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It's a whole new world of houseplants, so make yourself at home in it! If you love the idea of keeping houseplants, but struggle to care for them, you'll find solace and invaluable advice in this comprehensive guide from expert gardener Barbara Pleasant. Even experienced houseplant enthusiasts will benefit from Pleasant's expansive knowledge of indoor gardening, which includes personality profiles, growing needs, and troubleshooting tips for 160 blooming and foliage varieties. Create a greener world, one houseplant at a time.

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Abby says

The BEST houseplant book! The only one you'll ever really need, particularly if you're a beginner like myself. Thorough care guidelines, bright and instructive photographs, and clearly written advice: you can't beat it. After having borrowed it from the library, I think I might just need to buy this one now. Recommended to anyone who wants to raise plants indoors.

Hilary says

Saved me on multiple occasions. A great book with lots of answers!

Rachel Summers says

Clear and concise, helpful and straight-forward.
Hopefully my houseplants will finally have a chance at a long, healthy life.

Jen says

Very solid reference on houseplants. Thorough without being overwhelming. My houseplants have a fighting chance, now!

DJ Harris says

The Complete Houseplant Survival Manual: Essential Gardening Know-how for Keeping (Not Killing!) More Than 160 Indoor Plants by Barbara Pleasant is the *Bible* of raising Houseplants! Before this book I think I killed everything *Green*! Now I can grow everything.

Many of the skills are transferable. Now I have an *outside* vegetable garden, using the *inside* plant skills I learned with this book. I have used a lot of the skills I learned in this book to keep those outdoor plants alive, so don't think this book's knowledge just stops at the door!

Excerpt:

"The world of houseplants is huge and varied, so this book is organized to help you quickly and easily find the information you need."

This book is laid out in an easy-to-use and simple-to-read format that invites you in. Trust me, if you get this book you will be filling your house up with plants the very next day! It gets addictive!

I would *Highly Recommend* this book. The photography is exquisite and the text is compelling. This is a must read for plant lovers amateur and experienced.

Courtney says

Lots of great information. Can give anyone a green thumb.

Marshall Wayne Lee says

I'm not finished with this, but I will never be finished: it is a resource not a novel.

Pleasant's book is a good guide to houseplants. Lots of good information contained in it with good easy to follow instructions.

Jennifer says

Part 3 was the only part of the book useful to me. I learned quite a bit but not nearly enough and I really could have used more pictures, particularly with descriptions of diseases and other problems.

Also, in the ebook version, it would be great if subsections were included in the contents because it is difficult to go back and find specific information.

Mary says

Good information on keeping houseplants healthy and happy.

Audrey says

I asked for this book after flipping through my brother's. Highly recommend!! Easy to use, actual tips that WORK! The only book on houseplants you need if it's a side hobby.

Vlad Ardelean says

Interesting read, good tips

I am not particularly fond of house plants. I have however received over the years a fair number of them, and have bought some myself, because my wife likes them.

In my situation, I feel like I have received a lot of good tips about plants to make me appreciate them more and care for them better.

I now understand better what types of soil to use (apparently there are 6 common types of soil), why/how to repot, how to water, and where to place plants. Another weird thing that I never understood, namely the trimming of plants, is explained well here. Plants are apparently not like people. You can cut away large portions of them and they don't mind, or even enjoy it.

Another magical part that I didn't think possible was plant propagation. In short and rough words, you can apparently cut away parts of the plant, and make a new plant out of that. This works for almost all plants. Who would have guessed? :D

This book contains sections that help you identify your plants. If so, identification is harder if you're reading this on a kindle device. To make up for this, look up the plant classes on the internet, and you'll be fine.

I do recommend this book to whoever likes house plants, but people who are only trying to not kill their plants (like myself) can also benefit a lot from this :p

etherealfire says

Very informative and attractively laid out format - but a little bit overwhelming and intimidating for such a brown thumb. My goal is to re-read and reorganize my plant maintenance scheduling.

ajejdubb says

I like this book. I grabbed this book because it was concise and clear. Previously, the only resource I had access to was the Internet.

Kate says

Well written, well laid out, and the photography and illustrations are beautiful. I read it for enjoyment and refer to it again and again.

Gillian says

This is my new favorite houseplant book. I work in a garden center with a great houseplant department, and I know I'm going to end up recommending this to a lot of people. The sections about flowering houseplants and foliage plants list them in alphabetical order. Each type of plant has its own page with a detailed description of the plant's needs, such as light, fertilizer, and soil requirements, as well as how to propagate and how long the plant can be expected to live. The final section of the book is more general houseplant info, such as types of pests and diseases you may encounter, methods of watering, and so on. It's a nice, large-ish book, well laid out and very easy to find whatever specific info you might be looking for.

I think this will be a great reference for me when helping customers with our less familiar houseplants, and I think it would also be very helpful for anyone who has several varieties of plants in their home.
