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The Orchid Expert

A practical handbook for novice and experienced horticulturalists alike provides everything a gardener needs to know about these popular and exotic plants, offering more than two hundred full-color

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photographs, detailed descriptions, and easy-to-follow care and cultivation instructions for dozens of orchid species.

The Kew Gardener's Guide to Growing Vegetables

“Tovah Martin has weeded through the world of indoor plants to find over 200 options tough enough for anyone to grow.”—The American Gardener Brown thumb? No problem. The Indestructible Houseplant is packed with indoor plants that are tough, beautiful, reliable, and virtually impossible to kill. In addition to plant profiles with concise information on water, light, and blooming times, this gorgeous book includes tips on care, maintenance, and ideas for combining houseplants in eye-catching indoor displays. Follow Martin’s sage advice and you’ll have a thriving urban jungle in no time.

The Indestructible Houseplant

With their refined beauty and elegant flower form, moth orchids (members of the genus *Phalaenopsis*) are the basic black of the orchid world. In fact, moth orchids are the most popular orchids in the world, accounting for a staggering 75 percent of all orchid plant sales. More than merely beautiful, they are also among the easiest orchids to grow, whether in greenhouses, on windowsills, or under artificial lights. Professional horticulturalist and orchid expert Steven A. Frowine, author of *Miniature Orchids*, focuses on the new orchid stars while also providing a detailed

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look at the classic hybrids and species. Readers will be enticed by the book's lavish color photographs and gratified by the wealth of practical advice on selecting and buying moth orchids. Most importantly, Frowine shares his secrets on how these glorious plants can be grown to perfection, with recommendations about light levels, potting media, watering, and feeding.

Understanding Orchids

This volume focuses on the growing of temperate garden bulbs in the outdoor garden. With some 30 years experience of growing and writing about bulbs, Richard Wilford shares his expert knowledge on choosing the best bulbs to grow. His step by step instructions cover all aspects of bulb growing with chapters on planting, naturalising, growing bulbs in pots, what and when to buy, how to select the best bulbs, keeping pests and diseases at bay and, for the more adventurous, propagating plants.

The Orchid Whisperer

Plant Love

Art and science collaborate on a fascinating story with extraordinary images in a highly-acclaimed book. Seeds, the most complex organs produced by plants, ensure the biodiversity of our planet. They vary from the impressive Seychelles nut that weighs twenty kilos to the dust-like seeds of the orchids. Some wait for hundreds of years to find the right place and time

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for germination after travelling thousands of kilometres or just a few centimetres. The evolution of their highly sophisticated structures from prehistoric times to today makes fascinating reading as do the wiles plants use to attract and deceive their chosen pollinators. The extraordinary images that accompany this story provide an unprecedented presentation of the magnificent diversity of seeds in all their exquisite beauty and sophistication. Fruits are the keepers of the precious seeds that ensure our future; some are edible, others inedible and many, quite simply, incredible.

The Kew Gardener's Guide to Growing Herbs

"This book was conceived, designed, and produced by Ivy Press."

Fragrant Orchids

This action plan chronicles the threats faced by wild orchids, but more importantly to critical habitats that host extraordinarily high orchid diversity and endemism. It explores and recommends specific ways that national and local government, legislators, scientists and orchid conservationists as well as growers can all help to reverse present trends. The facts and viewpoints presented in this comprehensive document update and supplement the information available to conservation organizations and agencies through the world so that they can lobby their appropriate government offices more effectively.

The Kew Gardener's Guide to Growing House Plants

“This beautiful book is useful for all of us, novice and experienced orchid lovers alike.” —Martha Stewart, author, entrepreneur, founder of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Add the vibrant colors and exotic blooms of orchids to your houseplant haven! It's easier than you think with the help of Orchid Modern. Marc Hachadourian, the curator of the orchid collection at the New York Botanical Garden, shares his secrets to successfully growing these sometimes finicky houseplants. Besides the basics, you'll learn his top 120 orchid picks for green and not-so-green thumbs. Ten inspirational, step-by-step projects, including terrariums, a wreath, and a kokedama, provide the confidence to make orchids a thriving, vivid part of your home's signature style.

The Kew Gardener s Guide to Growing Bulbs

Description and growing guide to varieties of geraniums and pelargoniums.

