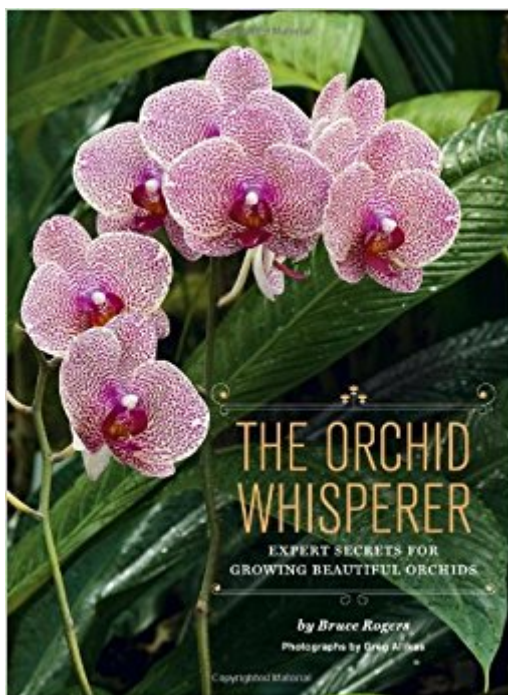


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# The Orchid Whisperer: Expert Secrets For Growing Beautiful Orchids



## Synopsis

Orchids can bloom year after year. In this essential guide, Bruce Rogers, "The Orchid Whisperer", shares his expert tips from more than three decades of breeding and growing orchids. The book demystifies the growing process and features more than 100 lush color photographs of breathtaking plants. Best of all, it reveals professional secrets not found anywhere else for blooming, repotting, spotting hazards and pests, grooming, decorating, and much more. Perfect for beginners as well as orchid experts looking for new tricks, The Orchid Whisperer provides everything readers need to know to keep healthy orchids that will flower again and again!

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How successful are you in coaxing your orchids to re-bloom? "The Orchid Whisperer" by Bruce Rogers contains expert tips for growing like a professional. In layman's language, Rogers shares his recommendations for plant selection, repotting, watering, and fertilizing most of the tropicals you will find at local markets. Sections such as "Orchid True and False" and "Location, Location, Location" share practical advice with a splash of humor. By Jane Scurich  
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The Orchid Whisperer is an eminently intelligent and attractive book for beginning orchid growers. Rogers' language is engaging and humorous, and strikes the right balance between being easy to read and needing a science degree to understand. He presents plenty of easy-to-understand advice to get novice growers on the road to success. Rogers even adds a chapter on decorating with orchids to challenge even experienced growers. The Orchid Whisperer is one to put on the holiday list for novice orchidists. -- Sue Volek, Oregon Orchid Society  
Reviewed by

the Tulsa, San Francisco, and Sacramento Book Review Bruce Rogers does not whisper; he announces— loud and clear all that you need to know about the exotic orchid. Accompanied by striking photographs, the contents cover everything from buying and growing orchids to details on the twelve most popular orchids. If you claim a faulty green thumb, this book will help you overcome fear. "I do know how to grow orchids - one client likes to claim that I can make a brick bloom--and I share the tricks I've learned over the years in these pages." Reviewed by— Aron Row From NZ Gardener, New Zealand If you're only kinda into orchids, this book will turn you into an ardent collector. It's jam-packed with wisdom about orchids by an expert grower. The information is clear, concise and easy to assimilate, from where to find the best bargains, to how to help your orchid survive the ride home in your car. As well as tips on growing orchids, you'll find out which are the best rooms in the house to grow them, how to care for them while you're away, and more. This is a likeable, intelligent read.-- Barb Rogers From the Milwaukee Wisconsin Journal Sentinel Forget horses and dogs, which aren't all that tough to figure out. But orchids? We need all the whisperers we can get.— Rogers has been cultivating orchids for 30 years. His book is a sturdy, softcover guide printed on thick, glossy stock, with many full-page images of orchids. His sense of humor and practical approach carries throughout the book, which is divided into chapters on what to look for when buying orchids, growing and maintenance tips and decorating with orchids. - Mary-Liz Shaw "Unlike some other 'beginner' advice books, Rogers' language is engaging and humorous, and strikes the right balance between being easy to read and needing a science degree to understand." - American Orchid Society

Bruce Rogers has more than 30 years of experience as an orchid grower and consultant. A member of the Advisory Council at the San Francisco Conservatory of Flowers, he lives in San Francisco. Greg Allikas is an internationally acclaimed photographer.

