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George H. Schenk : Moss Gardening: Including Lichens, Liverworts and Other Miniatures before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Moss Gardening: Including Lichens, Liverworts and Other Miniatures:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Ode to Moss...and other overlooked plants By fatal_degree An entertaining and well organized book. I found it to be more of an admiration of moss and lichens than a definitive guide to collecting and growing them. But I am not disappointed with the book. There is a great deal of information about where mosses grow, what conditions they prefer, why your rock won't grow moss, etc. There are a great deal of pictures that balance the text out well. Most plants are referred to in the Latin, which I appreciate very much. There is about half the book that does address growing moss and to a lesser extent lichen. Not species specific info, more generalities and techniques with some troubleshooting and DON'Ts. He addresses things like transporting mosses across state or country lines. Gives ideas for different containers or uses to consider. There is a nice section on Bonsai mosses....both used with Bonsai trees and featuring moss as Bonsai itself, in mame size. Or growing displaying moss and lichen on rock or branches, arranged in a Bonsai pot. I was looking for something that was a bit more field guide crossed with cultivation information specific to each variety. This was not what I was looking for, but it is an excellent

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A delightful book that encourages gardeners to pay closer attention to the subtle beauty of miniature landscapes and introduces one of the glories of Japanese gardens into American designs. The author writes entertainingly of mosses on rocks and walls, in containers, and as a lush ground cover, and he presents a gallery of his favorite moss species.

From BooklistSchenk, author of three other horticultural books, points out that traces of moss have been found in 400-million-year-old fossils. There are 15,000 living moss species, 1,200 of them in North America. Schenk defines the varieties of moss plants and follows with chapters on moss gardens in Japan (a garden in Kyoto was designed in the fourteenth century) and on gardens in Europe and North America. There are chapters on mossy rocks, moss carpets, alpine gardens, growing moss in containers, and the use of moss as ground covers beneath bonsai trees. Schenk lists approximatety 60 plants alphabetically by genus, with advice on propagating, cultivating, and transplanting. Includes 97 color photographs. 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Almost 100 color photos will surely inspire any novice and experienced moss gardener. -- George Graine "Virginia Master Gardeners Association Report" (07/12/2003)"Moss Gardening, Including Lichens, Liverworts, and Other Miniatures" helps to sort out the often confusing differences between these wonderful plants and offers fresh perspectives to garden design with the use of these ancient plants. -- Anne Kivari "Into the Garden" (01/10/2000)If you are struggling with moss in your lawn and trying to decide which way to go, grass or moss, read this book. It teaches you how to propagate, cultivate, and transplant mosses. Whether you're a botanist or amateur this book is a pleasurable and witty read. -- Naomi Buckman "Conway Daily Sun" (07/13/2001)The main problem that I have when I come upon a good book dealing with plants that I didn't know previously in detail, is that I am tempted to grow such plants. 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About the AuthorA former nurseryman and landscaper, George Schenk retired from business to pursue his related passions of designing and planting gardens and writing about them. He splits his time between gardens and residences in Seattle, North Vancouver, Auckland, and Manila. He is a specialist in the sculpture of the tribes of the Philippine Cordillera and is active in the effort to preserve their cultural heritage. Schenk is the author of several magazine articles and books. His book Moss Gardening won the Book Award of the American Horticultural Society; his The Complete Shade Gardener has been recognized by the society as one of America's seventy-five "Great American Garden Books."