



*300 ORCHIDS* by Jane Boosey is a good book for a quick orchid reference. The introduction presents an overview of orchid anatomy form and structure, classification of orchids, cultivation, pests and diseases and notable people in orchid history. The rest of the book presents thumbnail references to eighty genera, significant species within the genera and outstanding hybrids among the species. Each reference covers such things as distribution, general culture and a photograph of a significant species within the genus. Entries of species within the genera give more specific cultural information as well as lots more photographs of species and hybrids.

This book is a good quick reference. It won't tell you in detail how to care for your orchids but it will give you enough information so that you can talk about them intelligently.

- L.K. Harvie