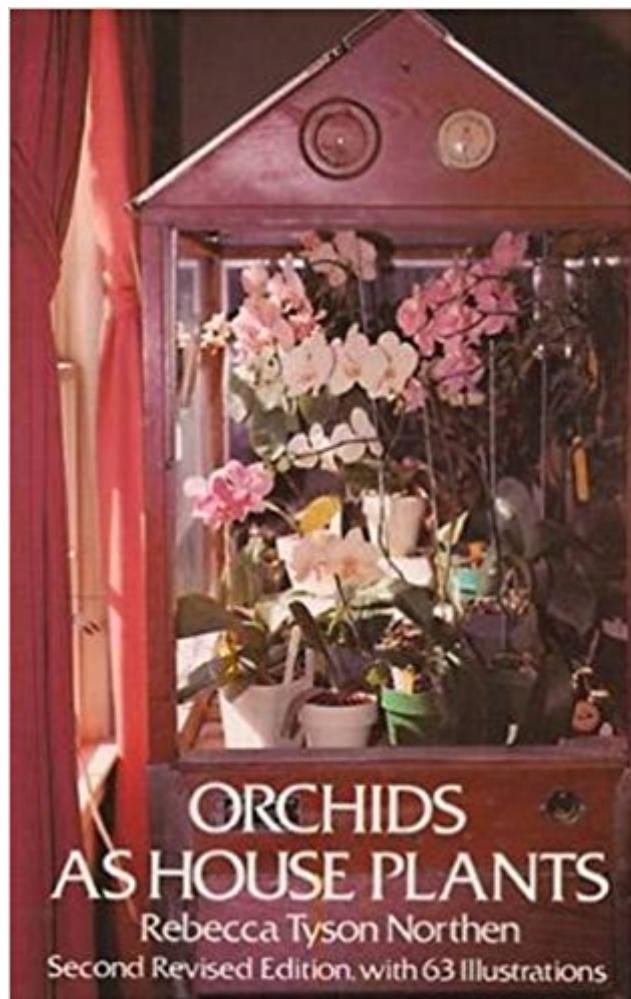


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Orchids are one of the most fascinating plant families to grow. With their tremendous variety of sizes, colors, shapes, habits, and fragrances, orchids offer the opportunity of unparalleled pleasure and excitement to the plant enthusiast. This book shows you how to produce flowering orchids in your home with the modern methods that are already enabling thousands of people to cultivate orchids successfully in their living rooms, sun porches, basements, and elsewhere. It is easier to grow orchids now than it has ever been, and you don't need a greenhouse to do it. Thoroughly revised and brought completely up to date, this book explains the basic needs of orchids and shows you the three common methods of growing them in the house — in a window, in a case, and under artificial light. It goes on to describe cattleyas and many other fascinating kinds of orchids that do well as house plants, including what they each need in the way of temperature, light, humidity, and other requirements. Finally, the concluding chapters present information on potting mature plants, caring for seedling, and treating ailments and problems. 63 photos and line drawings illustrate flowers and growing techniques. If you are intrigued by the prospect of growing orchids as house plants or you already have one or two flowering on your windowsill, this book will enable you to pursue your interest confidently and knowledgeably. It covers a wide range of techniques and types of orchids, and can even be adapted to greenhouse work. With the right information at your fingertips, you can grow orchids at home with surprising ease.

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The book is just a restricted copy of *Home Orchid Growing* of the same author. The "Father" is quite better.

There's a large section here on growing orchids under artificial lights including home-made set ups and commercially available light stands and wardian cases. The book needs a resource listing as to where to purchase the light stands and recommendations on how to build your own. Half of the book lists generalizations of the different orchid families and how to care for them, but even that is only touched upon. The author goes into detail on the description of the flowers and leaves, but not much info on the care. An example of this is "bright light, warm temperatures, and plenty of water and humidity" to describe the care of *Ascocentrum* orchids. This doesn't tell us how much is needed which I think is important since "warm" can be anywhere from 50-90 degrees.

After doing research on the internet and libraries, my questions were not answered until I read this book. Wanting instant gratification I went directly to the index which gave me the areas to read that I needed. The book explains how to pot, water and fertilize quickly with less anxiety. It gives pictures of many orchids, their colors, sizes and needs. I recommend this book highly and my next purchase

is a deep purple Denrrobium phalaenopsis.

I bought this book for my mom who recently received a beautiful orchid plant. Anyone who has seen an orchid knows COLOR is one of the important factors in an orchid and to see the pictures in this book illustrated in B/W is a huge disappointment. The price was right but the product wasn't.

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