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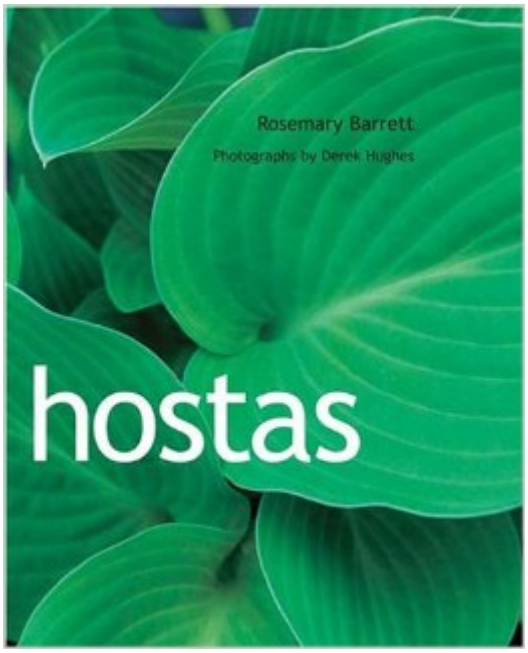

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Synopsis

Hostas is the definitive guide to the popular hardy perennial that gardeners have come to rely upon and enjoy. Favored for their beauty and longevity, these shade-loving, low-maintenance plants bear foliage in all manner of shape, size and texture and in colors ranging from steel blue, tonal greens and yellows to multi-colored. Their long-blooming, aromatic flowers come in variations of white, pale lavender and blue-purple. The growing season for hostas stretches from early spring to late fall, and they flourish in Zone 3 -- most of the continental United States as well as populated areas of Canada and Alaska. Rosemary Barrett provides expert advice on these outstanding plants. Following a brief section on the history of hostas, she covers the various cultivars in fine detail, with topics that include: Cultivation Enhancing a garden Propagation Container-growing Landscaping Plant and tree companions Borders and beds A catalog of hostas Garden settings. Featuring lush color photographs throughout, Hostas is ideal for gardeners at all levels of expertise.

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Customer Reviews

It was a pleasure to read this book and worthwhile. However I am a person looking for more of a book that doesn’t put it all on the line. She states in the book on pg. 27 that she does not like to write about pest and diseases however she does imparts some useful information for the novice hosta grower, but not nearly enough for an enthusiast. This is a good little book for the half hearted gardener. This is certainly not a book to hold as any type of real reference material.

’Hostas’ by Rosemary Barrett is well written, thoroughly researched and a pleasure to read. The

photographs are first-rate and will inspire anyone who is landscaping in the shade. The reference sections of the book seems very thorough - although I am no expert! This is a book that can truly be judged by its cover: well designed, well-produced and beautifully presented.

Excelent book for the average gardener. This book concentrates on using Hosta’s in the garden with other plants. Gives lots of suggestions in choosing color and texture to add interest and accent other plants as well as showing hosta’s to their fullest potential. Also covers how hosta’s grow, dividing, planting and hosta care disease and prevention. Wonderful color photo’s.

This is an outstanding book on hostas and the many varieties of hostas there are. Some hostas will take full sun, some take dappled shade. After reading this book I want to add to my small collection of hostas. The author tells you where to put different varieties and how to put hostas of different colors together. Also the author has examples of flowers and shrubs that go well with hostas. This is a real good book on hostas and it will get your mind to working on the next hosta to buy and add to your garden. Get this jewel and happy reading!

Rosemary Barrett has her own beautiful way of writing about hostas.It’s a fun to read book with endless ideas about how to use hostas in the landscape.A true gardening book. Plus plenty of first-class crisp, color pictures, of whole gardens and of individual hostas.Most inspiring.

Many years after planting hostas and adding to the gardens yearly, we found ourselves asking "Which is that one?"and "Which is this one?" Thanks to "Hostas" we have found the answers to those questions. Now our hostas are properly tagged!

I grow hostas for many years. I collected most of hosta books. This book is a real treasure. It was written in a rather informal style. But it was written by a person who grows hostas in her own garden. So, she knows all about hostas from her own experience. This way, while reading this book, I have a feeling like discussing with a friend our gardening experiences.I wish this book could be published again with updated information about new cultivars, etc.

Previous reviews of this book proved accurate for me. I wanted basic introductory info on hostas but also color photos and more in-depth info for later. Many varieties shown and discussed. I like that the writer indicated her preferences, so that the reader knows where she’s coming from.

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