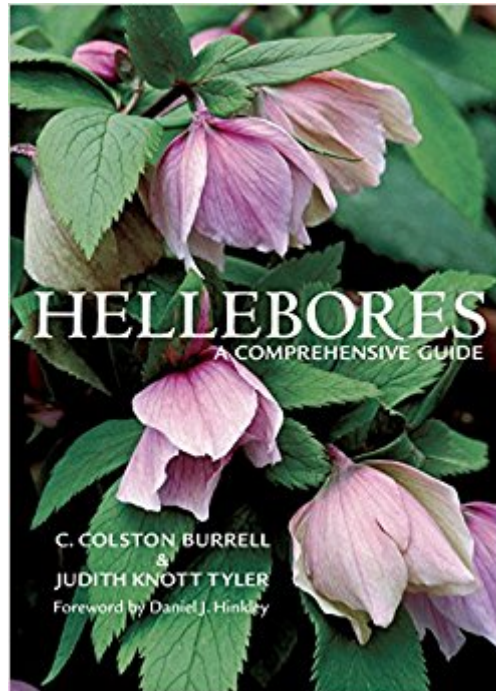




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Hellebores: A Comprehensive Guide



Synopsis

A mere 10 years ago, hellebores were considered connoisseurs' plants-subdued in coloration, hard to find, and the subject of much snobbery. Today, however, they are among the hottest perennials, thanks to their early bloom, long-lasting flowers, shade tolerance, handsome foliage, and the profusion of new colors and forms that have recently become available. Authors Cole Burrell and Judith Tyler have produced what is arguably the definitive book on this genus, packed with up-to-the-minute, comprehensive information on growing, maintenance, design, hybridization and selection, and trouble-shooting. This lavishly illustrated volume will interest hellebore lovers at every level of interest.

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“This thorough and reliable book is the most up-to-date available on the genus at present.”
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“The allure of the Christmas rose and the remarkable availability of the Lenten rose have heightened the rising popularity of these treasured perennials. Co-authors Colston Burrell and Judith Knott Tyler capture all of this and bring to light many of the new seed strains and hybrids in this monograph on the

Helleborus genus. *American Gardener* "With outstanding photographs of wild species and prized hybrids. . . . with sources for hellebores, with appendices on medicine, black death, nutrient study, and cut flowers, this book is at the top of any list of monographic presentations. *American Rhododendron Society Journal* "The most complete work on the subject. *Garden Compass* "It would be hard to imagine anyone writing another book about hellebores for at least a decade to come this volume is so complete. *All the Dirt on Gardening* "Comprehensive in its treatment of the various hellebore species and their cultivation, and. . . complete in its descriptions without being so dense with taxonomic jargon as to leave regular gardeners folks without botanical training baffled. *Hardy Plant Society of Oregon Bulletin* "What makes this book especially appealing are the shared experiences of the well-known and respected breeders and growers of the genus. With outstanding photographs of the wild species and prized hybrids. . . . this book is at the top of any list of monographic presentations. *Rhododendron News* "This monograph helps gardeners appreciate the diversity among the species, the excitement of finding new characteristic combinations, and the enthusiasm of sharing in the gardening community both here and abroad. *Perennial Notes* "Every hellebore enthusiast will find it indispensable. *Garden* "This will be the definitive book on hellebores for years to come. *Trillium*

Long considered connoisseurs plants, hellebores are now among the hottest perennials thanks to their early bloom, long-lasting flowers, shade tolerance, handsome foliage, and the profusion of new colors and forms. Authors Cole Burrell and Judith Tyler have produced what is arguably the definitive book on the genus for hellebore lovers at every level of interest.

A beautiful book, explaining the rise in popularity in the U.S. since the 90's of this hardy, reliable early Spring flower. Lovely photos illustrate the different varieties, such as the odiferous 'stinking hellebore,' not typically sold in big box stores. I realized my plants are all caulescent (a single scape with clusters of flowers) , as I was made aware of the acaulescent type of many side by side stalks coming out of the ground, similar to Bloodroot. Very informative, but written in layman's language.

Very few people know what hellebores are. I became interested in them when I spotted some in a woodland garden in our area in March of 2012. My next door neighbor had one or two common

ones in her front garden. That's when I learned their name. I googled them and was blown away by the colorful variety of these plants. I ordered a "Christmas Rose" and the first bloom appeared on Dec. 22, and the 2nd on Dec. 23! I was amazed! Yes, some will bloom in late Nov. and through the winter into spring. The "Guide" is very comprehensive in every aspect of varieties, planting, care, diseases, history, etc. It is sometimes a bit technical but that's OK. The book contains many nice pictures though I would have liked more of them - esp. some colorful close-ups. Never-the-less, the price was right for the book and its content is invaluable. Once the hellebore "bug" bites you, You're hooked. Again, It's a wonderful book!

Very good book. Voluminous info on hellebores, most often known to gardeners as Lenten or Christmas roses. And, happily, it's useful and accessible information. Now I'll be better prepared to decide whether or not to pay the higher prices at the plant nurseries. One particularly useful thing that I learned is that certain of the newer varieties don't get as large as the older varieties. I'm hoping that will translate into a large grouping of plants that doesn't begin to look "blowsy" as the plants spread and age.

great info

Since I got this book, I have not been able to put it down. So much wonderful information. It now has me inspired to go visit many of the mentioned gardens and nurseries in the book. Definitely a necessity for any hellebore lover.

I purchased this a Christmas gift. It was a lovely book and was very detailed for a Hellebores fanatic in our family. I would highly recommend this book for a novice or veteran hellebores collector.

This is the most comprehensive book I've come across on Hellebores. It's an excellent reference book and the photographs of each cultivar are gorgeous.

I can't imagine a more comprehensive treatment.

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