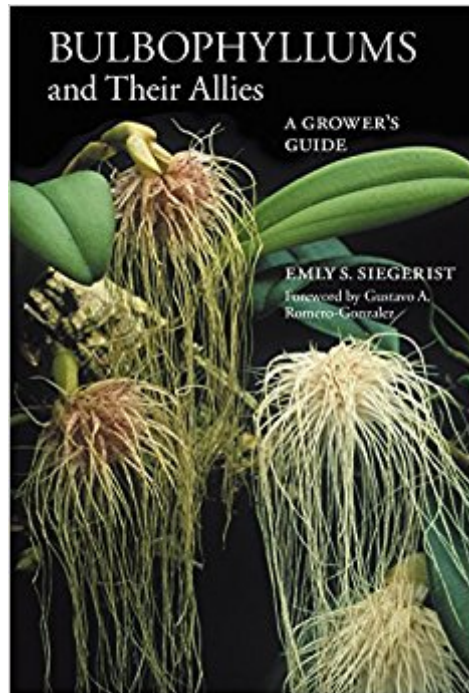




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Bulbophyllums And Their Allies: A Grower's Guide



Synopsis

This is the first book devoted solely to bulbophyllums, a very diverse group of orchids comprising the largest genus in the orchid family; it is an introductory guide for amateur and advanced orchid growers. The author focuses on those species likely to be cultivated, including 375 *Bulbophyllum* species and 170 related species and hybrids; she gives practical suggestions on how best to grow each plant in cultivation.

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Customer Reviews

Gardeners who grow orchids may be unfamiliar with bulbophyllums--an extensive genus of epiphytes included in the orchid family; or in many cases they might simply be uninformed. Often perceived as having undesirable form and insignificant flowers, bulbophyllums actually comprise hundreds of appealing plants that deserve to be nurtured alongside more popular specimens. Siegerist sets the record straight with a rigorous survey of bulbophyllum species and hybrids, steering orchid growers away from plants that give off unpleasant scents--another reason for their bad reputation! Siegerist's fascination with the great diversity of these orchids combines with a keen awareness of each plant's endemic growing conditions and cultural requirements, resulting in engagingly written entries that should arouse the curiosity of orchid lovers while providing sensible guidance aimed at helping gardeners choose plants suited both to their ideals and to their practical requirements. Alice Joyce

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"Emily Siegerist has written the first user-friendly guide to the genus and its close relatives ... There are some 77 color plates with very high quality photographs and this of itself makes the book an attractive acquisition." —Harold Koopowitz, Orchid Digest, Spring 2002

I found it somewhat helpful, however the information is very vague at best. So when one wants to see a picture of their orchid you go to the photo gallery and look for your plant and it is not there. The author does write small snippets on each *Bulbophyllum* that she mentions, not necessarily, with a picture, has all the awards and who took the picture etc...I was looking for growing methods, whether the orchid will bloom in the winter, winter spring or fall...do they like sun and humidity or will they tolerate cold. This is a reference book after all and I will look for a book with a gallery of photographs so I can know what my plant will look like when it blooms...most of the time when you buy a *Bulbophyllum* it is not in bloom...

A wonderful reference for the more serious orchid aficionado. Detailed descriptions of the myriad of *bulbophyllums* available to collectors today. Gives a description of each plant and growing conditions needed, watering etc. This book is devoted to only one genus of orchids so it is not recommended for the casual fancier. Excellent photos for this not as popular type of orchid.

I wasn't quite sure how to rate it, and decided to give it the benefit of the doubt, as it were. I'd be tempted to give it a 3.5 because while it's very good, its faults are rather glaring, IMO. Coverage of species is, overall, far better than any work I know of (and certainly better than anything easily available), but there are relatively few pictures, and not a single line drawing for any of the species not pictured -- out of 550 species and hybrids mentioned, there are only 77 photos! I don't know whether that was Ms. Siegerist's doing or Timber Press cutting back on production costs, but it's a glaring gap. I've been waiting for this book for months, and while I'm not sorry I bought it and will refer to it often, I was expecting more.

This book is alright but not quite as informative as I would have liked. There is another *Bulbophyllum* book which offers more information. I would recommend this for a beginner, not someone who needs more information about specific *Bulbo*'s.

Beautiful book and very helpful to me on the growing of *bulbophyllums*. I am new to the *bulbos* and it was great to see and read about a lot of the varieties and how I would grow them..

Useful.

Book was in great shape. It is a good source of info on the orchid and its family. Pictures are excellent.

Not only are the photos black and white, but they are very poor quality. Good information, but you can probably find the same information on the internet.

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