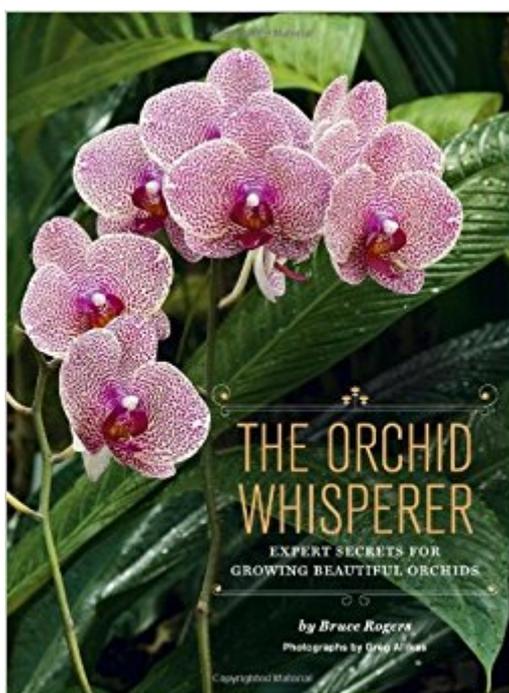


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# The Orchid Whisperer: Expert Secrets For Growing Beautiful Orchids



## Synopsis

Orchids can bloom year after year. In this essential guide, Bruce Rogers, "The Orchid Whisperer", shares his expert tips from more than three decades of breeding and growing orchids. The book demystifies the growing process and features more than 100 lush color photographs of breathtaking plants. Best of all, it reveals professional secrets not found anywhere else for blooming, repotting, spotting hazards and pests, grooming, decorating, and much more. Perfect for beginners as well as orchid experts looking for new tricks, The Orchid Whisperer provides everything readers need to know to keep healthy orchids that will flower again and again!

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This is a gorgeous full-color book that is perfect for beginners. The color photos and illustrations also make this a good book to leave on the coffee table. What you will get: 1) how to select healthy orchids and where to buy them (and orchid scams to look out for) 2) orchid anatomy 3) summary of potting mediums and types of pots 4) mounting vs. potting 5) care for the most popular orchids 6) "must have" supplies for starting your orchid plant 7) tips for decorating with orchids 8) how to pot/re-pot orchids what it doesn't have/ what would have helped the book be more "all inclusive": 1) specific instructions for differentiating between healthy roots versus dead roots for various genera of orchids when you are potting new orchids. Most times, whether your first orchid is a moth orchid from Trader Joe or an expensive Paphiopedilum (Lady's Slipper) from a specialized nursery, you will likely have to cut away dead roots when you bring them home and need to pot them. Rogers doesn't go into this "delicate orchid surgery" 2) orchid triage on sick orchids including techniques like "sphag" and bag--he does mention this technique for getting moisture to orchids that are drying out--but

didn't mention that you can also do this for "dying" orchids (where you need to severely cut back roots to stop root rot and need to root it in sphagnum moss after having dipped the remaining roots in root hormone, you "bag" it to increase moisture until the orchid stabilizes)<sup>3</sup>) provides only a few types of potting medium: fir or redwood, orchid bark, perlite blend, sphagnum moss.

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