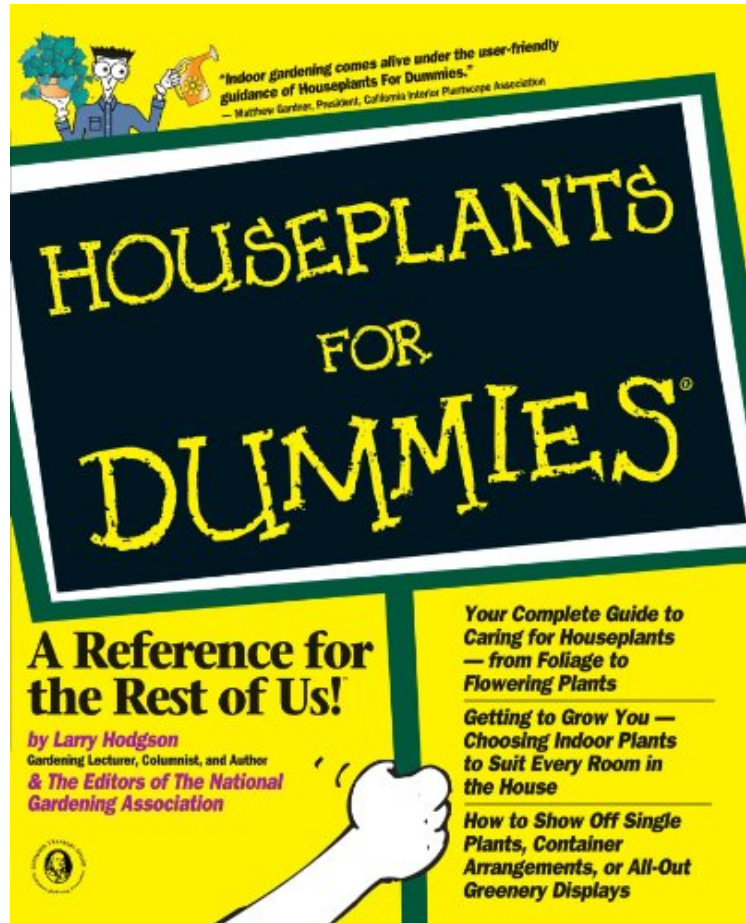


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from the plant and, when hatched, can jump from plant to plant. I also found out that what I had thought was just a problem with dust was in fact mildew, another potentially devastating disease. My plants are now all very happy. I have hard water in my area and found out about the need to use vinegar and water to "rinse" the salt from the soil in hard water situations. I've also always suspected that the tags that come with plants are bogus and this book explains exactly why. I was so surprised about this book to tell you the truth. I got it from the library to see if I could figure out the above problems then had to buy the book. I have other books that have all the "pretty pictures" but they are typically useless. I'd rather have a book that was informative and accurate. If you want to keep your plant healthy and happy for the length of its natural life, this book is among the ones to add to your shelf. If you want a book for plant identification then either get a Peterson Guide (all very good) or do a google image search with "tropical plants" or "flowering indoor plants", etc. I do that when looking up new varieties of herbs, medicinal weeds and other plants. Find the name then use a book, not all websites are good information. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Super helpful By Laura Redcloud Really useful for a newbie to houseplants. Lots of clear, helpful advice on houseplant care basics, including light, watering, fertilizer, temperature, humidity, etc. A lot of common houseplants were included by name, but sections on specific plants were a little too perfunctory to be very useful. If you want a lot of in-depth information on a particular plant, this isn't the book for you. However, I found that information on specific plants is easy to find on the internet, but the general knowledge that houseplant fanatics take for granted was harder for me to find, and that information was laid out nicely in this book.

Looking to bring some outside greenery indoors? Maybe you already have an indoor garden and are looking to create a botanical jungle. Whatever the case may be, houseplants are an ideal inexpensive way to beautify your dwelling. You'll be rewarded with purer air and you're sure to enjoy watching your plant sprout, climb, and even flower. Of course, before you start working on crafting a greenhouse, you need to know what kinds of plants you can grow in your home and which plants are best suited to your taste and style. Houseplants For Dummies introduces dozens of different foliage plants, flowering plants, cacti, and exotic varieties. Your green thumb is sure to get even greener once you've read about: Houseplant basics Identifying indoor microclimates Indoor plant biographies Differentiating between direct, indirect, and low light Watering needs Rules of fertilizing Temperature and growing cycles Houseplants For Dummies is packed with houseplant growing techniques, tips, tricks, and even goes the extra mile with a chapter devoted to the various ways you can display houseplants if you're looking for some bragging rights! Whether you're new to the world of houseplant basics or you're a seasoned gardener, you'll get the inside dirt on topics such as: Various potting soil mixes Preparing plants for indoor life Cleaning, pruning, and staking Propagating houseplants Dealing with pests and diseases Building your own controlled climate And much more The material is arranged into six clear and helpful sections: houseplant basics, houseplant profiles, growing essentials, potted plant maintenance, houseplant settings, and valuable ideas each section helping you create your own indoor forest. Even if you're convinced you have a black thumb, Houseplants For Dummies will have you living among the green in no time!

"Perennials for Every Purpose is the next best thing to having a friendly expert whispering in your ear as you plan, plant, and perfect your perennial garden. This book is a treasure." "The book is packed with lots of useful information for the beginning gardener, and it's a great refresher for the experienced gardener as well. Perennials for Every Purpose is certainly a welcome addition to my perennials library." "From the Back Cover" Indoor gardening comes alive under the user-friendly guidance of Houseplants For Dummies." Matthew Gardener, President, California Interior Plantscape Association Hundreds of houseplant profiles help you pick the right plants Turn your home into a "green" house Make any and every room healthier and more attractive with houseplants! In this indispensable indoor gardeners companion, you'll get the dirt on selecting healthy plants and keeping them lush even if you're convinced you have a black thumb! This guide is just what you need to transform your home into a leafy green paradise. The Dummies Way Explanations in plain English "Get in, get out" information Icons and other navigational aids Tear-out cheat sheet Top ten lists A dash of humor and fun Discover how to: Select plants that are best for you Choose pots and potting soil Give plants the right amount of water and light Fertilize plants and protect them from pests Get plants to propagate About the Author Larry Hodgson lectures widely, writes for many gardening magazines, and is the author or coauthor of over fifteen gardening books. The National Gardening Association is America's largest nonprofit gardening organization.