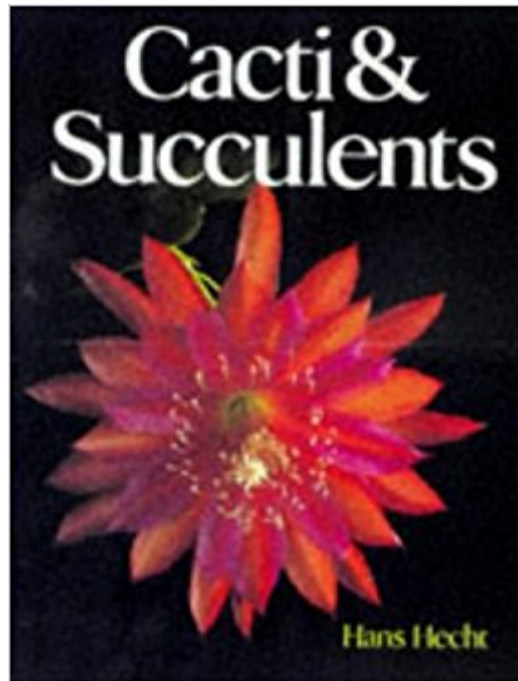


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# Cacti & Succulents



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"Written for the beginner (though there is plenty here for more experienced cactus and succulent growers), this wonderful guidebook offers a wealth of information on propagation, grafting, fertilizing, and repotting, along with advice on lighting, soil, and pest and disease control. There's an alphabetical listing of more than 300 cacti and other succulents....Each entry includes the plant's description, information about its natural habitat, tips for year-round care, and information on its species....One of the most helpful guides to these fascinating plants."-- "Booklist. ."..a beautifully illustrated and informative handbook suitable for beginning or experienced growers...excellent introduction...highly recommended."-- "ARBA. 160 pages (all in color), 8 1/4 x 11.

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## Customer Reviews

This book gives a comprehensive overview of the more important species of cacti and succulents. The photographs are beautiful and the information content is superb. For cacti and succulent lovers/keepers, the author gives very helpful advice on their care and maintenance. In addition, he gives a short discussion at the beginning on the evolution of cacti and succulents. The myriads of different shapes taken on by these plants are a constant source of amazement, for they can be highly symmetric as well as twisted and deformed. The photographs in the book are a marvelous example of this variety. A short dictionary of terms is inserted at the beginning of the book for the beginner who is approaching cacti for the first time. The botanical names are given for each entry and the author gives recommendations on the cacti that bloom the easiest. A section on

propagation and grafting is also included in the book. A very delightful book on a class of plants that are intriguing in every way.

This book is beautifully illustrated, and contains a wealth of useful information to those learning to grow cacti. Mr. Hecht's minimum temperatures run well above what I think are correct, but safety is good idea for the novice. I highly recommend this book.

Although a well-organized and generally informative book, I believe it suffered greatly in its translation from German to English. I found the tips on cultivation to be thoroughly confusing, with many ambiguous terms such as "airy" and "under glass" and significant amounts of inconsistent information. My preference is to see familiar phrases such as "bright, indirect light" or "partial shade" used to describe growth requirements, instead of "...sunny, not in the full sun; if need be, in half-shade." This would have helped ease part of my quandary and made it easier to understand exactly what the author intended. The best features of this book were the numerous and excellent pictures of the various genera of cacti and succulents, and the inclusion of tables describing the characteristics of species that were not pictured. However, if a beginner wants to buy only one reference guide on cacti and succulents I wouldn't recommend this one, there are better books available for about the same price.

I liked this book so much I checked it out of the library three times (the limit). I had to have it, so I googled it and received twelve results. I choose one with a price I was willing to pay (very reasonable) from someone who had a very high rating. The book arrived seven or eight days later and I am very pleased with it! It is in very good condition. It has so much information and details about many different cacti and succulents. It also has great pictures!

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