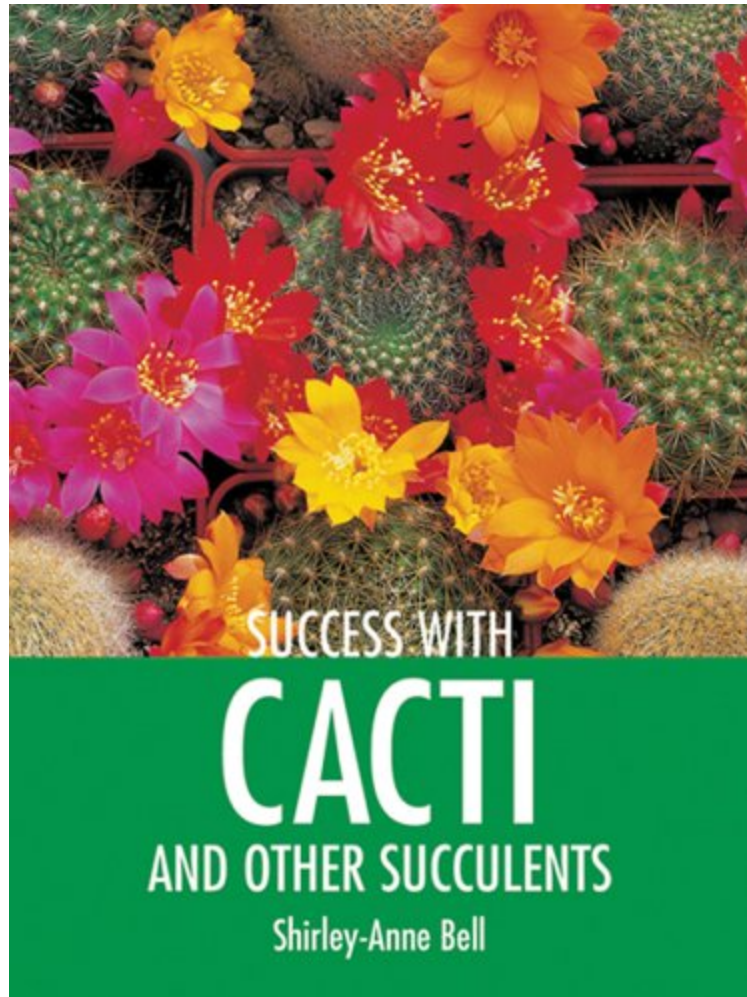


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are extremely expensive. This book not only deals with cacti but also other succulents. For the uninitiated all cacti are succulents, but not all succulents are cacti and this book gives information on a good cross section of both cacti and other succulents. There is all the usual advice that these books give, i.e. how to plant, where to plant, what to plant in etc. it also gives advice on where in the home they will be best suited. Unless they are in a conservatory a bright window is a must and the plant should be as close to the glass as possible. There are lots of full colour photographs in the book and if you cannot see something you like from all of those then you are in the wrong hobby. I am not sure about the minimal watering part of the book's synopsis. Cacti enjoy water as much as any other plant it is knowing when and how to do it. True they can survive for longer than most plants as they use a water storage system, but eventually they will succumb to lack of water, like any other plant. I like this book and thought it was a down to earth, no nonsense type of book that anyone thinking of keeping a few succulents or already doing so, would enjoy very much.

Striking to look at, cacti and other succulents make a bold statement in any home or garden. And, as this information-packed, lushly illustrated book explains, they're easy to care for, too. Combining reliable and detailed horticultural information with inspiring ideas for displaying the plants (such as planting them in unusual containers, like old boots or broken pots), this is an irresistible invitation to the joys of growing these fascinating plants. Plus: the extensive alphabetical directory in the back helps readers choose from the vast array of cacti and succulents available, to find the ones best suited for their growing conditions.