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Brighten Up Your Life With Bougainvillea



Synopsis

Living with bougainvillea is all about living with color, variety, and a sense of lightheartedness that brings cheer to the dullest day. To a Sunday gardener who does not feel inclined to slave too much in the garden, he or she can still enjoy the bounties of a healthy plant that requires little care other than the regular watering. *Brighten Up Your Life With Bougainvillea* not only provides you with the tools to grow and care for one of the easiest flowering plants on earth, but also offers a visual feast to any garden admirer who appreciates an armchair tour of some truly interesting places where the common denominator is simply the ubiquitous bougainvillea. BGI is the largest wholesale bougainvillea grower in United States, and obtains the exclusive distribution rights of *Brighten Up Your Life With Bougainvillea* to countries in North America, South America, EEC, Africa, and Asia (with the exception of Malaysia and Singapore)

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Customer Reviews

If you're new to bougainvillea, as I am, this book has a lot of useful and interesting information in it regarding all aspects of cultivating bougainvillea. However, I do have a number of quibbles with it at this price point (\$19.95). Apparently the author publishes this book himself, and I think the issues I have with it are related to that fact in one way or another.- It's a small book, about 8.6" x 6.3", and 98 pages. It looks like at least half of it is pictures. I wish there were more (more text, larger pictures) for \$20. So I think it's overpriced for what you get, but it probably costs the author a lot more per copy to get it published than if it were done by a big publishing house. The pictures are generally

interesting, though, and often illustrate things you won't see at your local nursery.- Eric Simon is Malaysian, and he seems to write for a Malaysian audience. For example, in one place he writes, "Because our Malaysian soils are so low in alkali you should apply about two tablespoons of lime once every 6 months." Why should I use lime in Florida because Malaysian soils are so low in alkali? He uses metric system measurements throughout the book, so if aren't comfortable with centimeters before you read this book, you will be after you've read it. ;-) (Most useful conversion: 5cm = 2 inches.) There are places in the book where he talks about places in Malaysia where you can see Bougainvillea. The pictures are good, but it's unlikely I'll be going to Malaysia to see them. Also, I had to look up the definition of a parang (a large, heavy knife used as a tool or a weapon in Malaysia and Indonesia) since we don't talk much about parangs here in Florida. ;-)- He could use a good editor to go over the text and polish it a bit.

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