How To Grow Orchids: A Guide To Growing Orchids For Beginners (The New To Gardening Series Book 2)
No plant family has as many different flowers as the orchid family, their variety is quite staggering. Some orchids grow only one flower on each stem, while others can have more than a hundred blooms on a single spike with amazing variations in colours: from white and yellow through to pink and purple and multi-coloured. "If you would love to have this spectacular plant in your home, but thought that they were too difficult to grow, then this book will provide you with all the help you need to get started. You will discover which orchids are the easiest for a beginner to grow, and then learn the steps you need to take to keep your orchid alive, healthy and blooming."

Chapters include:

Where to Start: Discover the Orchid Family
What an Orchid Needs: Light, Heat and Humidity
More Orchid Needs: Water, Fertiliser and Rest
Moving On: Re-Potting Materials
Want More Plants? Propagation
What Can Go Wrong? Pests and Diseases

Fran Barnwell's philosophy is to provide simple and straightforward advice for anyone starting out with gardening, whether that is indoors or outdoors, a good-sized garden or a window ledge. How to Grow Orchids is the second book in The New to Gardening Series. The second edition of The Guide to Gardening for Beginners is soon to be published.

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Customer Reviews

I got this book since I live in Hawaii. Orchids are everywhere. But every time I buy orchids they die a quick death. I don't have a Green thumb... but a brown or black thumb for the kiss of death for the orchids. This book helped me understand what I was doing wrong and what steps to take to keep these guys alive and maybe get a green thumb for Orchids.

I have taken over the care of my father's orchids and I wanted a beginner's guide to let me know when to fertilize the plants. When the plants are active and when they are not. This book did not give this info to me. However, it would be a good book if you are thinking about growing orchids and want very general information about it. It is not good if you have a basic knowledge of them for it is too simple.

Like the author, I've been too scared to even attempt growing orchids. I always thought they were so delicate, so fragile and so exotic that they needed an expert to coax them to live long enough to bloom. NO MORE! This book is truly "soup to nuts" on the topic of growing orchids. With so many tips and specific instructions for all the various types of orchids, it's given me enough knowledge that I now have the confidence to try something I've always wished I could do!

Living in Florida there are Orchids to buy everywhere! We moved here four years ago and I have been wanting to try growing some Orchids. Thanks to Ms. Barnwells book I finally got the courage to buy some for our home. How to Grow Orchids is a comprehensive guide on the care of Orchids. The book has information on everything you need to know and then some. There is information about the different types of Orchids, lighting, watering, feeding, potting, mounting, pests and diseases, and even propagation. How to grow Orchids gave me the knowledge to give these beautiful plants a try without the fear of killing them. I would recommend this book to anyone who needs a beginners guide to growing Orchids.

I was so disappointed. It was meant to be a book for beginners but it's so elementary and doesn't really tell you much about how to care for orchids. It shows lots of different kinds and that is not helpful - the discussion of each orchid is complex and all I wanted to know was how to care for orchids re: planting, fertilizing, etc. I would not recommend this. There are no colored pictures and
what the book actually discusses isn't clear when looking at it online.

Being a beginning orchid grower I found this to be a particularly useful book. The descriptions of the most common orchids, their habits and needs were particularly useful. I appreciated that the author did not wallow around in extraneous detail just to exhibit his knowledge. The section on water and fertilizer was succinct and to the point with just the information I could use.Great Job Ted.

This book is a nice primer for the orchid lover who needs a better understanding of the basics. It's informative while not throwing a lot of useless horticultural babble at you. It's a nice book for educating the beginners and as a reference manual for them later on.

I'm very good at killing orchids. I'm excited to use the tips and information in this how to guide the next time I venture into growing an orchid. The author did a great job at presenting the care instructions in an easy to understand manner.

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