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Barb Schmidt : Orchid Care: For the Beginner before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Orchid Care: For the Beginner:

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Orchid Care: For the Beginner is written in easy to understand language, covers basic orchid care, has over thirty

photos to supplement the descriptions, and includes a troubleshooting guide that covers common problems for most of the popular species. *Orchid Care: For the Beginner* makes raising an orchid fun, intuitive and easy to do. It is concise and could easily be read from cover to cover-the perfect tool for the beginner orchid enthusiast.

Publishers Weekly, July 18, 2016 edition, "Schmidt demystifies orchid care for a wide audience in this slim, instructive volume. The book can function as a reference guide, but it's best read cover to cover, as the information is well chosen to keep from frightening off beginning enthusiasts. Schmidt is a horticulture instructor who points out that "the key to being successful at raising orchids is to mimic their natural conditions as best as possible without driving yourself crazy." She takes readers through a brief history of the orchid- DEGREES these supposedly delicate flowers have been around since the Late Cretaceous period. They live mostly in the tropics, but also above the Arctic Circle. Schmidt differentiates between keeping an orchid alive and raising one, writing that "the difficulty comes in correctly meeting its needs to get it to flower again." Readers come to understand the three different ways orchids grow-upright in soil, on another plant, or on or near rocks-before Schmidt segues into the basic light requirements (varied) and watering needs (less is more) of each group. For those who haven't yet purchased their first orchid, Schmidt provides suggestions on selecting the best-quality, most forgiving plant, so that one's first orchid experience is as happy and successful as possible." (BookLife) Jacqueline Fisher, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society- "Everything you need to grow a beautiful orchid is in this book. Great layout, easy to understand and even a troubleshooting guide! Barb really knows her stuff!" About the Author Barb Schmidt has a bachelors degree in chemistry and biology and a teaching certificate in secondary education. She is a member of the American Orchid Society, Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS), where she teaches orchid classes. Her orchids have won a variety of awards, including first place ribbons at the Philadelphia International Flower Show.