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Customer Reviews

• "Everything you have ever needed to know on the subject." • Daily Telegraph
• "The House Plant Expert is informative and excellent value." • The Guardian

Dr Hessayon is the world's best-selling horticultural author - his Expert series of gardening books have sold over 53 million copies. He has been honoured by Queen Elizabeth who created him an Officer of the Order of the British Empire for services to British horticulture. He has been honoured by a leading newspaper which included him in its list of 60 Truly Great Elizabethans because "he has taught millions of us how to garden with his wonderful do-it-yourself guides". He has been honoured by Guinness World Records as the top-selling living author of the 1990s. He has been honoured at the National British Book Awards with the first-ever Lifetime Achievement Award. The Expert style is hard to define. According to the Librarian of the Royal Horticultural Society "Dr Hessayon perfected a manner of presentation which has yet to be surpassed for clarity, intelligibility and ease of access". According to The Times "he invented a formula of clear, uncluttered advice and illustrations with a superbly logical layout". There are 21 Expert titles in the series which have been enjoyed by gardeners all round the world. The House Plant Expert has now passed sales of one million copies in both the U.S and Russia.

I am not sure if this book really is the best-selling book in the world on houseplants, but it is certainly one of the best written and most inclusive and informative. Dr. Hessayon has sold over 1 million books on houseplants and it is easy to see why. The book is thoughtfully arranged and the section that identifies individual species of plants with pictures, care instructions and other tips. This section contains light and watering requirements for each plant along with other information such as dormancy periods and preferences. Nearly every question one could ask appears on these pages, yet they never seem cluttered or over-bloated. The pages are just the right size for a reference book, although I found myself reading the book like a novel. Perhaps that is the secret to Dr. Hessayon's success. This book has been published in several editions, and there is a Part 2 that was released that I am eager to get a look at. It is hard to imagine that he left anything out of this book. He thoughtfully devoted several chapters to creating the best media and environment for houseplants, identification and remedies of certain diseases and treatment and prevention of insects. There is also an informative and well-illustrated chapter on how to propagate most plants from seeds, splicing, cuttings and grafting. To summarize, this book is a must-have for anyone who wants to learn about or raise house plants. It stands head and shoulders above others that try to imitate it. In addition to Part Two of The Houseplant Expert, Dr. Hessayon has also authored The New Fruit Expert, The Indoor Plant and Flower Expert, The Vegetable & Herb Expert, The Complete Garden Expert, The Rock and Water Garden Expert, The Garden DIY Expert, The Garden to Kitchen Expert, The Bedside Book of the Garden, The Expert Vegetable Notebook, The Flower Expert, The Indoor Plant and Flower Expert, The Flower Arrangement Expert, The Bulb Expert, The Orchid Expert, The Rose Expert, The Flowering Shrub Expert, The Tree and Shrub Expert, The Green Lawn Expert, and The Bedding Plant Expert as well as The Cat Expert and The Dog Expert.

Wonderful information. Learned why over the years, I have lost plants. One thing I learned that I had no clue of was that many plants have a dormancy period. During this time feeding and over watering can kill them. This alone probably saved several of my plants this year. Beautiful pictures and detailed info can help you choose the right plant for your location. Page 8 has a "foolproof" chart and a visual to help with plant placement and lighting in a room.

I really got into houseplants when I was in Germany and I had a wonderful book with all kinds of tips that allowed me to turn my home into a jungle. Well that was over 20 years ago and with all the moves, my bible to growing houseplants was lost. I picked up this book based on the reviews that I

read and imagine my happiness when it was actually an updated version of the book I had all those years ago. Everything that you need to know is within its covers. If there is one thing that I could change about this book would be also including the common names of plants in the descriptions. You can find them listed in the index but you might find listings for a few plants on one page so you have to read through the complete descriptions to find the plant you were looking for. If not for this fact I would be rating this book a 5.

such a colorful book, I enjoy it immensely

I had a version from about 10 years ago - it was falling apart so I ordered a new one. It's one of the most complete plant books I've ever had. The new one has pretty much the same as the original but I still would give it a 5.

I love this book! Has great info on all the houseplants listed, as well as problems and solutions specific to certain plants. I ordered this book just for a fun read, but it's very useful for people with limited houseplant knowledge!! I highly recommend :)

I have quite a few books to help with houseplants, but this is the one that consistently has the information I need. Besides great content, the look of the book is very attractive sort of like the USA Today of plant books -- LOTS of pictures, photographs and charts. It seems that every topic under the sun is covered, from choosing and caring for a wide variety of plants to displaying them in all manner of rooms. Plant care instructions for each species are only about a third of a page but there is a lot of information packed into that space -- a photo, description and temperature, light, water, humidity, repotting and propagation facts. There is also a section about troubles and pests as well as a dictionary and index. An essential resource.

Full of information on hundreds (thousands? - I didn't count). Provides all basic info on water, light, food, etc... In addition to potential problems & what to look for & special tips. Tons of pictures. Also gives info on repotting, using plants as decor & much, much, more. I bought one many years ago & lost it in a recent move. Tried to get by without using info on internet, but so many recommendations on different sites, we're completely contradictory. I got so confused, I had to reorder this book! I would recommend it to anyone with a love of house plants.

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