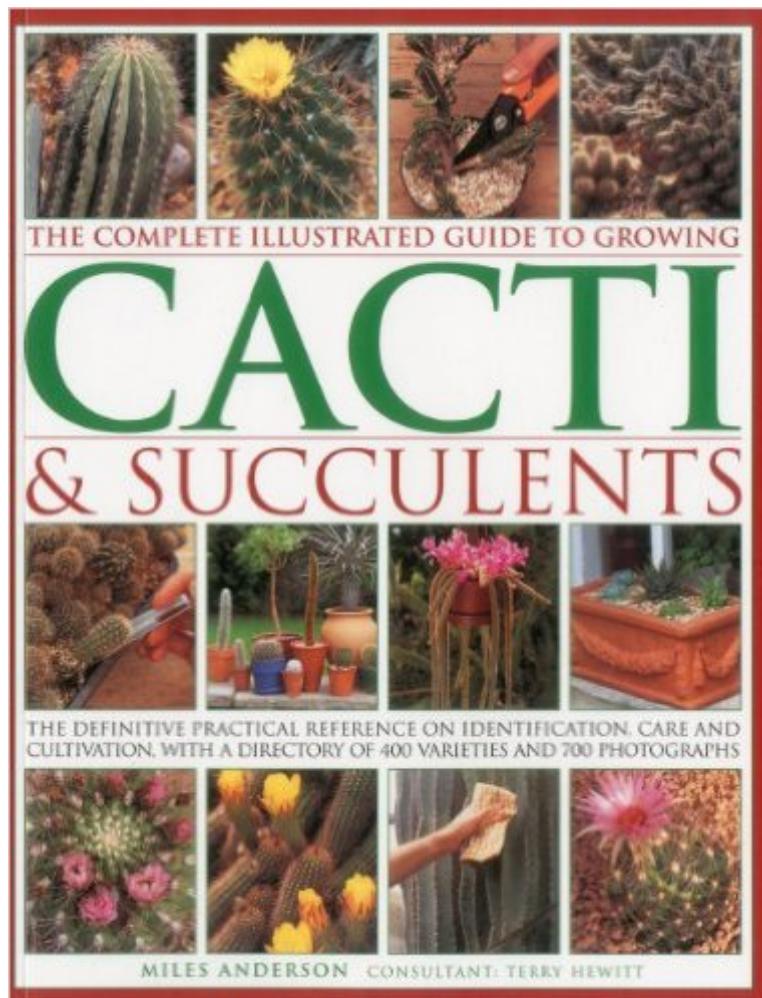


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The Complete Illustrated Guide To Growing Cacti & Succulents



Synopsis

Spiky, smooth, round, long or thin cacti and succulents come in all shapes and sizes. The purpose of this book is to help you know, enjoy and care for these striking decorative plants. The section on care and cultivation provides step-by-step guidance on all aspects of buying, planting and maintaining cacti and succulents, ensuring gardening success whatever your level of experience.

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This book is written by two of the most respected names in cacti circles, Miles Anderson and Terry Hewitt. Miles has his own cacti nursery in the United States and is always ready to answer queries, whether it be about his nursery, his books or succulents in general. The book deals with everything from bowl gardens, usually hated by serious cacti collectors, but they do have their place and can be very attractive in the right situation. The important thing is the book tells you how to plant one correctly and what species will go well together. It then gives a general review on some of the most popular cacti and other succulents and their needs, i.e. correct temp., size they can attain, the best compost to use etc. There is plenty of information on watering techniques, propagation from seed, offsets and grafting. In fact you can find most things you need to know to keep your plants healthy and some of the photographs are stunning. It certainly does not give information on every species you are likely to come across, but that is not what the book sets out to do. For that kind of information you would need the Cactus Lexicon or The Cactus Family, both costing well over Â£50.

I really like this book. There seems to be lots of books on cacti and succulents with photos and descriptions of a large number of species but with very little cultural information. This book takes a different approach. It assumes you wish to grow cacti and succulents and helps you make your selection based on their growing requirements. It gives a lot of good cultural information. I have quite a few cacti and succulent books but this one fill a gap that my other books don't cover very well.

This is a large format book written in a clear and helpful style. For the beginner it may be a book that will inspire to learn more about these plants, and for the casual collector it contains enough care and identification information to be helpful. Most of the genera is covered, but there are some gaps, and that is to be expected in a book of this size. The material is attractively presented, with some fine photographs and some basic care instructions. There are sections on care and cultivation, pests, tools, equipment, design ideas and a plant index. This is a book which will appeal more to the casual collector or beginner of cacti or succulents than to the researcher or taxonomist.

I love how thorough this book can be. I am not saying this gives how to set up a nursery of cacti and forever set you off with all the questions you need answered, but it helps the avid grower. This has examples from all the major species, as well as a picture, information about where they come from and where they grow best. It also gives general tips on care and maintenance to keep your hobby alive and well. I bought this book more because it had a large section for succulents than because it's a complete illustrated guide, but I really do like having pictures to show exactly what they are talking about.

This is a beautiful book with great pictures and illustrations. Much educational information regarding plant anatomy, cultivation, natural habitat, and display. Great selection of species with pictures and detailed specific information.

The print is so small I have to use a magnifying glass to read it. I was disappointed all the print is this way on every page. If I knew this before, I wouldn't have bought the book. The book does have good information and nice pictures. I have the book *The Complete Book of Cacti & Succulents* by Terry Hewitt, and find this is a much better book with normal size print, and more information than *The Illustrated Guide to Growing Cacti & Succulents* by Miles Anderson & consultant Terry Hewitt.

Only buy this book if you have young good eyes.Louise

I really enjoy cactus and succulents. I like the way they look and feel. I have a ton of them in my front window. This books has great info on the types and care of various plants. I'm glad I added it to my collection.

If you or someone you care about likes great photos accompanying good text on how to care for - and grow - these three dimensional living beauties: This fabulously illustrated, easy to carry, book just might be a very nice gift idea - for any occasion.

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