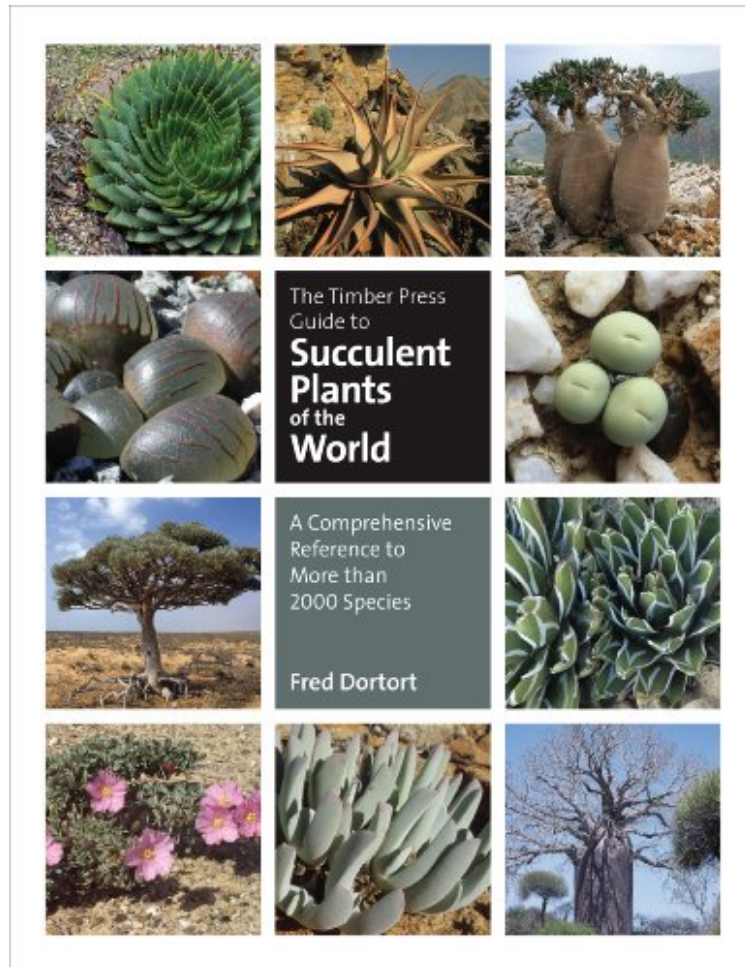


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33 of 33 people found the following review helpful. This is a handsomely produced volume which, alas, ...By E.J. DisfarmerThis is a handsomely produced volume which, alas, will be of limited practical usefulness for the home gardener, or even for the reasonably informed succulent enthusiast.The jacket states that it contains "detailed descriptions of more than 2000 plants" and "more than 750 photographs", which is one of the main problems: more than half of the species mentioned are not illustrated, and since those mentions are usually unaccompanied by more

detailed information they're not very helpful in identifying particular species. And while it's interesting to see many of these plants photographed in their natural habitat, the small size and often cluttered nature of the photographs makes identifying particular species difficult - to say nothing of the fact that many of the species photographed in situ are ones that the average succulent enthusiast are unlikely to encounter at a nursery or botanic garden. What practical information there is overwhelmingly directed at the Californian gardener (which comes as no surprise since the author is based in the Bay Area) and will be of very limited usefulness for those living elsewhere. Overall, the book feels too specific in some areas (taxonomies, geographic descriptions) and not specific enough in others (practical knowledge for home gardeners, particular differences between species), so it's difficult to understand who it's intended for. I consider myself an "advanced amateur" when it comes to succulents, and it wasn't for me.

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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. For people who are studying succulents By Christine Villarino I bought the book because I am very much interested how to improve my part of the desert. The author was able to travel the world over and observe succulents in native stands. I do recommend this book for students and people who have a yen for succulents. I have a high respect for these plants because they must survive in the most harshest environments and when they get sufficient moisture they put on an awesome display of colorful flowers. Living in the desert I need plant that are survivors, the book gives me some ideas which succulents will make it. Great book for students who study such plants.

The plants are organized into 28 intuitively logical groups, such as succulent euphorbias, mesembryanthemums, bulbs, succulent trees, aloes, agaves, and haworthias. Each entry includes information on the plant's native habitat, its cultivation requirements, and its horticultural potential. As useful to novice growers as to collectors and those with an existing interest in succulents, this will be the standard reference for years to come.

From Booklist Cactus and succulent expert Dortort, a lecturer at the University of California Botanical Garden, has assembled an attractive and user-friendly guide to succulent plants. The book begins with overview chapters on succulents in nature and in cultivation. Subsequent chapters, organized by family and genus, contain an overview of the families and then move into essays on individual species. More than 2,000 succulents are featured, with descriptions, climate information, trivia, and a note on similar plants, if any. There are 750 full-color photographs of plants, most in their natural habitats. Each entry includes information on the plants native habitat and its cultivation requirements. Both familiar species and more exotic varieties are showcased. In the final chapter, Dortort covers odds and ends plants not normally known as succulents, such as begonias and philodendrons. A genera-specific reading list is offered, for those seeking further information. Novice plant enthusiasts and those who are already well familiar with succulents will appreciate this comprehensive and accessible volume. Recommended for all public and academic libraries, particularly those with strong gardening or plant collections. --Rebecca Vnuk A book like this is as restorative as a three-week vacation, minus the hassles with airplanes. The New York Times Sure to be valuable for botanists and gardening enthusiasts. Library Journal Comprehensive and accessible volume. . . . Recommended for all. Booklist A fascinating compendium and homage to succulence, amply repaying exploration to both expert or experienced novice who thirsts to know more. The Garden A great companion book for beginners as well as avid collectors of these fabulous plants. Detroit News Youll learn about more than 2,000 succulents, their natural history, and how to enjoy them in your garden or in your home. Halifax Chronicle Herald A new reference for newbie fans and avid collectors. San Diego Home and Lifestyle Gardens Without question, the best contemporary presentation of this vast group of plants that are primarily from southern Africa and Mexico. The Desert Sun