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# Succulents For The Contemporary Garden



## Synopsis

Succulents, with their striking forms, unusual colors, and easy-care reputation, are becoming an increasingly important design element in many contemporary gardens. Whether planted en masse, used as specimens in the garden, or featured in containers, they have much to offer landscapers and home gardeners. *Succulents for the Contemporary Garden* is a book for beginners, enthusiasts, and connoisseurs alike, presenting old favorites along with an enticing range of less-common, more collectable examples of these intriguing plants. Descriptions and cultivation information for hundreds of species and cultivars in more than 60 genera, from *Adenia* to *Yucca*, will help gardeners choose plants that are best suited to their design requirements and garden conditions.

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## Customer Reviews

Global warming, drought conditions, water rationing. With the environment in such a precarious state, what's a gardener to do? No need to throw in the trowel. Succulents can provide the perfect solution to some of garden design's most daunting challenges. From that veritable no-plant's land of dry, barren ground between sidewalk and foundation to lofty rooftop patios miles away from a convenient water source, there's sure to be a succulent suitable for nearly any garden environment. In this introductory guide to more than 60 genera and hundreds of species and cultivars, Cave showcases succulents' diverse forms, dramatic colors, and desirable characteristics. Starting with an overview of cultural requirements, propagation basics, and pest and disease controls, Cave goes

on to profile the most popular succulents from adenia to yucca. Aimed at both the beginning gardener and the connoisseur, Cave's straightforward text is augmented by more than 350 striking color photographs that vividly depict the versatility of this often overlooked and underutilized plant category. Carol HaggasCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

Detailed, easy-to-follow cultivation information. . . . This book is a winner, and it's fun to thumb through. -- Lisa Van Cleef, San Francisco Chronicle, January 15, 2003

Helpful book with good photos.

This book is an extensive collection of nice pictures of over 350 different succulents. They are arranged in scientific name order. However the descriptions for each entry are just text describing the plant. There is not even basic information like the hardiness zone so you will know if the one you like will survive your winter. The text does not directly reference the picture location so you have to find the picture key somewhere on each page ("This page, left to right ..."). The index is really just a table of contents - common names are listed under the scientific name instead of having a separate entry ("Purple Emperor" is indexed as "Sedum, Purple Emperor"). Get this for the pictures then get The American Horticultural Society "A-Z Encyclopedia of Garden Plants" for the reference data.

very colorful and different ideas for those who enjoy succulents. great addition to my library for types and care of succulents.

Lots of beautiful pictures and detailed information about a variety of succulents. Would make a great gift for the succulent gardener.

I had checked this book out of the library and was so impressed with the beautiful art I asked for this book for Christmas.

Easy to understand and very easy to apply info to my garden. Learned a lot about succulents.

I've got the book here, from the library, I want to purchase it, however, is stated that the hardcover version goes for \$57.00 is totally erroneous - I'm looking at the price inside the jacket and its \$29.95 - soooooo none of the "used" book are such a great deal here are they? As a review on the book -

this is EXACTLY what I've been looking for, I'm a landscape designer, and I want to learn as many of these as possible, and with the incredible photos here its very helpful and easy to flip to the ones I need to find - great having them alphabetically, a really easy to use reference manual, which is why I want it, but I think I'm gonna take my discount at Barnes and Noble and buy it new, I can only save maybe \$1.00 here buying it used - doesn't make sense at all. I highly recommend getting this book wherever you can though!

Noted New Zealand garden photographer Yvonne Cave has done it again, with this extraordinarily beautiful book. There's something here for everyone, from novice to expert, from the familiar Desert Rose and Yucca to the exotic Lithops, which look like stones, or the "Bronze Sculpture" Kalanchoe. The stunning photos are accompanied by identifying text with basic cultivation information for hundreds of species. Those particularly interested in tropical succulents will find additional information in *Tropical Ornamentals : A Guide*, as well as in *Ornamental Plants & Flowers of Tropical Mexico*.

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