Get Plants

Which are delicate and which indestructible? - We show how to find the right home for your plants and the right plants for your home. The Kew Gardener's Guide to Growing House Plants is a beautifully illustrated giftable gardening reference book, combining exquisite botanical illustrations with

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practical indoor projects. Readers can discover over 75 life-changing plants and 12 home-transforming projects. Each project is described and illustrated with step-by-step photographs. Starting from the premise that we want to show how to grow the right plant in the right place, we demonstrate the benefits of all common house plants and how to care and curate them in the home. Includes cacti, succulents, bromeliads including air plants, foliage house plants, flowering house plants, and house plants for scent and air freshening.

The Gardener's Companion to Medicinal Plants

Orchids can bloom year after year. In this essential guide, Bruce Rogers, "The Orchid Whisperer", shares his expert tips from more than three decades of breeding and growing orchids. The book demystifies the growing process and features more than 100 lush color photographs of breathtaking plants. Best of all, it reveals professional secrets not found anywhere else for blooming, repotting, spotting hazards and pests, grooming, decorating, and much more. Perfect for beginners as well as orchid experts looking for new tricks, The Orchid Whisperer provides everything readers need to know to keep healthy orchids that will flower again and again!

Seeds

Create your best vegetable garden ever with a few packets of seed and some fertile ground! In this book

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Kew's Kitchen Gardener, Helena Dove, combines practical elements with inspiration and beauty. She shows how to grow some of the most popular staple crops such as tomatoes, potatoes, radishes and rocket, and also some more unusual exciting choices such as oca, tomatillo, seakale and yacon. She gives easy to follow instructions on how to be a successful vegetable gardener, plus 12 exciting projects to try throughout the year including forcing rhubarb, creating an asparagus border and growing in raised beds. From sowing, to planting young plants, to hardening off and harvesting, find out what you need to do and when, to produce the most magnificent harvests. All the advice is underpinned by the expertise and authority of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and illustrated from Kew's world-famous botanical collection.

RHS Grow Your Own: Crops in Pots

Welcome to the Fascinating World of Orchids Growing orchids has never been more popular. Here is everything you always wanted to know about growing and caring for orchids, packed into one fascinating, easy-to-use volume. Orchids Handbook provides the beginner with commonsense advice on getting started with orchids, understanding the basics of orchid biology, caring for orchids in variety of settings (for example in the house, under a shade cloth or in the greenhouse) and mastering techniques for repotting, dividing and growing from seed. The second part of the book offers a comprehensive and well-illustrated plant directory of 40 popular varieties,

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covering all the major orchid families and their characteristics, with advice on choosing the plant that is right for your climate conditions. This useful handbook also covers pests and diseases and everything you need to know to enter your orchids in competition. Inside Orchids Handbook Practical guide to growing and caring for orchids. Well-illustrated plant directory of 40 orchid species and types. Covers all of the major orchid families. Comprehensive advice on care and cultivation, from getting started to repotting, dividing, growing from seed, and dealing with pests and diseases. How to choose the right orchid for any climate condition and establish a collection. Everything you need to know to enter your orchids in competition.

The New Encyclopedia of Orchids

“Dan Hinkley is a rare man, generous, inspired, and gifted with an eye for beauty that is given to few people. How I long to wander again in the galloping beauty of his garden at Windcliff. Here it is, in all its inspiring wonder.” —Anna Pavord, author of *Landskipping* and *The Curious Gardener* Daniel Hinkley is widely recognized as one of the foremost modern plant explorers and one of the world’s leading plant collectors. He has created two outstanding private gardens—Heronswood and Windcliff. Both gardens, and the story of how one begat the other, are beautifully celebrated in Hinkley’s new book, *Windcliff*. In these pages you will delight in Hinkley’s recounting of the creation of his garden, the stories of the plants that fill its space, and in his sage gardening

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advice. Hinkley's spirited ruminations on the audacity and importance of garden-making—contemplations on the beauty of a sunflower turning its neck from dawn to dusk, the way a plant's scent can spur a memory, and much more—will appeal to the hearts of every gardener. Filled with Claire Takacs's otherworldly photography, *Windcliff* is spectacular for both its physical beauty and the quality of information it contains.

Home Gardener's Orchids

The Infinitely Varied Orchid Family provides a never-ending source of unusual plants in a range of shapes, colors, fragrances, and sizes. As the demand for interesting and unusual species increases, so too does the need for a comprehensive reference on how to grow them. This encyclopedia, written by respected botanist Isobyl la Croix, offers detailed descriptions of 1500 cultivated species in 350 genera from *Acampe* to *Zygostates*. More than 1000 photographs will aid enthusiasts in choosing new plants for their collections as well as provide accurate ID.

