Lilies: A Guide For Growers And Collectors

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Admired for elegant blossoms and graceful foliage, the lily commands a featured place in any garden. This book discusses the biology of the lily plant, its propagation, and its cultivation. McRae also documents wild lily species and the creation of spectacular contemporary garden lilies. The author developed many new hybrids; his book is unique in providing up-to-date practical techniques for lily hybridizing, along with his views on current and future developments.

This book is an incredible resource for those wishing to try their hand at lily hybridization. A word of warning though, it really is not written for the layperson. While you do not have to have a Ph.d. in botany to understand the contents, those with a fair amount of horticultural experience will benefit the most. The book is clearly and concisely written, and is also organized nicely. The photos are beautiful and the line drawings are very helpful. It is the most in-depth discussion of lilies I have ever encountered, written by one of the world’s experts in the field. I hope others will enjoy it as much as I have.

LILIES A guide for growers and collectors An authoritative guide with extensive information on propagation and hybridisation. Features species lilies and current hybrids. Written by Edward Austin McRae of Oregon Bulb Farms fame. Not too `heavy', very readable and very concise, I thoroughly enjoyed it! ISBN 0 88192-410-5 $34.95 / Timber Press
This guide answers almost all questions one can develop on this beautiful plants. From a basic introduction into the genus along propagation and cultivation up to a comprehensive taxonomic guide on species (almost complete) and hybrids and finally professional topics as exhibitions, hybridizing and commercial production, this book covers it all. And what I liked most: though it has more than 100 pictures, it doesn't suffer of the "coffee-table"-syndrome (large, non-detailed pictures) as so many plant books regrettably do. Absolutely recommended. It's an exceptional work and it will last long for you to reach a point where this book can't be of use anymore.

This book should be your bible for your lilies. From how and where to grow. What to grow. Make your own crosses. Its in there. Plus some history on the lily. Including Frieman, Griesbach, many others

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