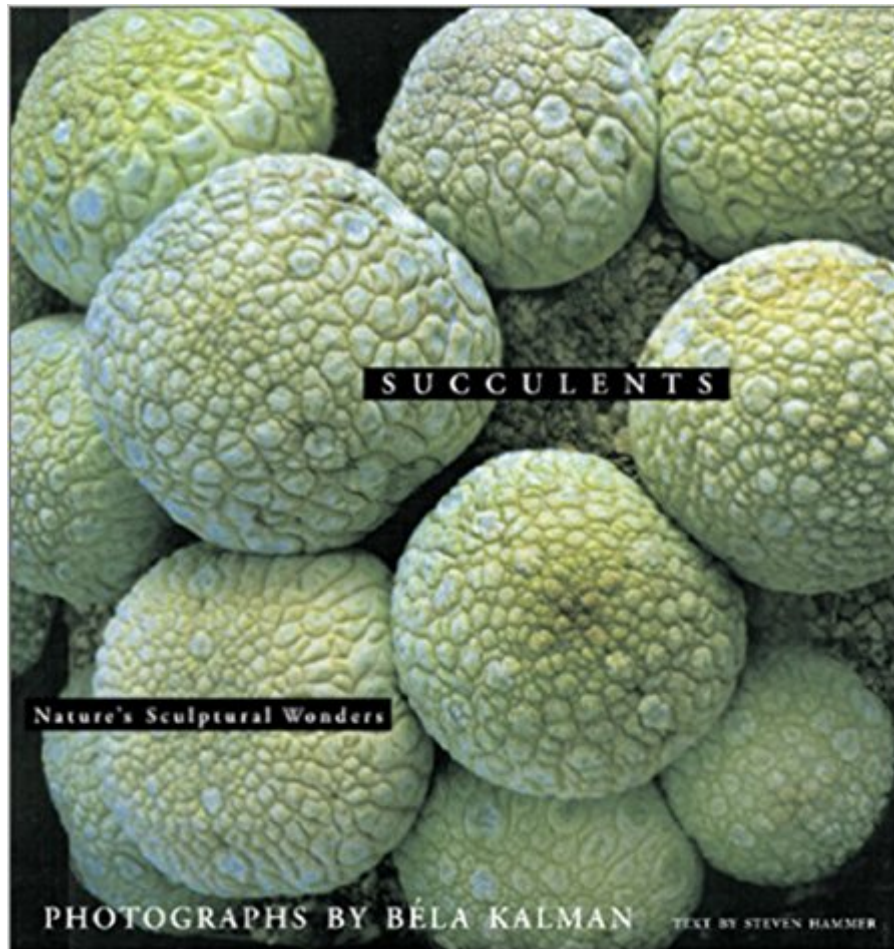




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Succulents: Nature's Sculptural Wonders



Synopsis

Turning his exceptional eye to some of nature's most unique creations, acclaimed photographer Bela Kalman has created in *Succulents* a photographic work that is at once striking, otherworldly, surprising, virtually three-dimensional, and nothing short of spectacular. Every photograph in this dynamic book is set against a rich black background, which captures the many textural, sensual, and sculptural qualities of these unusual plants. The variety is staggering: some look like golf balls lightly dusted with moss, and some resemble an Art Deco skyscraper; some have antlerlike growths, while others could pass for a plate of fresh spinach linguine or a model of a spacecraft from another planet. Their vernacular names are no less colorful: Greater Dumplin', Baby Toes, Mexican Old-Man, Brain Cactus, Tiger Chaps, and Cats Jaw. With an introduction and witty, informative captions by noted succulent authority Steven Hammer, *Succulents* not only identifies each of the 120 exotic plants within, but also reveals their unique characteristics and intriguing artfulness.

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Customer Reviews

Bela Kalman's highly acclaimed work is represented in numerous museum collections and has been published in many magazines and books. His groundbreaking work in *Flowers and Rare Orchids* captured our imagination and provided new perspectives on flowering plants. Text by Steven Hammer.

Want to learn new things about succulents? Look elsewhere. Want to see stunning pictures of succulents? This is the book for you. A fun coffee table book, though. Oh--and the printing isn't horrible or anything, but I was expecting majorly high-quality printing, super sharp, glossy photos, etc. The printing isn't terrible or anything, but it's not near the best quality I've ever seen. Still, a great buy for a succulent aficionado like yours truly if you can find it in the \$20 range.

I love succulents. That being said, I was very excited when I found a book of photography based upon these fascinating plants. I was a bit disappointed that most of the photos are of lithops or living stones though, since I think there are some other spectacular geometries of succulents out there. Photos lay upon a black background which sets colors off nicely. Also some text on each spread describing the photo. A nice coffee table book.

Photography was amazing

Excellent book, very good price, quick shipping! AAA

Did not even expect how great this book is. Breathtaking pictures. Well done. Thanks to author. Amazing. I would recommend this book to every body.

This book is a wonder in itself. I have bought a copy in South Africa. Now the book is not available anymore. What a pity!!!!!! The photographer did excellent work. The book design is mainly with black background pages, which form the best frames for these exquisite photos. It is a visual feast!!!!!! The best I have EVER SEEN!!!!!!

This wasn't exactly the type of book I was looking for (I wanted a "how to" type), but I have to give it five stars for what it is. The photography is amazing! If you know someone who enjoys growing succulents, this would make a great gift.

There's photography, and then there's art. This book is a work of art. The sleek, simple design perfectly complements the perfect images. Never before have I seen nature captured in a collection as sophisticated as this.

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