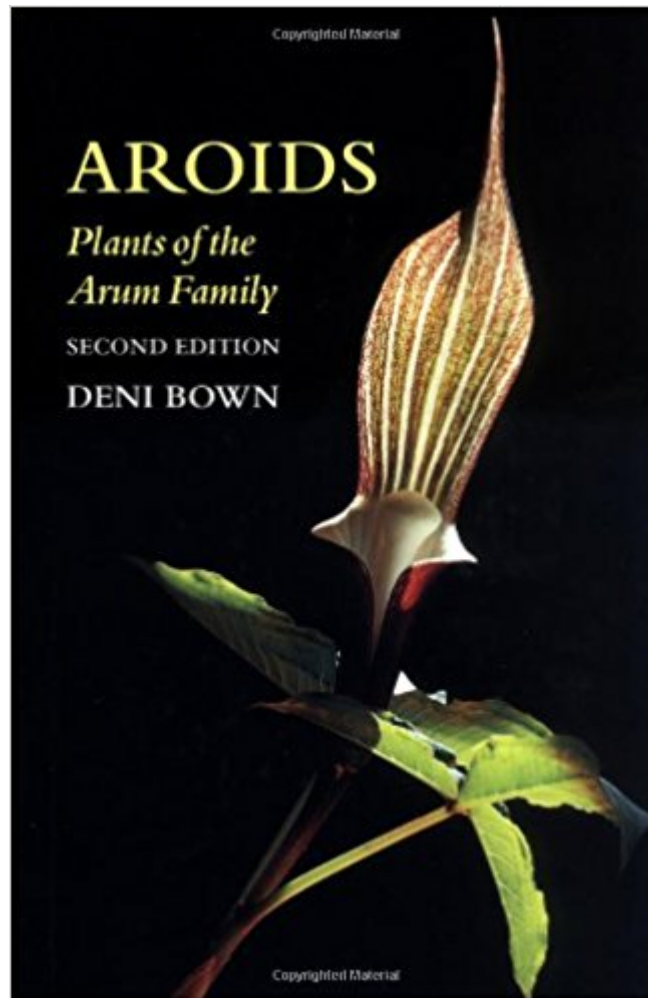




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Originally published in 1988 as the first truly comprehensive review of one of the largest and most popular plant families, *Aroids* was enthusiastically welcomed by botanists and horticulturists alike for its attention to scientific detail and delightful writing style. Now in this completely updated second edition, we learn of discoveries made in the last decade as the family has grown from about 2500 species to nearer 3200. The latest taxonomic and nomenclatural revisions are noted in the checklist of genera, and all the original drawings are included plus twice as many color photos. A new guide to the cultivation of ornamental aroids completes this well-rounded introduction to a remarkable family.

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Covers both botanical & horticultural aspects of these extraordinary & diverse plants in a substantially revised new edition. (Originally published in 1988).

It seems like you are going to get a great book , covering all these different species of Aroids , but instead it is written more like a novel . I will have to find another book that covers this family of plants in a more encyclopedic manner . This is just a terrible book that I am stuck with . Be warned !

A great book for descriptions and background information on many unique and beautiful aroids. The information, photos and illustrations are first-rate. That said, the information on cultivation of aroids was rather light and generic (there isn't even any information on the difference between growing jewel alocasias vs. the larger tropical alocasias--this is important as you will rot and scorch your jewel alocasias if you attempt to grow them like their larger, moisture and sun-loving relatives).

If your tastes are a little nonstandard, you will enjoy growing the plants described in this book. I am lucky enough to live in Chapel Hill, NC. Its benign climate is ideal for growing hordes of very cool, very weird plants. Great effort!

fantastic coverage of aroids

This was much beyond a coffee table book. D.H.

The information was excellent. The only improvement would be more pictures, especially in color. Get this book to study the Aroids.

I've long been a fan of the Orchidaceae, but I didn't know that the Aroids are possibly an even more advanced branch of the Monocotyledons. This book exposes some shocking facts. Some species routinely metabolize lipids to generate temperatures over 100 F around their inflorescence while

surrounding temps are near freezing. Other species manufacture aromatic compounds rarely encountered outside of the ANIMAL kingdom. There are aroids we can eat, and others that smell so horrible they inspire nightmares. Some species' reproductive contrivances are almost too imaginative for the plant kingdom. Deni Bown has provided an invaluable service: she's compiled nearly everything Aroid known to science into one, comprehensive yet accessible book.

This is a wonderful book if you want to read about Aroids, and explore this fascinating group of plants. However there are minimal illustrations or pictures, and I often found myself longing for more of the many pictures that Deni Bown must have taken, in her travels. I am unlikely to see many or most of the plants she talks about in my lifetime, unless I plan some jungle exploration holidays, and would have loved to have more pictures to help me imagine what they looked like. Hopefully she will put out a more illustrated version one day!

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