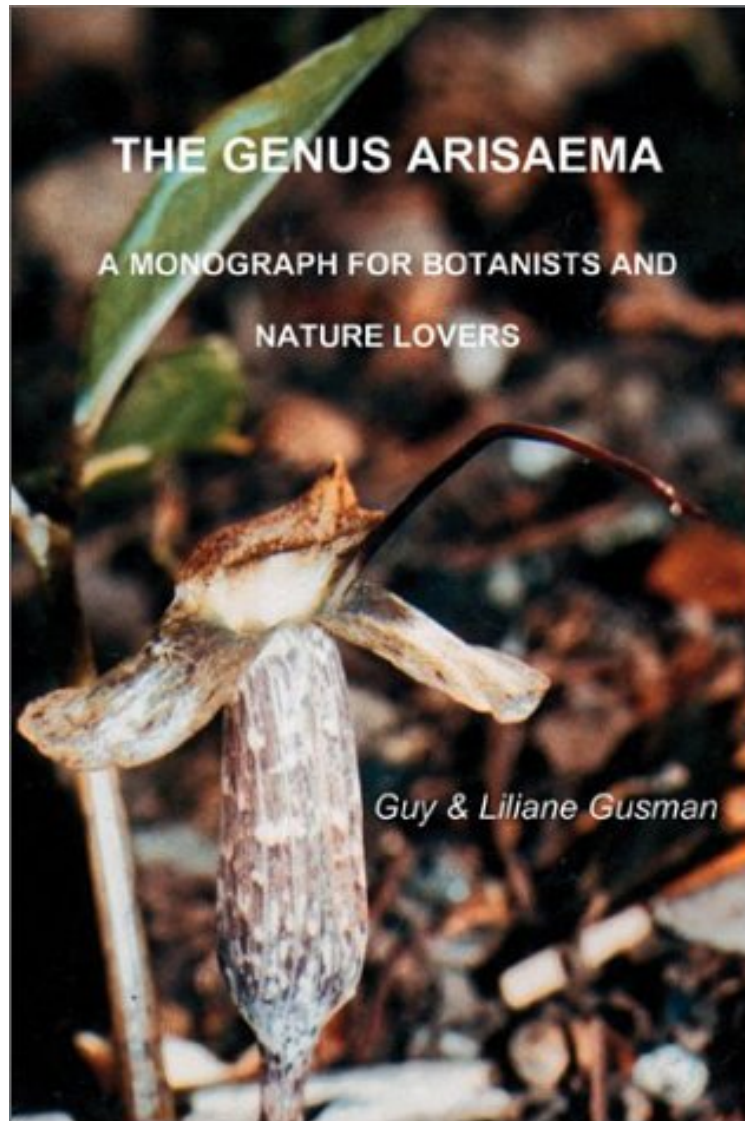


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Arisaemas have become increasingly popular and highly prized for their sculptural aspect and their intriguing inflorescences. Adding to the fascination of arisaemas is their ability, unique in Araceae, to change their sex many times during their lifetime. This book represents the first attempt since Engler's classification in 1910 to bring order to the confused state of knowledge about the genus in its geographical range. Richly illustrated, this botanical treatment is a comprehensive and invaluable resource for botanists, arisaema growers, and nature lovers.

About the AuthorGuy Gusman received his Ph.D. in Sciences from the Universit Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium, where he is presently co-director of the Biomedical Physics Laboratory and teaches Physics at the Faculty of Medicine. In addition to publishing many articles in solid state physics, he has always been interested in botany and has contributed many papers on the taxonomy of the genus *Arisaema*. Liliane Gusman received her bachelor of science degree from the Universit Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium, and she has taught several physics courses in Brussels. She has a particular interest in science teaching and is co-author of many publications in this field.Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved.The first time we met an *Arisaema* was in 1988, when we were walking in a beautiful forest, on the Japanese island of Miyajima. We took a cableway to visit a Buddhist temple on the top of the hills and, while going down by foot, were attracted by some puzzling plants. It was in July and no flower was present, only leaves whose shape seemed very strange to us. We were accustomed to rhododendrons, primulas and *tricyrtis*; we had just encountered our first arisaemas. Later, we learned from Ohwis flora that these were *Arisaema tosaense*. Of course, this encounter was not the last. We visited Japan many more times, and also Himalayan countries. There we had a second encounter. It happened in December, in Bhutan, where we had joined a small group for a trek in the east of the country. The trip began very well, the first few days being sunny. But suddenly we were snowed up and had to go back in less agreeable conditions. At the end of the day, we eventually decided to stop near a farm. It was already night and we had to grope our way towards the tents. The next morning, while going out, we discovered we had slept just in front of a superb, red, fruiting spike of what we were later to discover was *Arisaema concinnum*. Since then, encounters with arisaemas have been rather frequent. Attracted at the same time by these eye-catching plants and their countries of origin, we were intent on building up a collection of them in our garden.