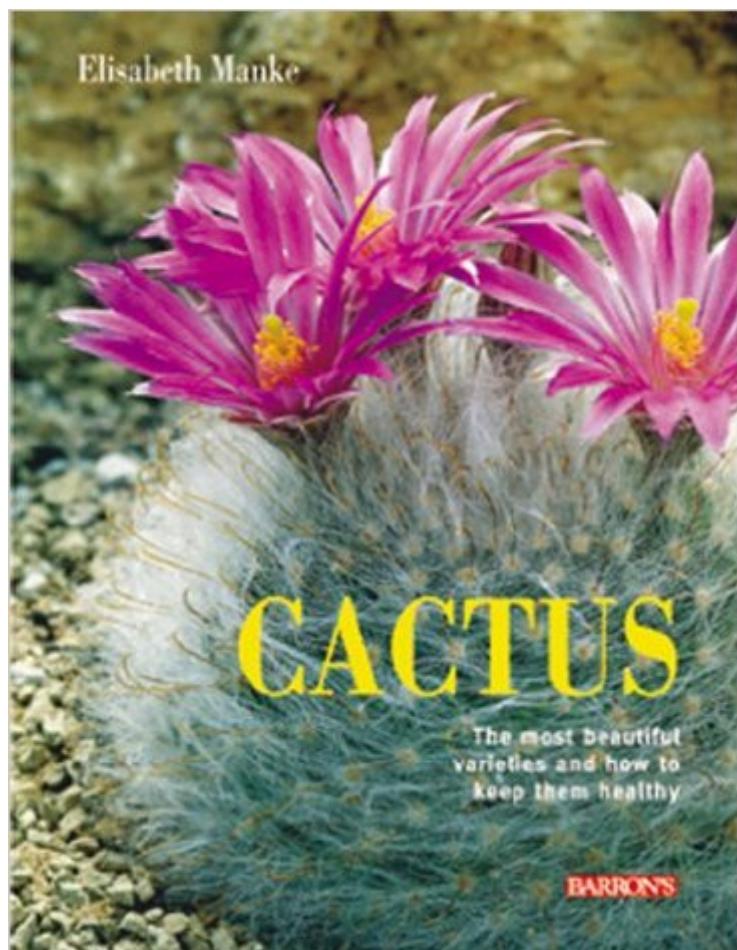


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Cactus: The Most Beautiful Varieties And How To Keep Them Healthy



Synopsis

Prickly and frequently taking strange shapes, cacti often thrive when given minimal care--and sometimes languish when owners "nurse them to death." This handsomely illustrated book introduces plant growers to the basics of cactus care and cultivation, then presents an alphabetized directory of roughly 50 varieties--from *Acanthocalycium* to *Uebelmannia pectinifera*. Only avid plant lovers need remember the scientific names. More practical for plant growers, and shown in stunning photographs, is the magnificent variety of cactus flowers that blossom from the unusual and fascinating shapes of these plants.

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Customer Reviews

I've purchased over a dozen books on cacti, but none of them thoroughly discuss the proper care for cacti grown at home. I was amazed by author Elisabeth Manke's attention to detail as it pertains to information you actually need. For instance, one section of the book covers general cactus care on a month-by-month basis. For an Ohio cactus enthusiast, that kind of information is invaluable. Indeed, one of my cactus plants owes its life to this book! If you often read about cacti, you already know that there is a lot of conflicting information out there from highly reputable sources. In my experience, any time the information in this book differs from that in other books, this book is the one that is correct (and that even counts a \$100 cactus encyclopedia!) All of the pictures and species are properly labeled by modern naming conventions. If you need a book to help you ID wild cacti in the Arizona desert, this one probably isn't it (despite the hordes of beautiful photos). If you're

trying to raise a few (or a few hundred) plants of your own in a windowsill or a greenhouse, this book is the best resource I've found! I wish I would have bought this book first. I'd have saved a couple hundred dollars...

Enough information for beginners to start with and valuable information for early collector to keep in mind. EXCELLENT ILLUSTRATIONS!. It has a great variety of species for the size of the book.

I have been an avid cactus fan since I was very young (I'm 16 now), but I never had a really good book on cacti until now. This one is concise, comprehensive, and offers a wide range of gorgeous color photos. Sure, it was the only one my local bookstore had. But by the same token, it is excellent, and not too expensive either. For the cactus lover.

I am quite glad I added this one to my collection. The photographs found in this volume are quite good, beautiful, as a matter of fact. I had to agree with another reviewer in that I do wish more of the actual plant was shown, rather than the flower. There are some very good growing tips in this small volume which I found very helpful. No one book can fill all of your needs in raising/growing any plants and I have found that it is very necessary to purchase a number of them. This is one I am glad to have added to the growing shelf. I did give this one five stars as the photographs alone are worth it. Recommend.

This book has some good growing tips for different cactus species. But the pictures are almost all of cactus flowers. I don't grow cacti just for the flowers. I want to see the whole plant in a home, garden, or natural setting. Also, the book only covers cacti but not succulents and other related species. To be fair, the title doesn't say "succulents," only "cactus." But you can buy many similar books that also cover succulents.

This book has nice size pictures with cactus in flower. This helps to identify a plant. It also has good information on how to care for your cactus, with extra tips on every the page. It is a nice book for beginners. This book also lists the care of cactus by each month of the year. Another big help, is identifying what the damage of disease and pests looks like on a cactus plant. It shows this with a nice size pictures of the damage or pests, and tells how to care for the plant. This book contains a lot of good information and I'm glad I bought it.Louise

Beautiful book. Well written, good photos. Perfect beginner instructions and information. So pleased with myself, buying "used" and saving \$10 off the \$15 list price especially when the used version I got (listed as "very good condition") was in my opinion in excellent condition - hard to tell from new.

I have had this book a couple of weeks and have had time to look it over pretty good. I love this little book, loads of information and beautiful pictures. I love cactus and succulents and have several diffrent types, but was unsure of proper care for some of them. This book has helped a lot. The seller sent book quickly and was just as discribed, would gladly buy from again.

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