

Gardening in the Tropics

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R.E. and Enoch, Ivan Holttum : Gardening in the Tropics before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Gardening in the Tropics:

17 of 17 people found the following review helpful. Tropical Gardeners' BibleBy Renee ThorpeWritten for Malaysia, this book skimps on very little when it comes to tropical gardening. Writer acknowledges that Malaysia's seasons (Hot/Wet and Hot/Very Wet) are not necessarily the same as, say, Indonesia's or Hawaii's. Therefore, the section on cacti and succulents is a bit scant. And I wished for a little more variety in palms. What nearly makes up for this is the completeness of all the other categories... shrubs, flowering plants, foliage plants, water plants, so on. Amazing detail is given for each plant and, often, its variations. Holtum can always be relied upon to comment on, say, a plant's success at high altitude or near the sea. Lots of suggestions for how a plant should be used in relation to other species or what size garden it requires. But no landscaping sketches... this is all imparted through the text and sometimes photos. With each listing, the reader will be able to learn rates of growth, most appropriate methods of propagation, etc. Photos excellent but not always inserted RIGHT next to the appropriate text, and sometimes a plant is listed/written about in more than one place (without any good note to this fact). All in all, though, it's a useful reference book without extraneous chit chat. Bonus for Indonesia and Malaysia: along with plants' common English name and Latin name, we get the Malay name (usually same as Indonesian). Extremely useful for dealing with local suppliers. I have been very happy with this huge and generally well organized book. None of the gorgeous looking Periplus or smaller tropical plant books come close to the usefulness of this book. 75 of 76 people found the following

review helpful. A wealth of information for gardeners in the tropicsBy Ravi TewariFinally a book about tropical plants for people living in the tropics. The main focus is on ornamental plants, however there are also informative sections on fruits, vegetables and garden care. The information is detailed, practical and, as I have discovered, accurate. In my opinion the style is very easy to read. The many photographs are invaluable for selecting appropriate plants. Originally the book was written for Malaysia and Singapore. However, my experience has been that the advice is also appropriate for Caribbean conditions.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. inspirationalBy Pierce GeretyComprehensive - good to have volume. Could have some more detail in places but given the huge scope of the subject it is very nice. Gives reader many ideas on species and gardening plans. Old schoold writing style and layout.Useful for those gardening in tropical climes.

An enormous encyclopedia of tropical gardening that will be of interest not only to gardeners in tropical and subtropical areas but also to greenhouse enthusiasts everywhere. Included are detailed, illustrated listings of herbaceous plants, shrubs and climbers, trees and palms, foliage plants, and orchids. Although written specifically for the tropical climate of Malaysia, the book is also useful for the less steamy conditions of Hawaii, south Florida, and southern California.

"This book was originally written for the Malaysian gardener, which gives it a unique cachet as it allows the reader to get tips and tricks from across the globe."--American Homeowner Magazine, September 17, 2001