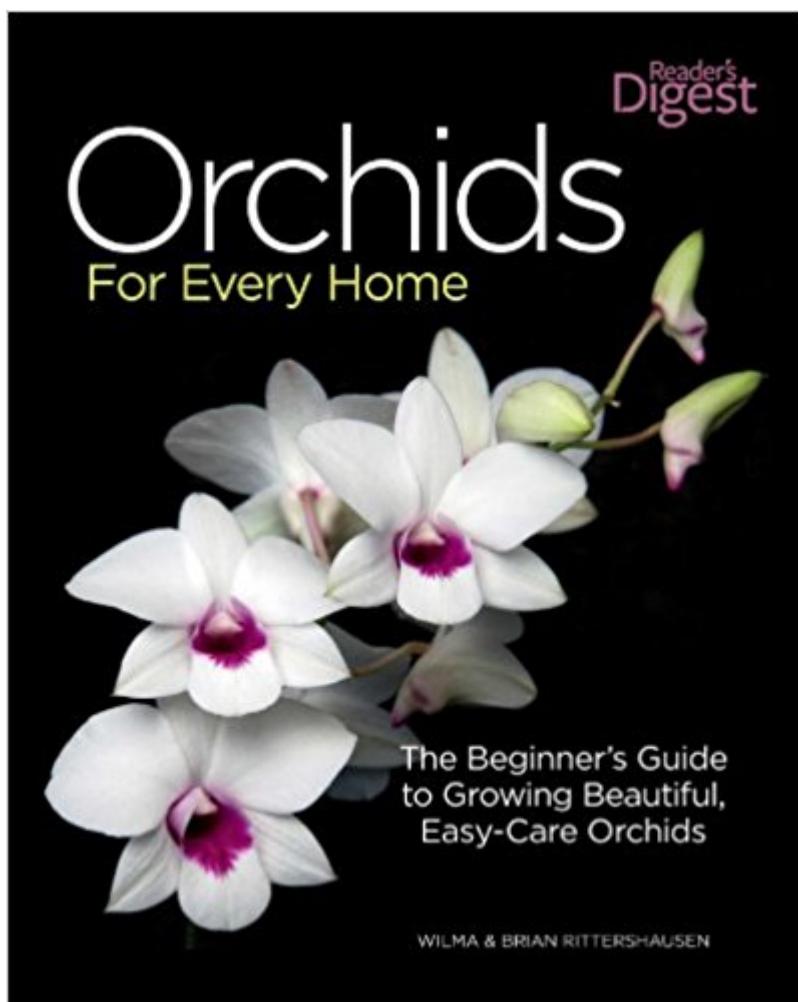


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# Orchids For Every Home: The Beginner's Guide To Growing Beautiful, Easy-Care Orchids



## **Synopsis**

From selecting the right plant to providing proper growing conditions, *Orchids for Every Home* is your complete handbook to keeping your orchids healthy and blooming. Starting with the most popular orchids that require the least care and progressing to more high-maintenance flowers, this practical guide is organized to help you find the orchid that is just right for you and the conditions in your home. You'll learn about 104 different orchids, including *Phalaenopsis*, *Miltoniopsis*, *Aygopetalum*, *Brassia*, *Dendrobium*, and many more. All plant profiles include: A description of the plant and its flowers When and how often it blooms Where to site it Watering and other care instructions In addition, a troubleshooting section helps you identify problems--such as sunburn, viruses, mealybugs, and red spider mites--and shows you how to quickly and efficiently deal with them. Both beautiful and practical, *Orchids for Every Home* shows you just how easy it is to grow these exquisite flowers.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Brian and Wilma Rittershausen are among the most respected names in the world of orchids. This brother and sister team are second-generation orchid growers, running a nursery started by their father in 1950. Wilma is well known for her writings in orchid journals and edited *The Orchid Review* for 15 years. Brian is equally well known for his lecture tours in the United States and the UK, and was awarded the prestigious Gold Veitch Medal by the Royal Horticultural Society Orchid Committee for personal achievement in the field of orchids. Internationally recognized, the Rittershausens have written and contributed to several books on orchids. They live in Devon, England.

So I bought this book hoping it could give me a clear overview of how to care for orchids. I will say that, whoever wrote this book assumed that everyone has wet winters and dry summers. Here in the Midwest, that isn't the case. It's the exact opposite. So some of the information I desperately need is simply not in this book. On a positive note, it takes species by species and gives specific care instructions for each. And if you live in a part of the country that has wet winters and dry summers than this book is definitely for you!

The bookseller really needs to include in the book description that this is a Reader's Digest book. Reader's Digest has/had a long history of publishing pretty books with little real content of any value and this book fits the trend. It is at most a coffee table book with pretty pictures, and little of substance or value for the gardener who wants to learn to grow orchids. Most of the information is common sense. I would not have bought this book had I known it was a Readers Digest publication. I guess it would be good for children wanting to learn gardening basics.

After reading tons of reviews on lots of Orchid books, I chose this one. I couldn't be much happier. This book is a easy read and very helpful for Orchid newbies like me. It is divided into seperate chapters for the popular Orchid types and how to care for each type. It reviews light, humidity, potting media, fertilizer and temperature requirements for each type of popular Orchid types. It also helps you determine what kind of Orchids are best to grow for the type of environment you can provide. A chapter is dedicated to the types of bugs, scale, fungus and other common problems you might run into and how to detect and treat each type. Lots of great color photos and recommended Orchid suppliers too. LOVE THIS BOOK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Just what I wanted. Beautiful pictures. No jargon. Shows step-by-step how-to's on everything. Answers all the dumb questions that the other books assume you already know.

Respected expert on subject

Have to look several places to find answers but info seems solid. We are learning.

I was looking for a book for beginner Orchid growers...i/e how to plant/transplant, watering issues, etc. This book is good if you want something to explain the different types of orchids. Not what I was

looking for.

Wonderful book. Loads of information and beautifully illustrated. We are total beginners and we have learned so much from this book. Glad we got it.

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