Moss Grower's Handbook

Elegant and exotic, the allure of orchids is undeniable and this practical guide will ensure that even the most nervous newcomer can grow them with confidence. With expert advice, clear instructions and step-by-step photographs, father and daughter team Brian and Sara Rittershausen explain all the techniques you will need to ensure that your orchids flourish every

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time. There are hints and tips on watering, feeding and the optimum lighting and temperature conditions in which to grow your plants in addition to advice on propagation, hybridization and caring for orchids in pots. Also included is an extensive directory of all the specialized and popular orchid groups.

The Kew Gardener's Guide to Growing Orchids

Eighty-eight lavishly illustrated pages of coloured drawings and photographs explain everything from selecting the right kit, through to planting your own seed-raised plants in the greenhouse, teaching you step-by-step how to grow orchids confidently, successfully and professionally. Written for the amateur and the professional without access to sophisticated laboratory equipment and chemicals, *Growing Orchids from Seed* contains all you need to know to become an expert.

Instant Container Gardens

Orchids have a reputation as the divas of the plant world: fussy, difficult-to-grow plants that—on top of all that—are prohibitively expensive. But there are plenty of orchids that anyone can grow. Orchids are no more difficult than familiar houseplants such as the African violet, and can be made to thrive and bloom in average indoor conditions. You just need to know what makes them happy. *Bloom-Again Orchids* highlights the easiest, most fuss free varieties and includes invaluable tips on where to buy orchids and

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how to keep them in bloom. Each of the fifty profiles focuses on a commonly available orchid variety and includes a description, photograph, chart of basic growing requirements, and a handy twelve-point checklist.

Windcliff

It's time to take control of your outdoor (or indoor) space with 50 Plants That You Can't Kill. These 50 easy-to-grow plants have been selected for their love of neglect and their ability to withstand even the most forgetful of gardeners. Whether you're looking for edibles for your windowsill, potted plants for your balcony or climbers for your garden, there's something for everyone. Handy plant profiles tell you why to grow it, where to put it and how to look after it, helping your plants to thrive without too much maintenance from you! - 50 resilient and easy-to-care-for plants - Plants in the same family and other alternatives give you even more choice - Clear and simple profiles tell you the space, light, water and soil requirements of each plant - Expert care advice in the form of dos and don'ts - Contains basic information on planting, watering, growing from seed and feeding

Growing Hardy Orchids

A combination of botanical beauty and practical advice in *The Kew Gardener's Guide to Growing Fruit* will inspire beginners and experienced growers to love and grow their own fruit. From growing from seed to harvesting, the projects will bring the

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wonderful world of fruit to life and produce confident, keen growers wanting to expand their experience of growing their own.

Moth Orchids

A combination of botanical beauty and practical advice in Kew Gardener's Guide to Growing Orchids will inspire beginners and experienced growers to love and grow 60 beautiful orchids and 12 inspirational projects. From growing from seed to harvesting vanilla pods, the projects will bring the wonderful world of orchids to life and produce confident, keen growers wanting to expand their experience of these exotic flora.

Rhs How to Grow Practically Everything

The new Kew guide to planting and cultivating bulbs features 12 easy and inspiring projects, detailed information on 66 of the most important species to grow, accompanied by Kew's beautiful botanical illustrations. With expert advice from Kew bulb expert Richard Wilford and the Kew Gardens team, this is the ultimate companion to growing and planting with bulbs. In this book Richard Wilford shows the key differences between bulbs, corms and tubers, he explains the importance of planting times and techniques, he explains simple methods for propagation, as well as planting instructions for growing in borders, within grassy areas or in containers. He identifies the most popular flowering times and provides bulbs of interest all year round. He

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presents all the important bulbs, from winter snowdrops, crocuses, cyclamen, hyacinths, irises; spring daffodils, tulips, snowflakes, lily-of-the-valley; summer alliums, lilies, agapanthus, foxtail lily; as well as autumn snowflakes, colchicum, cyclamen and amaryllis. The 12 special projects are broad and attractive. They comprise: how to grow and display ornamental onions; how to plant hippeastrums indoors on a windowsill; how to establish a carpet of anemones; how to layer bulbs in containers 'lasagne' style; how to plant a drift of snake's head fritillaries; how to establish bulbs in a shady border; how to design a spring bulb extravaganza; how to make a cutting patch for bulbs; how to grow tulips from seed; how to naturalise autumn-flowering bulbs; how to establish a winter bulb garden; and how to time a three-month display of tulips. Bulb problems and pests easily handled in the troubleshooting section, and a handy checklist of what to do when guides growers throughout the year. The Kew Gardener's Guide to Growing Bulbs is part of the Kew Gardener's Guide to Growing series and is accompanied by Growing Herbs, Growing House Plants, Growing Vegetables, Growing Orchids and Growing Fruit. The only book you'll need to grow more than 66 species, beautifully, practically, successfully.

