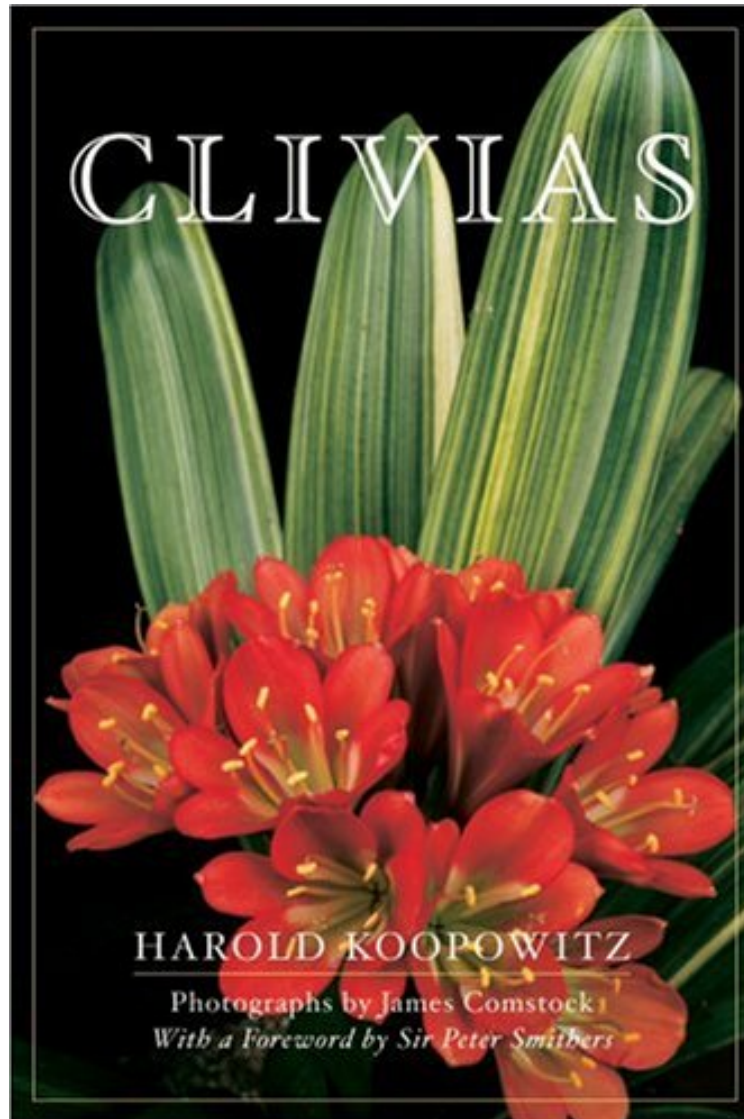


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Clivias are classed among the most desirable of all connoisseur plants, offering not only spectacular flowers but also interesting variations in both leaf variegation and plant form. Despite their reputation as specialist plants, however, clivias are surprisingly easy to grow and tolerant of abuse. Koopowitz has written the first book to delightfully detail the genus Clivia. Beginning with the story of their discovery, he moves on to issues of cultivation, hybridization, and propagation. The bulk of his book is a profusely illustrated examination of the diversity of clivia variation, from the familiar orange and red flowers to the famous yellow forms and the pastel colors that are creating so much excitement today.

From BooklistLong considered the "holy grail" of houseplants, clivias remain among the most sought-after and misunderstood of all horticultural specimens. Easy to grow and difficult to kill, able to withstand poor light, pot-bound conditions, and other cultural abuses, clivias should be among the most widely used houseplants on the market, yet their reputation as so-called "connoisseur" plants discourages even the most accomplished gardeners. Following their late-nineteenth-century glory days, when it was not uncommon for clivia devotees to pay thousands of dollars for a single plant, clivias faded into relative obscurity for nearly a century. Recent improvements in breeding, cultural adaptations, and the advent of Internet marketing, however, have combined to return clivias to their former levels of popularity. Koopowitz, a distinguished academician and experienced clivia cultivator, gives voice to this growing trend, creating the first monograph to explicitly describe clivias' horticultural heritage and cultural requirements, with brilliant support by more than 100 of Comstock's breathtaking color photographs. Invaluable information for both the professional and the amateur. Carol HaggasCopyright American Library Association. All rights reserved  
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