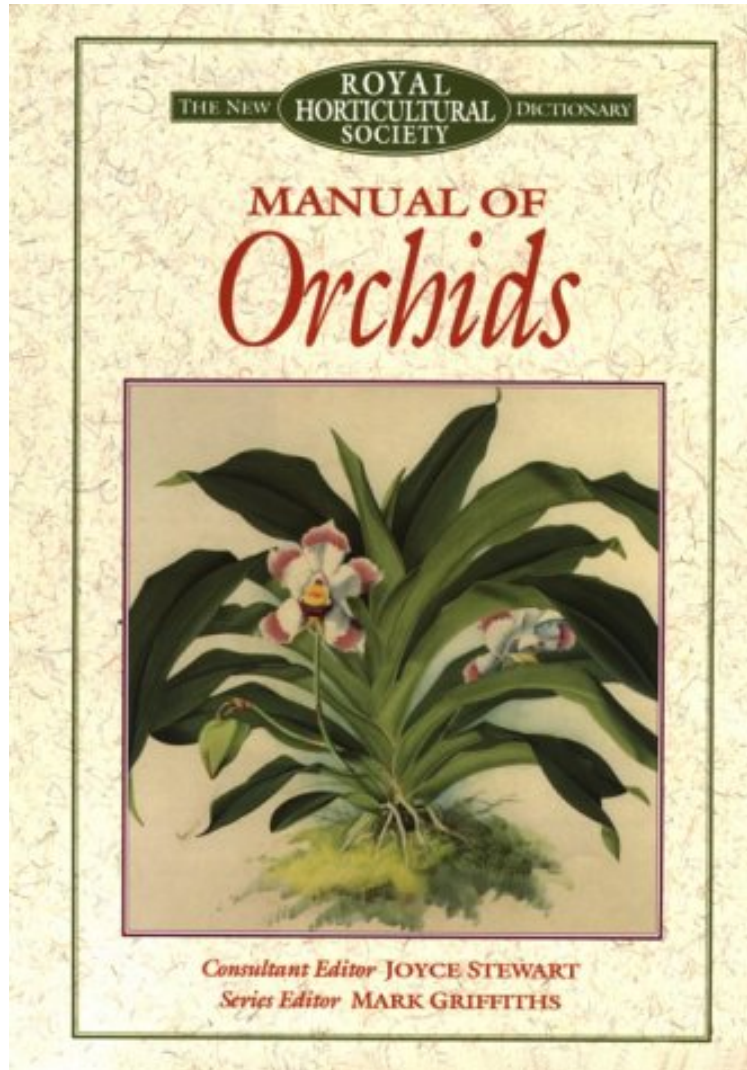


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By Andrew Lynch
I'm fairly new to orchid zealotry (about 3 years), mostly as a result of friends dumping their distressed plants on me because of my inexplicable success bringing neglected orchids back to health and happiness. I've branched out from safe orchids like paphs and phals to neofinetias, laelias, blc's, zygos, oncidiums, dendrobiums, and burragearas. Because I receive so many plants in their non-flowering state, it is practically impossible for me to determine certain species, particularly if they are

hybrids. And because of my ignorance, I am sometimes unable to determine even simple species. The Manual of Orchids helps me with the aforementioned problems by doing something that no other orchid book I've seen does: provide illustrations of the ENTIRE plant. Most books focus on zoom photos of the blooms at their peak. You almost never see orchid books that take the care to photograph the blooms within the context of the entire plant. Seeing the entire plant helps us newbies understand total plant anatomy, rather than focusing solely on flowers (which is, to be honest, like expecting someone to understand homo sapiens anatomy based solely on photos of the human face!). The bibliography of the 1995 edition I borrowed from the library cites 7 sources for illustrations. All of them are excellent. I'm eager to see how the edition listed above improves with the addition of nearly 50 pages. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Customer I am very happy with the book. I hope to use it for a long time. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Alexey V. F. Ch. Bobrov Thank you!

This is the most complete guide to cultivated orchids currently available. A summary of each genus, with cultural information, is followed by descriptions of the species.

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