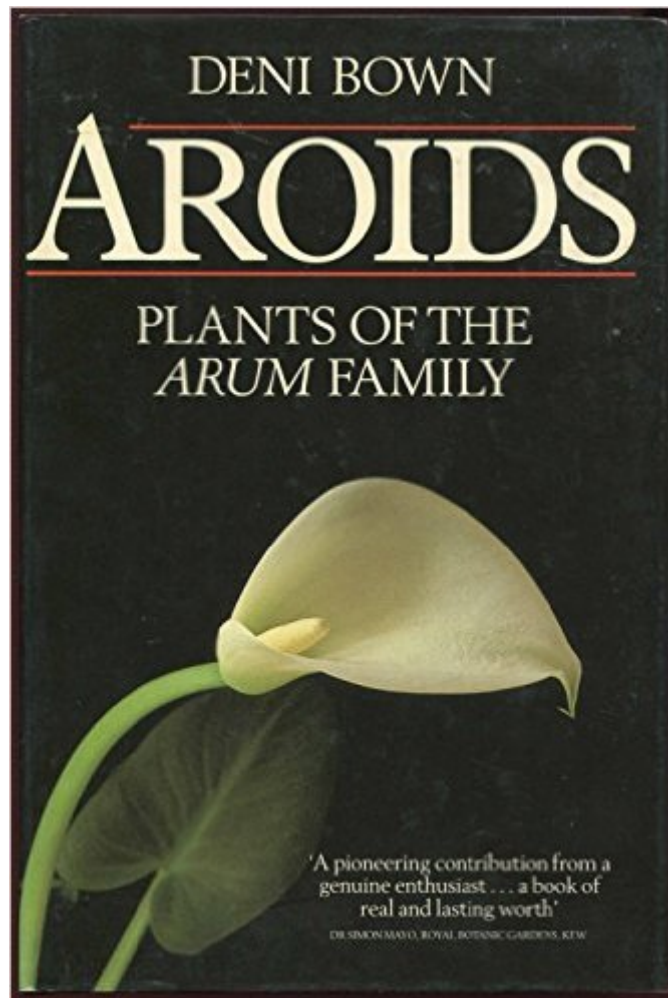


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Aroids: Plants Of The Arum Family



Synopsis

Originally published in 1988 as the first truly comprehensive review of one of the largest and most popular plant families, *Aroids* was enthusiastically welcomed by botanists and horticulturists alike for its attention to scientific detail and delightful writing style. Now in this completely updated second edition, we learn of discoveries made in the last decade as the family has grown from about 2500 species to nearer 3200. The latest taxonomic and nomenclatural revisions are noted in the checklist of genera, and all the original drawings are included plus twice as many color photos. A new guide to the cultivation of ornamental aroids completes this well-rounded introduction to a remarkable family. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

I've long been a fan of the Orchidaceae, but I didn't know that the Aroids are possibly an even more advanced branch of the Monocotlydons. This book exposes some shocking facts. Some species routinely metabolize lipids to generate temperatures over 100 F around their inflorescence while surrounding temps are near freezing. Other species manufacture aromatic compounds rarely encountered outside of the ANIMAL kingdom. There are aroids we can eat, and others that smell so horrible they inspire nightmares. Some species' reproductive contrivances are almost too imaginative for the plant kingdom. Deni Bown has provided an invaluable service: she's compiled nearly everything Aroid known to science into one, comprehensive yet accessible book.

Very interesting look at one of the most unusual plant species on this planet! Brown gives us

information on habitat, medicinal value, mythology concerning aroids and much more. This book is a must have for aroid enthusiasts!

It seems like you are going to get a great book , covering all these different species of Aroids , but instead it is written more like a novel . I will have to find another book that covers this family of plants in a more encyclopedic manner . This is just a terrible book that I am stuck with . Be warned !

This is a wonderful book if you want to read about Aroids, and explore this fascinating group of plants. However there are minimal illustrations or pictures, and I often found myself longing for more of the many pictures that Deni Bown must have taken, in her travels. I am unlikely to see many or most of the plants she talks about in my lifetime, unless I plan some jungle exploration holidays, and would have loved to have more pictures to help me imagine what they looked like. Hopefully she will put out a more illustrated version one day!

I believe that is the most comprehensive book on the entire aroid family currently available. At no stage does it purport to be a guide to cultivation; rather, it is a well-written and entertaining botanical read covering many fascinating aspects of the morphology, ecology, geography, reproductive strategies and other aspects of these astonishing plants. Within the limited confines of a slim volume, and in the light of such a huge diversity of species, this book fulfills its criteria to an exceptionally high standard.

A great book for descriptions and background information on many unique and beautiful aroids. The information, photos and illustrations are first-rate. That said, the information on cultivation of aroids was rather light and generic (there isn't even any information on the difference between growing jewel alocasias vs. the larger tropical alocasias--this is important as you will rot and scorch your jewel alocasias if you attempt to grow them like their larger, moisture and sun-loving relatives).

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