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Even the most intrepid outdoor gardeners frequently admit that indoor plants under their care have an expected lifespan roughly equivalent to that of a mayfly. Whether one has just been given his or her first pot of grocery-store ivy or has been growing intricate bonsai for years, everything the indoor gardener could ever want to know about how to select, tend, and enjoy houseplants is contained in Pleasant's monumentally comprehensive yet straightforward and easy-to-follow encyclopedia covering more than 160 houseplants. Following an enlightening introduction that discusses the history, uses, and benefits that houseplants bestow, the manual is divided into three main sections. The first two are plant directories offering in-depth plant profiles of first flowering, then foliage, houseplants. The third is an extensive compilation of houseplant-care topics, from acclimatization to watering. With vivid color photographs, precise illustrations, appendixes listing helpful resources, definitions, and a cross-reference chart of botanical and common names, this is a must-have manual for anyone who shares home or office space with potted plants. *Carol Haggas*

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Review

"Cursed with a brown thumb?...Barbara Pleasant has come to your rescue."—Stephanie Bloyd, Mother Earth News, August-September 2006

From the Back Cover

Discover Gardening in the Great Indoors

Do you love the idea of having houseplants but find that they tend to die in your care? Have you ever received a gift of a gorgeous flowering pot that you can't identify and have no idea how to keep alive? Or maybe you're already a houseplant enthusiast, ready to expand your knowledge -- as well as your plant collection.

Barbara Pleasant covers these situations and more in her friendly approach to selecting and caring for indoor plants. With personality profiles, growing needs, and troubleshooting tips for 160 blooming and foliage varieties, you'll never kill another houseplant.

Learn about indoor gardening with an inexpensive supermarket plant. Improve your office air quality with a healthy green companion. Immerse yourself in the tropical lushness of ferns and bromeliads. Whatever you're looking for in a houseplant -- a hip flamingo flower, a delicate orchid, or a sturdy Swedish ivy -- you'll find it here.

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