The Book of Orchids

Houseplants are more than just decorations. They turn a room into a living space and breathe life into our interiors. Not all of us can have a garden or even a window box, but everyone can own a houseplant -

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and everyone should. Not only are they an affordable and attractive way to add a decorative and personal touch to a space, indoor plants also have unique air purifying properties and their presence is good for our health and wellbeing. In this practical yet inspiring guide, gardening expert Alys Fowler explores all the possible indoor plant options available, helping you to find the perfect plant for any location, from cool, shady bedrooms to warm, sunny kitchen windowsills. As well as more traditional indoor plants, Alys looks at specialist plant groups such as indoor tropical edibles, orchids, cacti, succulents and climbers. With her encyclopedic knowledge and trademark inspirational style, this definitive guide will give you all the knowledge you need to care for your plants.

Orchids Handbook

From the elegant, warmth-loving moth orchid to the perennially popular slipper orchid, *Growing Windowsill Orchids* tells indoor gardeners everything they need to know in order to grow these exquisite flowering plants at home. With more than thirty years of experience growing and writing about the many species of orchids, Philip Seaton shares his recommendations for choosing the best plant, looking after plants that have finished flowering, and encouraging plants to flower year after year. Step-by-step instructions demystify not only the watering and feeding process, but also repotting, composting, and keeping orchids free from pests and disease. For those who wish to know more about the science behind orchids, this sumptuous book covers the

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basics of orchid biology and conservation. Written in non-technical language and copiously illustrated with line drawings and full-colour photographs, Growing Windowsill Orchids is the perfect primer on everything the orchid novice needs to know to cultivate these perennial favorites in the home.

The Kew Gardener's Guide to Growing Fruit

Winner of the Practical Book of the Year 2013 at the Garden Media Guild Awards. RHS Grow Your Own Crops in Pots is the natural successor to Carol Klein's bestselling RHS Grow your own Veg, which has sold more than 300,000 copies since publication. With this book you can turn the tiniest space into a productive and attractive plot, using the best varieties and techniques. Follow 30 tried-and-tested container recipes for top tasting crop combinations such as tomato with basil, fruit salads and cut-and-come-again vegetables. Discover the essential techniques that every container-gardener should know and use the crop directory to find out the best way to grow more than 60 vegetables, fruit, salads, herbs and edible flowers.

Orchids

Orchids of Tropical America is an entertaining, informative, and splendidly illustrated introduction to the orchid family for enthusiasts and newcomers seeking to learn about more than 120 widespread orchid genera. Joe E. Meisel, Ronald S. Kaufmann, and

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Franco Pupulin bring alive the riot of colors, extraordinary shapes, and varied biology and ecology of the principal orchid genera ranging from Mexico and the Caribbean to Bolivia and Brazil. Orchids, likely the most diverse family of plants on earth, reach their peak diversity in the tropical countries of the Western Hemisphere, including, for example, more than 2,500 species in Brazil and 4,000 in Ecuador. The book also highlights reserves in the American tropics where travelers can enjoy orchids in the wild. Whether you journey abroad to see these unique plants, raise them in your home, or admire them from afar, this book offers fascinating insights into the diversity and natural history of orchids. Beyond the plant and flower descriptions, *Orchids of Tropical America* is packed with informative stories about the ecology and history of each genus. Pollination ecology is given in detail, with an emphasis on how floral features distinctive to the genus are linked to interaction with pollinators. This book also features information on medicinal and commercial uses, notes on the discoverers, and relevant historical data. The easy-to-use identification system permits quick recognition of the most common orchid groups in Central and South America. Genus descriptions are given in plain language designed for a nonscientific audience but will prove highly useful to advanced botanists as well. Descriptions focus on external morphology, and great care has been taken to ensure the guide is useful in the field without reliance on microscopes or dissections. Equally valuable as a field guide, a desktop reference, or a gift, *Orchids of Tropical America* will make an excellent addition to any orchid lover's library. Visit the [website](#) for this book at

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www.orchidsoftropicalamerica.com.

