The Practical Illustrated Encyclopedia Of Orchids: A Complete Guide To Orchids And Their Cultivation
**Synopsis**

This expert book has all the information you need about choosing and growing these beautiful plants, with 600 photographs and step-by-step advice.

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**Customer Reviews**

This publication is now called Orchids A Practical Handbook - A beautiful guide to growing orchids. This is an excellent book and the best I have seen on the market which gives practical information plus a beautiful encyclopedia of photographs of various orchid families. There are also numerous photos of the stages in cultivation and more inside tips than I have seen in other orchid books (I have eight other books on orchid culture).

I looked through a variety of popular orchid books before purchasing this one. I found it to be the most comprehensive. It covers different growing environments (indoor, outdoor, under glass), care, cultivation, and diseases. The directory includes a description, complete with beautiful photos. Chapters are presented in a logical manner. My husband has extensive experience in growing a variety of flowers including azaleas and clivias. He found this book had many helpful and specific tips on orchid growing.

This book gives you the basis to start from with orchids. It gives you the direction for the specific orchids which you can then take to the next level using specific orchid books. You can not go wrong purchasing this book as it will be at your finger tips everytime you do something with your orchids.
Incredible photographs of the flowers, but it would have been much more helpful if a photo of the leaves and roots of each species was shown as well. If your plant is not labeled and is not blooming, it is very difficult sometimes to figure out which family the plant belongs to. You need the specific care requirements of the plant in order to get the flowers. So, identification by flowers is not too helpful. However, once the plant's family is identified, this book gives excellent instructions on their requirements, as well as in depth information on pests and other problems. I will find it most useful, and continue to look for an orchid book that helps ID plants with other than just pictures of blossoms.

Why selling same book under different name!? I end up buying both not knowing they are same! This book is same as "Growing Orchids - The Complete Practical Guide To Orchids And Their Cultivation Paperback â€“ 2003 by Brian Rittershausen (Author), Wilma Rittershausen (Author)"

A beautiful book and a great place to start an orchid passion. The Orchid Directory chapter is very inspiring, so much so that I recommend you hide your wallet and don't go near any store selling orchids after looking through it. I ended up carrying two plants a mile and a half even after I had intentionally walked to the store in order to ensure that I not buy anything but the bread and cereal I needed. Don't smirk. $7 orchids of a variety you don't have? My fellow plant lovers will understand how that was just not possible to pass by. Happy Orchid Planting.

Bought this for my daughter, who is into flowers and gardening. She really loved it! I got her the hard back version so it will hold up longer to use.

Very complete, I got it for my mom as she is starting to get into raising Orchids. This seemed to be the best book after looking at all the options. She was very happy with it.

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