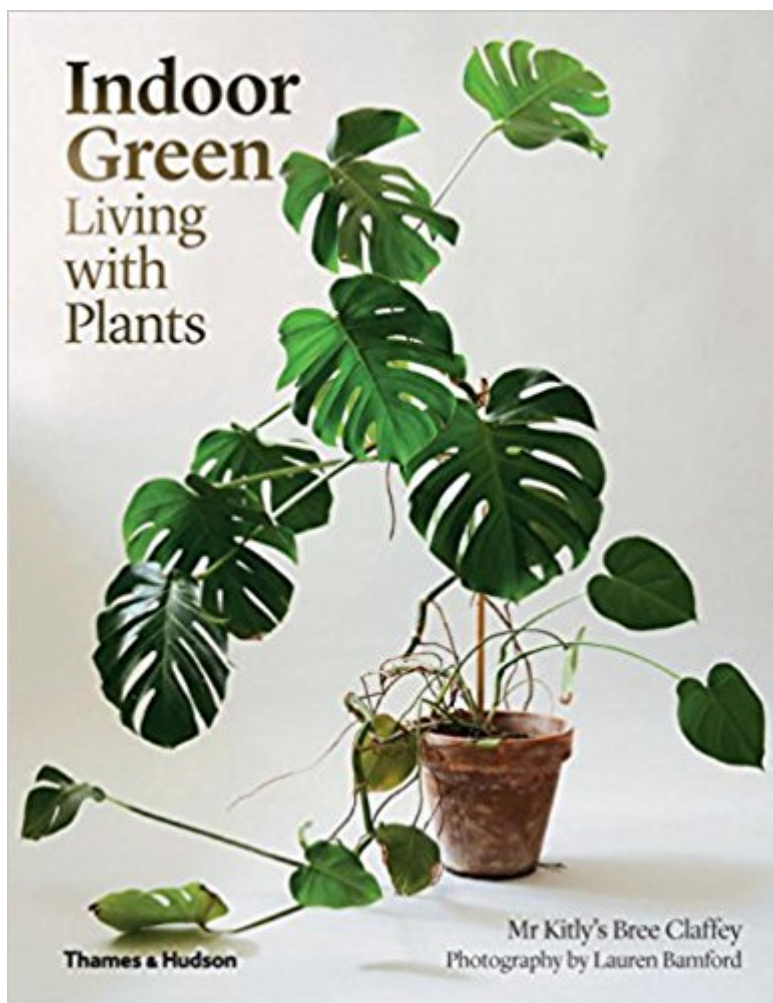




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Indoor Green: Living With Plants



Synopsis

A visual ode to the transformative power of the houseplant in home décor, with practical information for arranging your own indoor greenery. For centuries, plants have transformed interiors. Today the plant-filled home is an inspiration to every avid shelter-blog reader or expert Pinterest-board maker. Author Bree Claffey journeys into the interior worlds of fellow plant lovers to explore the enduring attraction of houseplants. From the ever-reliable peace lily and beguiling fiddle leaf fig to the elusive Chinese money plant, *Indoor Green* makes it obvious that even the humblest greenery can transform a home. Houseplants encompass the art of decorative arrangement and add romance to any room. Within the pages of *Indoor Green* gorgeous photographs of interiors from across the globe, divided into chapters such as "Plant Music," "How to Grow Fresh Air," "Plant Portraits," and more, make the magic easy to replicate in one's own home. Interviews of indoor green enthusiasts appear alongside the images, as well as tips on caring for plants and an index of plant varieties. More than good-looking props, plants are living, growing, joyful things rooted in community and creativity, and are easy to introduce into any home and lifestyle. Illustrated in color throughout.

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Customer Reviews

"This enlivening exploration will inspire even the most timid of indoor plant lovers, providing a fresh look at an affordable type of gardening that both beautifies a home and expands the soul." -

Publisher's Weekly

Bree Claffey is the owner of Mr. Kitly, an emporium of carefully curated ceramics, housewares, and indoor plants. Lauren Bamford is a Melbourne-based lifestyle photographer. She regularly contributes to national and international publications including Vogue Living Australia, Kinfolk, and the Wall Street Journal.

I saw this book at my local library and didn't hesitate to pick it up. I brought it home with me, fully expecting to fall in love, love, love—but it was actually kind of disappointing. There are a ton of pictures of plants in this book, obviously, but the author's main focus is actually the plant owners. Claffey devotes a lot of space to her interviews with each homeowner, most of them artists and designers living in Australia, Japan, and New York. The interviews are interesting enough, but 200 pages of small font question-answer "question-answer seems like overkill to me. I genuinely enjoy reading about how other people love their plants and feel more at peace and connected to the world because of them, but the book starts to drag around the halfway point. I just needed more variety. It doesn't help that the photography is lackluster, at best. I get the feeling that many of the spaces photographed for this book are probably stunning in real life, but the photos don't do them justice. The pictures are dark and lifeless—and I can't even believe how many are backlit! What's the point of snapping a photo of a gorgeous plant with a bright light source directly behind it? I don't want to see a million pictures of shadowy leaves. It's weird. And though there are definitely some better pics in the book, I just wasn't feeling it. I couldn't get past the coldness. So. Not my favorite. But if you're looking for a beautiful book featuring flowers and plants, I'd recommend: *The Indestructible Houseplant: 200 Beautiful Plants that Everyone Can Grow* *Urban Jungle: Living and Styling with Plants* *The Flower Workshop: Lessons in Arranging Blooms, Branches, Fruits, and Foraged Materials* *Succulents: The Ultimate Guide to Choosing, Designing, and Growing 200 Easy Care Plants* (Sunset)

Out of all the currently circulating books on indoor plants and interiors this is actually my favourite. Yes, like the other reviewer said it does focus on individual stories of plant lovers' journey into living with plants and even more so, their artistic and creative side. It's just an angle and I think it's great. Quite different from the books available around these days. I did find all the Japanese stories particularly inspiring. I would have given five plus stars if not for one factor I found irritating - the fact that the author's own business is being promoted or otherwise mentioned almost in every section of

the book. I think mentioning it in the introduction would have largely sufficed. I found the photos great by the way, with the real "feel" of the place.

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