Orchid Basics

The acclaimed author of *Motoring with Mohammed* brings us a compelling adventure into the remarkable world of the orchid and the impossibly bizarre array of international characters who dedicate their lives to it. The orchid is used for everything from medicine for elephants to an aphrodisiac ice cream. A Malaysian species can grow to weigh half a ton while a South American species fires miniature pollen darts at nectar-sucking bees. But the orchid is also the center of an illicit international business: one grower in Santa Barbara tends his plants while toting an Uzi, and a former collector has been in hiding for seven years after serving a jail sentence for smuggling thirty dollars worth of orchids into Britain. Deftly written and captivantly researched, *Orchid Fever* is an endlessly enchanting and entertaining tour of an exotic world. "A wonderful book, I've been up all night reading it, laughing and crying out in horror and clucking at the vivid images of bureaucracy with the bit in its teeth." —Annie Proulx "An extraordinary, well-told tale of botany, obsession and plant politics. Hansen's vivid descriptions of the complex techniques some orchids use to pollinate themselves will raise your eyebrows at nature's sexual ingenuity." —USA Today

Growing Orchids from Seed

Which are delicate and which indestructable? - We show how to find the right home for your plants and

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the right plants for your home. KEW GROWING HOUSE PLANTS is a beautifully illustrated giftable gardening reference book, combining exquisite botanical illustrations with practical indoor projects. Readers can discover over 70 life-changing plants and 12 home-transforming projects. Each project is described and illustrated with step-by-step photographs. Starting from the premise that we want to show how to grow the right plant in the right place, we demonstrate the benefits of all common house plants and how to care and curate them in the home. Includes cacti, succulents, bromeliads including air plants, foliage house plants, flowering house plants, house plants for scent and air freshening.

Orchids For Dummies

Packed with photos, including 8 pages in full color Color your world with orchids Orchids are beautiful, fragrant, wonderfully varied, and surprisingly affordable. But aren't they hard to grow at home? No! says orchid grower extraordinaire Steve Frowine. In this handy guide, he shows you step by step how to select the right orchids, keep them healthy, encourage blooms, and even propagate your own plants. Discover how to: * Select orchids that will thrive in your home * Water, fertilize, repot, and propagate orchids * Decipher complicated orchid names * Get familiar with favorite orchid varieties * Create spectacular orchid displays

Orchids of Tropical America

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With an almost alchemical power, herbs can provide flavours and scents unlike any other. Growing the source of these intense flavours can now be a reality for gardeners and food enthusiasts with any size of garden, from an acre to a window box. Culinary herbs can be used as seeds, flowers or leaves; cooked and eaten themselves or used to infuse a dish or drink. They are now being used in artisan gin, ice cubes and cocktail syrups; in foraged dishes and kitchen gardens and often the only way to capture that elusive flavour is to have home-grown, freshly harvested herbs on your doorstep. Find out how to develop your own herb garden and grow herbs in all situations.

Comprehensive information is given on how to plant, propagate, harvest and use herbs in the most interesting ways from planting a herb roof to making herbal oils. The 75 most exciting herbs are also identified, illustrated and their uses explained.

Underpinned by the authority of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and the expertise of Holly Farrell, *The Kew Gardener's Guide to Growing Herbs* combines practical elements with inspiration and beauty.

Growing Windowsill Orchids

With some 20,000 fragrant orchids available today, orchid lovers of all levels will delight in this unique approach to selecting new and exciting varieties of fragrant orchids. Profiles of more than 100 orchids and 355 varieties include cultivation information and detailed notes on each fragrance. This first-ever guide will help gardeners choose, grow, and showcase orchids with the right look and most enjoyable scents.

Growing Rare Plants

The Kew Gardener's Guide to Growing House Plants

Written by the world's foremost gardening authority, and jam-packed with the most up-to-date information, the Expert collections offer techniques, full-color photos throughout, and plenty of thumbnails and diagrams. This brand new entry into the very best gardening series there is focuses on beautiful orchids, plants once only for the wealthy and the skilled, but now available to everyone. With *The Orchid Expert*, they'll become permanent members of your family, treasured not only for their flowers, but all year long. Dr. Hessayon explains it all: what to look for when buying a plant, the secrets of success plant by plant, the way to ensure repeat flowering, increasing your stock, preserving blooms with microwaves, and identifying species the unique Expert way. All sorts of odd and intriguing facts reveal why orchids are so different from the rest of the plant kingdom, and the advice is reliable, easy-to-follow, and comprehensive. A magnificent color picture gallery showcases the most stunning and unusual varieties, many in full-page images. As always, there's an invaluable troubleshooting section, diagrams to help you identify the flowers, and a glossary.

