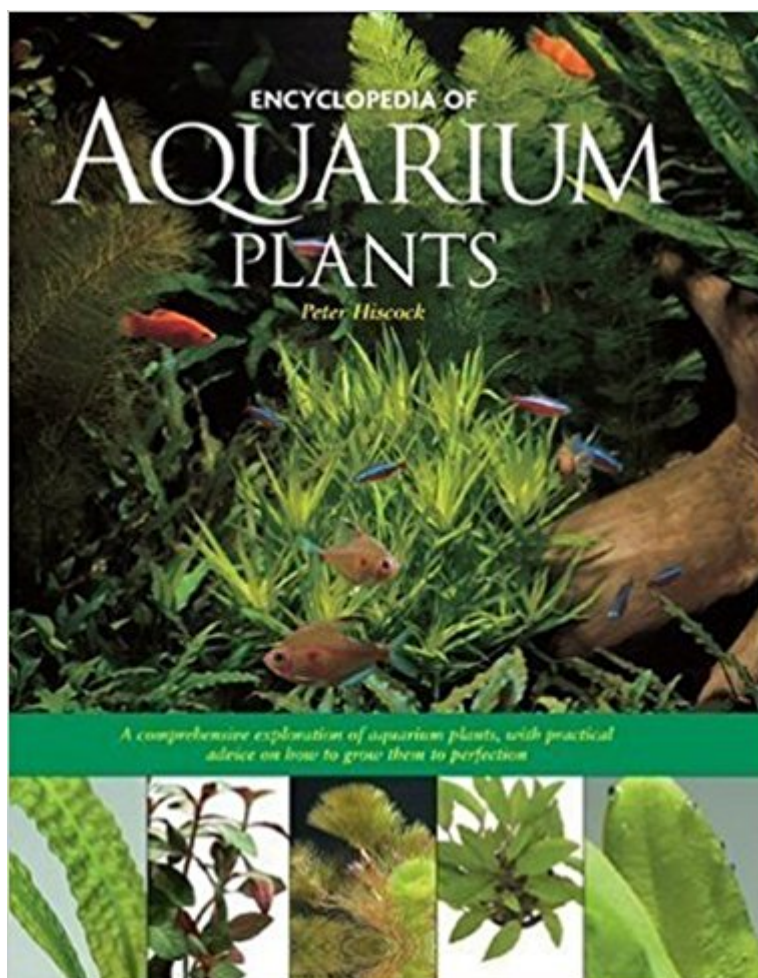


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Encyclopedia Of Aquarium Plants



Synopsis

This heavily illustrated volume will prove a blessing to every aquarium hobbyist who has had to settle for superficial plant descriptions in general fish-keeping books. It presents a detailed A-to-Z directory covering hundreds of aquarium plants with high quality color photos and succinct profiles of each plant. Information includes the plant's common name, botanical designation, growth cycle, and general description. The book's additional sections offer details on how to grow and propagate aquatic plants, and how to protect them from parasites and other problems. This handsome volume features approximately 450 color photos and illustrations.

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The natural biology of plants * Water quality and filtration * Choosing substrates * Selecting plants * Planting techniques * Lighting * Feeding * Propagation * Essential maintenance * Aquascaping * Populating with fish A complete guide to more than 150 popular aquarium plants Fully illustrated with more than 250 color photos and graphics

Peter Hiscock trained at Sparsholt College in Hampshire, one of the U.K.'s leading schools for aquatic studies. He has published widely on fish behavior and aquarium keeping. Among his other books published in North America by Barron's are A Practical Guide to Choosing Aquarium Plants and A Practical Guide to Creating and Maintaining

Water Quality.

I wish I had gotten this before I started planting each tank. I would have done some things better. It's not the most comprehensive book. I have seen similar books (used by my FLS) that cover more plants but it will give you an idea what you should need to plant a successful planted aquarium for your situation. I have a coffee table aquarium. They are very difficult to plant due to light coming from the bottom, algae issues and needing to be in a cooler room temperature to avoid water condensing on the table top. Thanks to this book I know I should use Java Ferns and Crinum Thaianum (which are amphibious so they will remove waste efficiently and fill the top surface of the water nicely) since neither require a substrate (actually prefer not to be in one) and can do OK in only low moderate light.

This is a very informative book with great photos. It provides a lot of information that is understandable for hobbyists new or experienced with planted aquariums. My husband and I both refer to this book for our home tanks and at our jobs at a family owned fish store.

If you're just starting a planted tank this book is for you. There is a lot of general information but not as much advanced info as I would have liked. It would have been nice to see a better breakdown of specific tank types (Dutch, Amano, etc), and the equipment and fertilization schedules used. All in all it does contain quite a bit of useful information for the beginner to novice aquarist. To call it an encyclopedia of any sort is a huge stretch.

After many years in the hobby, this is still my go-to handbook for common aquarium plants. There is a lot of very useful information in this book. Apart from the plant profiles, Hiscock gives a great overview on how to keep and care for plants, as well as explaining how the plants themselves grow, their effect on an aquarium, and how to keep them thriving. I HIGHLY recommend this book to anyone new to aquatic plants. In fact, this is the second time I've purchased this title, this time as a gift for someone new to the hobby!

Great book for a novice! It has a lot of color illustrations and describes in detail plant ecology, biology of an aquarium and different species of plants. Awesome to have when planning for a new tank! Doesn't get too in depth but gives you a general overview of the most important topics when it comes to setting up an aquarium/aquascape.

This is a very good book. Lots of information in here that I had never known. I'm really happy that I got it. I've made some changes in my current tank already that clearly are helping a lot. Darned good deal for the price. I wish I would have known a few of these things thirty years ago. So, just get it!

Very helpful book on aquarium plants .Covering substrate, lighting, plants, etc. A aquarium 101 book.

I thought this book would only be a list of plants but the first section goes into detail about how to set up a planted tank and how to care for it. I find that useful for beginners, but I would have just liked a book with a list of plants and their requirements. Great book to have in any aquarium book collection.

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