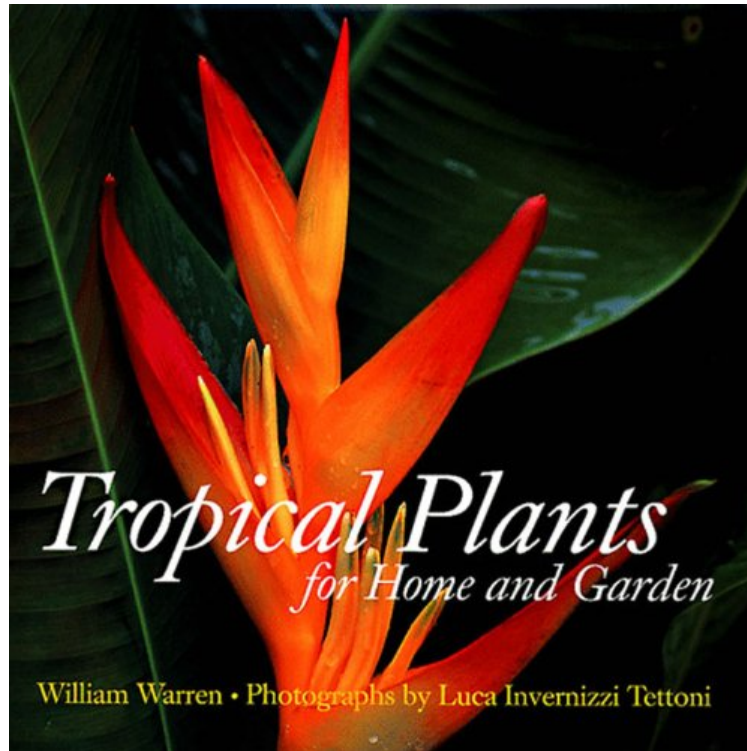


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A very useful reference book.By heliconiaTropical Plants for Home and Garden by William Warren is a beautifully done coffee table/reference book on many of the more commonly grown plants in the tropics. The paperback version is my second copy--having purchased the hardback edition a year ago. There is not a lot of cultural information given on the plants--it is a book devoted to plants, not a book on tropical gardening. Luca Invernizzi Tettoni's photographs, however, are vivid and very helpful in identification of the species. I am a writer of garden books, as well as the executive director of a tropical botanical garden, so I am very familiar with the plants in this book. I would recommend "Tropical Plants for Home and Garden" to anyone who gardens in Zones 10-11. Even those who live "up north" would enjoy it as a "tropical getaway".No one book is perfect, but we have many of William Warren's books on tropical plants/gardens in our reference library, and I have found all of them to be well written and to the point.35 of 36 people found the following review helpful. Showy Book Loses Stars for Imbalance, Lack of VarietyBy Renee ThorpeNeither a good specimen guide nor glamorous coffee table showpiece, this nonetheless fills a gap in my growing library of tropical gardening books. It could be a nice introduction to tropical plants, but anyone who wants to actually garden with tropical specimens would be better served by other books, perhaps best of all, Gardening in the Tropics, ISBN: 0881923095 .As one reviewer points out, there are several silly mistakes. It is telling that the publisher is known for style design books. It needed an editor with a little more

botanical savvy. The format is clear and attractive, with huge photos and a little, nicely written text for each. The content is somewhat inconsistent. While many photographs are clear and nicely illustrative of the whole plant, some specimens are photographed in a massive mixed border some distance away. Identification, therefore, can be very frustrating. For every delight (there are, indeed, many gorgeous photos), there is a disappointment. Nomenclature seemed inconsistent, and local names (Indonesia, Malaysia, etc) could have been supplied by these contributors who spend much of their time in southeast Asia. There is no practical advice for a gardener (beyond the occasional note about something tolerating dry conditions or some such), but book doesn't pretend to be a guide book. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Crisp, Clear, Pictures but.....By BamboochikI found little imagination or "thrills" in the book. Just pictures of plants, mostly closeup. I guess it's my own fault for wanting to see more "gardens" instead of just single plants. I think the title would have been more appropriate if it just said, "Tropical Plants", period. The title made you think you would see all of them in garden settings and that was not the majority of the case at all.

By the author and photographer of "The Tropical Garden", this volume presents flowers and plants native to the tropical areas of the world - plants which are now also cultivated in Europe and America. The book is divided into sections on flowering shrubs and annuals, foliage plants, ornamental trees, ornamental vines and creepers, palms, exotics, water plants, ground covers and ferns and orchids. The author's knowledge of the varieties suitable for cultivation have informed the selection for the book which serves as a guide, an aid to identification and a horticultural survey. The photographs show the plants and flowers in close-up and in garden settings.

Striking color photographs as well as straightforward text. -- Country Living About the Author William Warren is well known as a garden expert in Bangkok, where he has lived for many years; his familiarity with plants that flourish in hot climates extends to Singapore, Malaysia, Burma, Indonesia, and the Hawaiian Islands. He also has detailed knowledge of the tropical varieties that are suitable for cultivation in the United States, Europe, and other nontropical areas. Luca Invernizzi Tettoni is one of the world's leading photographers of gardens and their plants.