hoping for a bit more info on miniature orchids. Then again, coming from a f/t grad student who has to relocate herself and her orchids every 6-10 months, you may want to take that with a grain of salt! Buy this book? Yes! But you may later want something else that suits your specific growing conditions.

I have been collecting and growing Orchids now for over 10 years but still consider myself a novice to Orchid science. I have read many books on Orchid keeping but find myself always going back to this book for refreshers and tips. I believe I owe my first Orchid re-bloom to this book. I highly recommend this book to both new and experienced lovers of Orchids.

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Excellent product, excellent service

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