



The most spectacular flowers on earth are surely orchids. Their intense colors, intricate patterns, exquisitely sculptured forms and heady perfumes all contribute to their exalted reputation. Aside from their undisputed beauty, orchids are incredible for other reasons: they belong to the largest family of flowering plants, with 35,000 species spread over the globe from the arctic to the tropics; they have an astonishing range of pollinating techniques and widely diverse blooming times from a day to nine months; and they are deservedly the subject of countless myths and folklore.

Kramer's lively, authoritative text, supplemented by detailed captions, covers the legend, history, botany and cultivation of orchids. In the foreword, Mark J. Plotkin, Director of Plant Conservation at the World Wildlife Fund, expresses his concern about the survival of these precious plants in the wild. Because the rain forest and other native habitats of orchids are being destroyed, many species are disappearing from nature, and the list of endangered species continues to grow. Dr. Plotkin believes that the "quality of these photographs will do more for orchid conservation than all of the scientific monographs on the Orchidaceae ever published." The gorgeous photographs of the most stellar members of this huge family — from Ansellias to Zygopetalums to the newest hybrids — make

this a book no orchid collector can be without and one that anyone captivated by nature's beauty would treasure.

— from the publisher

Jack Kramer's first tribute to these glamorous flowers appeared in 1975. Titled Orchids, it was hailed as "the most shamelessly lovely book" and "an education in the most exotic and seductive of all flowers." Based on that work but now completely updated and expanded with 212 stunning photographs all in color, this is truly the most lavish and informative celebration of orchids ever published.

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