Books and Magazines

Following are some of the more popular readings on orchid care and culture. Note that the descriptions are taken from the write-ups of others, primarily from Amazon. We do not make any warrant of accuracy for any description contained here.

Wild Orchids of Florida, with References to the Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plains

Paul Martin Brown
University Press of Florida

First published in 2002, *Wild Orchids of Florida* was the very first field guide for this orchid-rich state, and it inspired many to try their hand at orchid hunting. Because of its overwhelming popularity and in an attempt to provide the latest developments in orchid research, native orchid expert Paul Martin Brown follows up with this newly revised and expanded edition.

The guide contains 200 new points of fact, including:

- more than 100 new county records established since 2002
- three recently rediscovered species that have not been seen in 100 years
- two previously undocumented species, six new hybrids, and several new color forms described and illustrated for the first time
- the resurrection and revalidation of the little-used genus of *Gymnadeniopsis*
- 34 revised county distribution maps, 37 new color photos, and three new watercolors by Stan Folsom

With its comprehensive yet easy-to-follow treatment, *Wild Orchids of Florida* remains the essential field companion for professional botanists, native plant enthusiasts, nature lovers, or anyone who wants to learn more about what’s growing out in the wilds of Florida.

From the Hands of God to the Miracles of Orchids

Milton Carpenter
This book is a hard cover masterpiece complete with over 224 full-color pages "blooming" with beautiful orchid species and hybrids from around the globe: complete with origination stories of how these hybrids have become some of the world's most interesting and award-winning flowers. Along with this fabulous book is a CD of recordings by Milton and Nancy and their three daughters blending their voices in praise of our creator. It was recorded in Nashville and produced by Chuck Childers in 1986. In addition to the CD a DVD of several stories recollected by Milton Carpenter as he recounts his many expeditions to different countries around the world.

**Orchid Pests and Diseases**  
American Orchid Society Guide  
Series Editor: James B. Watson  
American Orchid Society, Delray Beach FL

This update of the 1995 edition of this popular book produced by the American Orchid Society is packed with practical advice on insect and noninsect pests, bacterial and fungal diseases, orchid viruses, and physiological disorders, along with suggested cures and treatments. New features include a chapter on the natural control of insects and mites, a glossary of more than 95 terms, and a list of centers that identify orchid ailments. 77 color and 25 black-and-white photographs.

**Bulbophyllums, The Incomplete Guide; From A to WHY?**
BULBOPHYLLUMS
The Incomplete Guide:
From A to WHY?
Bill Thoms

A whimsical NEW book on Bulbophyllums, the largest genus in the orchid family. This covers every aspect of growing and hybridizing with plenty of no-nonsense tips to help the grower overcome any obstacle and produce the most flowers and the largest growth possible in the shortest time. Also included are chapters unravelling some of the identification mysteries that have been problems to growers for decades. With over 380 photos of species, new hybrids and culture, this book should help the grower of any genus, especially BULBOPHYLLUMS.

Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month

Martin Motes
SBN-10: 0967434335
Available on Amazon, 4-1/2 star rating

A comprehensive guide to growing orchids. Monthly guides lead the aspiring orchidist through the intricacies of the changing climate and growing conditions of the Florida year: its benefits and its dangers. Practical solutions to problems and to control and prevention of pests and diseases are offered. Growing materials and tools are suggested and their local sources are provided.
The Orchid Whisperer: Expert Secrets for Growing Beautiful Orchids

Bruce Rogers - Author
Greg Allikas - Photographer
Published May 9, 2012
$16.12 in paperback at Amazon Prime

Orchids can bloom year after year. In this essential guide, Bruce Rogers, "The Orchid Whisperer", shares his expert tips from more than three decades of breeding and growing orchids. The book demystifies the growing process and features more than 100 lush color photographs of breathtaking plants. Best of all, it reveals professional secrets not found anywhere else for blooming, repotting, spotting hazards and pests, grooming, decorating, and much more. Perfect for beginners as well as orchid experts looking for new tricks, The Orchid Whisperer provides everything readers need to know to keep healthy orchids that will flower again and again!

Orchids for Dummies

Steven A. Frowine
National Gardening Association
Published March 4, 2005
$11.55 in paperback at Amazon Prime
Packed with photos, including 8 pages in full color

Color your world with orchids

Orchids are beautiful, fragrant, wonderfully varied, and surprisingly affordable. But aren't they hard to grow at home? No! says orchid grower extraordinaire Steve Frowine. In this handy guide, he shows you step by step how to select the right orchids, keep them healthy, encourage blooms, and even propagate your own plants.

Discover how to:

* Select orchids that will thrive in your home
* Water, fertilize, repot, and propagate orchids
* Decipher complicated orchid names
* Get familiar with favorite orchid varieties
* Create spectacular orchid displays

Understanding Orchids: An Uncomplicated Guide to Growing the World's Most Exotic Plants

William Cullina
$28.04 in Hardcover at Amazon Prime

Orchids are the largest family of plants in the world. With 30,000 known species, you could acquire a different orchid every day for eighty years and still not grow them all. Back in the realm of reality, readers of this beautiful book can quickly and easily find the orchids that are right for them -- which ones will thrive on a windowsill, which prefer artificial lights, and which need a greenhouse; which are for beginners, which for experts. And you can pinpoint the species within a particular genus that are the best ones to start with. Once you select your orchid, William
Cullina's authoritative guide explains what to do to keep it alive and healthy. Featuring more than two hundred color photographs, Understanding Orchids covers everything you need to know to grow orchids successfully, whatever your level of interest or experience. With improved tissue-culture techniques making orchids more affordable, and the Internet making them readily available to consumers, growing orchids is more popular than ever: membership in the American Orchid Society has more than doubled in the last fifteen years. This is the book orchid fans have been waiting for.

The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Orchids

Alec Pridgeon, Editor
$48.60 Paperback on Amazon
Timber Press
Reprinted 1999
ISBN 0-88192-267-6

Amazon says that this is their best single book on orchids is a perennial bestseller and an outstanding value at the price. Edited by an eminent orchidist, it is aimed at a broad audience, from the flower lover with a casual interest in orchids to the committed enthusiast and professional. It fully describes and beautifully illustrates more than 1100 species and hybrids commonly in cultivation.

Magazines
"Orchid Digest"
"Orchids" -- AOS
The Atlantic coastal plain is a physiographic region of low relief along the East Coast of the United States. It extends 2,200 miles (3,500 km) from the New York Bight southward to a Georgia/Florida section of the Eastern Continental Divide, which demarcates the plain from the ACF River Basin in the Gulf Coastal Plain to the west. The province is bordered on the west by the Atlantic Seaboard fall line and the Piedmont plateau, to the east by the Atlantic Ocean, and to the south by the Floridian