Orchid Modern

Learn how to garden through more than 200 creative

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garden projects in this totally accessible guide to all aspects of gardening for beginners. Grow scented lilies for the patio. Rescue neglected houseplants. Make a bee hotel. Turf a lawn. Prune clematis. Raise cuttings. Grow a row of beans. Design and plant an easy-care flower border. Drawing on the unrivalled expertise of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), the world's most respected gardening authority, *How to Grow Practically Everything* is a brilliant mix of practical projects, inspiring garden design ideas, and beautiful photographic galleries of planting choices. Each project is broken down into clear steps, with lists of plants, tools, and materials needed before you start, plus advice on the best time of year to carry it out and how much time to set aside. All the gardening basics are explained at the outset in a refreshingly straightforward first chapter. And with chapters that include wildlife gardening, growing vegetables and fruit, container gardening, and houseplants - there's something for absolutely anyone who's ever felt their green fingers itch!

Geraniums and Pelargoniums

Discover the secrets of creating spectacular container gardens instantly! This book gives step-by-step illustrated (571 photos) demonstrations, planting and maintenance tips, 33 container profiles, 34 foolproof plants, and design ideas to transform your garden.

Growing Garden Bulbs

Home Gardener's Orchids is the essential guide to

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choosing and growing orchids successfully in any climate. Orchids have a reputation for being hard to grow, but this comprehensive manual will lead gardeners straight to the best variety to cultivate in their climate, and provide all the necessary information to make their flowers flourish. Dozens of dazzling photographs showcase many of these exotic blooms, while detailed sections discuss how to raise them indoors and in growing cases, as well as in greenhouses, and give plenty of advice on watering, misting, composts, heating and cooling, repotting, and dealing with pests and diseases. This remarkable illustrated A-to-Z features important tips for every orchid, and includes notes on whether it's easy to grow and where to grow it, what temperature it needs, and much more.

Bloom-Again Orchids

Focusing on the cultivation of orchids in greenhouses, pots and gardens, a well-researched and practical step-by-step guide highlights more than 150 species of hardy orchids in North America, Europe and Australia that will thrive in temperate climates with little or no protection. Original.

Orchid Fever

The Gardener's Companion to Medicinal Plants is a beautifully illustrated giftable gardening reference book, which combines exquisite botanical illustrations with practical self-help projects. Every day sees a discovery in the press about the new uses of plants,

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and it's certain that most of our most important drugs are derived from plants. From willow (used to procure aspirin) to periwinkle (used in chemotherapy to treat lymphoma) many common garden plants have provided cures in modern medicine. In this book readers can discover more than 200 life-saving plants and 25 home-grown remedies to make themselves. Each home cure is described and illustrated with step-by-step photographs to show how you can be a gardener and heal yourself.

RHS 50 Plants You Can't Kill

It's official, plants are cool. They conjure up exotic places, bring nature indoors and make you feel better. Who wouldn't choose to share a space with them - but where do you start? The good news is there's a plant for every windowsill or shelf, for every shady yard or front door step. And whatever your style - from urban sleek to shabby chic to retro - there are plants that will fit into your life and make it brighter and more interesting. Get Plants picks up on this trend by putting plants front and centre of a new book for a wide general audience, especially those that don't see themselves as gardeners. It shows that with a little know-how you can find a plant that will flourish in the many different "ecological niches" available in and around your home from shady basement stairwell to south-facing windowsill. Exciting contemporary photography shows how they pep up your living space and give a taste of the satisfaction you get in looking after them. This is an opportunity to showcase intriguing sundews and

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lithops, grow large majestic trees from seed to keep on your front step (for a while) and find out a bit of plant science along the way - why do orchid flowers last so long, why must you keep water topped up in the funnel of a bromeliad? The book draws on the work of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew - its scientific work, plant hunting and fieldwork, plant collections and horticultural knowledge. Throughout the book author Katherine Price weaves in the expert advice of Kew's gardeners and scientists, distilling the essence of Kew's expertise into practical use. This no-nonsense, beautiful book is a practical guide guaranteed to inspire any reader.

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