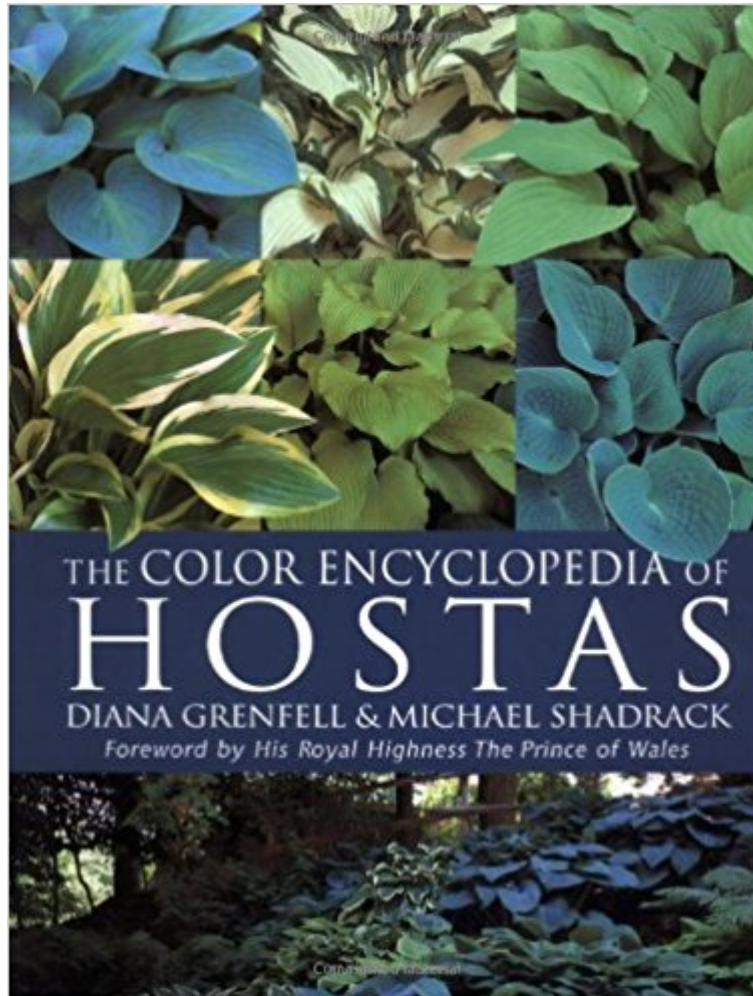




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# The Color Encyclopedia Of Hostas



## Synopsis

Hostas are consistently voted the gardener's favorite perennial---their clean lines, sumptuous leaves, and elegant flowers offer great potential for striking specimen plantings and also make them the most accommodating of companion plants. The core of this encyclopedia is a fully illustrated collection of the world's finest hostas. This valuable resource provides a full description and color photograph for more than 750 plants. Informative sections on hosta classification and botany, gardening ideas, advice on pests and diseases, and a quick-reference list of the best hostas for different purposes add depth to this comprehensive review of the present-day hosta.

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This illustrated collection features 750 varieties of hostas: those "exotic, luxuriant-leafed perennials," as HRH The Prince of Wales describes in his preface, that have spread their way into gardens and greenhouses everywhere. Originally cultivated in Japan, the hardy plants form a protruding lily-like bloom among clumps of heart-shaped leaves in a rainbow of hues; from the "Blue Clown" to the "Gold Regal" to the slightly variegated sage and white "Abba Irresistible." In entries organized by color, hosta specialist Grenfell reviews the special needs and features of each, also offering advice on designing beds and containers and combating pests and diseases. Appendices include hardiness zone maps for Europe and North America, suggestions for how to use and where to see hostas, and a glossary. Shadrack's sumptuous photographs form a bright centerpiece for this comprehensive guide. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc.

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"This well-illustrated encyclopedia contains color photographs of over 750 of the finest hosta varieties. Grenfell's hostas knowledge and Shadrack's striking photographs combine to make this the definitive volume."--M.S.--M.S. Muskiewicz "Choice "

A deep look into the wonderful world of the Hostas. Each photo comes with a summary of the plants mounding habit, size and light (shade) requirements. For the amazing price of about \$9.00 for an almost brand new used book (that costs about \$50. new) I have added the definitive Hosta book to my bookshelf. Having also purchased ms. Grenfell's "The Gardener's Guide to Growing Hostas", also for about \$9.00 I have all I need to know about selecting, identifying, cultivating, potting, soil, feeding and water requirements for Hostas. Thank you, ms. Grenfell for compiling your remarkable knowledge that is bringing much joy and enrichment to my life. And thank you for being my endless source of books, music and just about anything else I would ever need to buy. Always with great value and service. Your loyal customer, Freddy B.

Great book

Very informative, wonderful pictures, very useful when planning for the purchase or layout of a hosta garden! I'm very fortunate that there is a botanical garden/large hosta collection in my area that sells hundreds of different hosta varieties. With their price lists and this delightful book, I've been able to do my homework first, then go shopping and have created quite the diverse hosta/shade garden, with unique specimens not found at most run of the mill retailers. Again, this is a great book!

Comprehensive plant guide, with beautiful color pictures. Only problem, book was published in 2004, so any newly developed Hosta plants not included.

I was pleasantly surprised when this book arrived. It was one book I did not have, and based on the write ups, it looked "ok". I have just about every Hosta book that is available; this one is one of the best. It is different in that it organizes its chapters on Hosta according to color (blue, green, gold, variegated, etc.). This is particularly useful when comparing Hosta to each other, or trying to identify Hosta. The photography is top notch being accurate and well laid out. Definitely a must for anyone serious about Hosta.

This is really an amazing book--the best of the hosta books I've seen. The copyright date is more recent than some other books, so it includes newer cultivars. The photos are wonderful, too--they capture the beauty, variety and, most importantly, the colors of the plants very well; photos are even provided for some of the more distinctive blooms. The text at the beginning of the book is also a super resource. In-depth explanations of how hostas are classified/grouped, and definitions of the parts of a hosta plant are provided. For each photo, there is a nice write-up giving all the specifics about the plant. I would highly recommend this book--well worth the money!

This is the Grenfell hosta book that I cannot live without. I mistakenly wrote that about another Grenfell hosta book, but this is the big kahuna of hosta books. This is the one that gets me through drab winters. This is the one that makes me happy and that I must have always in my house. Nearby.

Very comprehensive.

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