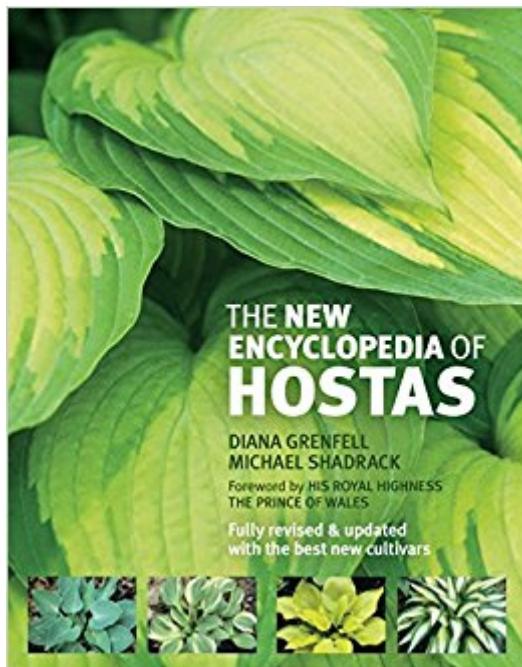


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Customer Reviews

I have been collecting hostas for about 3 years and have about 260 different varieties and over 300 hostas total. I'm a relatively new collector, but I do love my hosta books! I looked thru this book over the weekend.... I'll admit, it was more pic viewing than reading, but here are my opinions: Since this is a updated release of her old book, I will compare it to the previous book. The pics of newer cultivars are indeed nice. Yes, there are lots of repeats from the old Grenfell encyclopedia, but I didn't seem to mind. One thing that did bother me is that if she was referencing a sport of a plant, she'd put the pic with the parent's listing, even if it didn't fall into the heading of the chapter. I found this to be distracting. She and Shadrack (the co-author/photographer, who will be speaking at the

2010 National Convention) have clearly done a lot of their research in the states this round.... I think that's great! There was even a pic of Rhino Hide.... and that was just registered in what, 2007? Is it crucial to your hosta book library? Well, for me, yes! I really like the newer cultivars and would like to have pics at my fingertips without having to have the internet. I often have at least one reference book in the car or my bag when I go hosta shopping. This one, I feel, is the best choice between the old Grenfell, the small Grenfell and the Zilis Hostapedia. I believe this is a good value at 's price with free shipping. I do not think it is worth listed retail price. If you are just getting into hosta collecting, I'd choose this book before Zilis since it does have a pic of each plant profiled, though all plants are not profiled. With Zilis, it's the opposite....

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