

Book of Orchids, by Withner, Dr. Carl

Prized throughout the United States and Europe for their strange, erotic forms and extraordinary coloration, orchids are the treasures of the flower world. The mottled red Butterfly Oncidium, the star shaped, frilly lipped Cinnabar Laelia, and the gorgeous Lady of the Night, whose captivating fragrance vanishes when exposed to light, are only three of the more than 25,000 species in the orchid family.

Here Dr. Carl Wisner, former curator of the orchid collection at the Brooklyn Botanical Garden, and an accredited Judge of the American Orchid Society, presents 55 of the spectacular blooms, along with fascinating information on the evolution and folkloric backgrounds of each.

Illustrated in exquisite detail by the award-winning water colorist Juan G. Vela, this volume brings the world of orchids to vivid, sensuous life for flower fanciers everywhere