I love this new book with tips about growing orchids! I enjoy experimenting with various orchids but am often frustrated when I can't coax them into re-blooming. Rogers offers advice in a very readable and doable format. My favorite advice is in the cymbidium section. I have 40 or so cymbidiums in my collection. Dividing and re-potting is a challenge that I often put aside for 'next year'. Roger advises, "My advice is to learn how to re-pot cymbidium, then find a job that pays well enough that you can hire someone to re-pot your cymbidiums." My resume is available. The photos are spectacular! I found myself mentally moving some of my plants based on the artistic arrangements in the photos. If you have a few orchids hanging around just waiting to be encouraged to thrive, this book is for

you.

I am pleased I bought this book. I am a novice and many understandable paragraphs of information are given. Some tips are so very insightful, for things I had not even considered. It is a book for reference and to ensure no problematic issues get out of hand, I recommend this book as a necessity if you want great looking orchids and long living orchids too. Thank you and Regards, DC

I appreciate this book so much. Very glad to have purchased before attempting to buy and maintain orchids. I actually changed my mind, for the time being, as I am now able to critique orchards at shops and big box stores. And heavens so, the poor beauties are normally on terrible condition. Advice given by workers in the store is usually wrong. Ice cubes in the soil is wrong!! Plus I now know about the correct conditions, location in my home and how to water, re-pot and provide adequate rainforest conditions. Very interesting and do-able. The varieties, beautiful pictures and decorative ideas are also great. Glad I didn't jump in without reading this book!! Unfortunately, I really have no suitable room in my present home, but that doesn't mean at some point the demographics won't change. Knowledge is power!

I purchased this book based on 's reviews, and I was surprised at how unexceptional it is. The section of the book dedicated to specific types of orchids is adequate, though sparse. The more general information on orchid culture is presented amateurishly, with sidebars containing dubiously-researched "facts" and vaguely-described techniques likely to end in failure for inexperienced growers. There are no "secrets" in this book, and nothing that you won't find in greater detail with clearer instructions in the many other books on growing orchids. I was also disappointed there was no information on flaked orchids. I suggest purchasing Understanding Orchids, by William Cullina, instead of this volume. Cullina's book contains all the reliable instruction in The Orchid Whisperer plus a good bit more, and is detailed enough and organized as to be practical for the home grower.

Comments on the cover of The Orchid Whisperer state that Bruce Rogers "covers everything you need to know to grow healthy orchids that will bloom again and again." As members of a family of successful orchid growers, I agree that Rogers has achieved his goal. Information about "everything you need to know" wisely begins with suggestions for purchasing a suitable plant and getting it

settled in your home. He describes orchid varieties that are not place minimal demands on their caregivers and are most likely to produce long-lasting flowers. A plant unsuited to the level of its grower's care or its new environment will not thrive. This information is essential for the beginning orchid grower but may be omitted from books written for more experienced growers. His sections on the different varieties include brief descriptions of the plants and easy-to-follow directions for their care. Photos illustrate the glossary as well as directions for repotting and other procedures. The photos of individual plants and plant displays are beautiful. The book can be enjoyed not only by novice orchid growers but also by those interested in learning more about orchids.

An easy to follow book for the beginner (like me) who wants to be successful growing orchids... I have failed before! I even bought another copy to give a friend who is a beginner too. We both caught the 'orchid bug' at a local orchid show in the Chicago area. It will become my go-to book!

I was lucky enough to pick up this book for \$2.51 for my Kindle Fire. I found it informative and entertaining. It was written in everyday language, very easy to understand. I have a few orchids and have generally had good luck, but picked up excellent advice throughout the book. The color pictures show up beautifully on my Kindle Fire. I bet it would be beautiful in print as well. How can you go wrong with such a low price if you have a Fire or a Fire HD and a love for these beautiful plants? Some people think they are difficult to grow, but I don't think so and this book makes it all that much easier.

I have read many orchid books over the years and I guess I was expecting some 'real' secrets, which none were revealed. This was basic orchid care and nothing extra and nothing special and nothing 'secret' that I could determine. Lots of information which was helpful, but only in the way many other books are also.

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