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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. All in all well done. By Francesco Zezza Must admit I got this CD for the sake of curiosity (just surfed in Philippe Faucon's WebSite by chance) than I have to thank Mr. Faucon itself in helping me to buy this CD (I happen to live in Italy and, in the beginning, I missed some details on shipping which led me quite close to refrain from buying; then I wrote Mr Faucon an E-Mail and everything got clear). This said I'll carry on adding I'm neither a scientist nor a taxonomist, but all the same I happen to have books like Rowley's "bible" on succulents on my bookshelf, and I'll finish admitting I've enjoyed this CD. There are a lot of pics in the layout, but I found interesting all information on watering, temp range, propagation and alike. Often plants freely available in the hobby are sold "as is" (aka: without any information on "field numbers" and alike, and possibly hybridized either on purpose or not! hence I feel no need to go that deep in taxonomic detail) and my interest in taxonomy stops once I get, hopefully clear, what is (genus) that given plant (I'm aware there are species, cultivar, colour morph and ... many many more steps to go further) belong to. Furthermore the, continuously, changing taxonomy of these plants is NOT - to me - the main goal of this CD. Much more important, to me, is the well being of the plants (and of cichlids (fishes), carnivore plants and many more I happen to have) I keep. I found, on the matter, useful info/tips/hints on this CD. I feel the above points should urge anyone who is interested in a sort of "quick reference tool" on Cacti and succulents to buy this CD. 12 of 14 people found the following review helpful. I want my money back! :((By Eric S.... I must say that you won't need this in your collection. Regardless of what it said on the CD cover, it doesn't contain any practical information on how to grow, maintain propagate cacti succulents. The more I browse through this CD, the more I

become very upset. What this CD offers are just collections of names and pictures of cacti and succulents. You'll see tons of names-common and scientific. Once you click on those, you'll see pictures with some 2-4 sentences mentioned about that particular plant. In the end, there is a section containing articles devoted to nurseries, propagation, temperature zones and the desert garden. Those articles are just really short and non-descriptive. There's small article verbally mentioning how to propagate succulents. Give 1 reference for further study. There're some pictures of baby cacti just grown from the seeds. But there're no pictures of how to perform such procedure step-wise. Why didn't the author just summarize in details what's relevant and important message in that reference so the readers won't have to be left in the dark and need to hunt or buy more books??? I just couldn't agree more with one of the reviewers of how bad the quality of the pictures is. They are just plain collection of bad, bad pictures! I didn't learn anything new more than what I know before. Sometimes, `quality' is what I'm looking for. Not the `quantity'. If you try to identify one of your cacti or succulents you have at home using this CD, chances are you will end up browsing thru tons and tons of pictures before you find the exact match. I would recommend readers to buy books on cacti and succulents. ...4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A monumental work, a real encyclopedia !By Horia DucaThis is a real encyclopedia, with the clear purpose of offering quick acces to organized information. Of course that in this huge process of gathering, selection, organizing and editing such amount of data, small imperfections can occur. Not all the pictures are "laboratory-type" ones, this is mostly because they have been taken in field, thus offering a real view of these plants in the wild. I found many beautiful pictures perfectly suitable to be used as wallpapers or screensavers! It also offers an excellent ratio : cost/amount of information compared with a book, even if the quality of the pictures in a book could be better. So, i find it an excellent tool for identification, classification and guideing. A work to be appreciated !

This CDROM features around 1600 species of Cactus, Succulents, and Caudiciforms. It contains over 4000 pictures, a large number of the pictures are 1024x768 pixels in size. Many of the plants flowers are illustrated to facilitate identification. The large list of synonyms allows the reader to correlate the data on old books, new books, nurseries, and the Internet The individual page for each of the species contains growing information, like watering, cold and heat resistance, and propagation