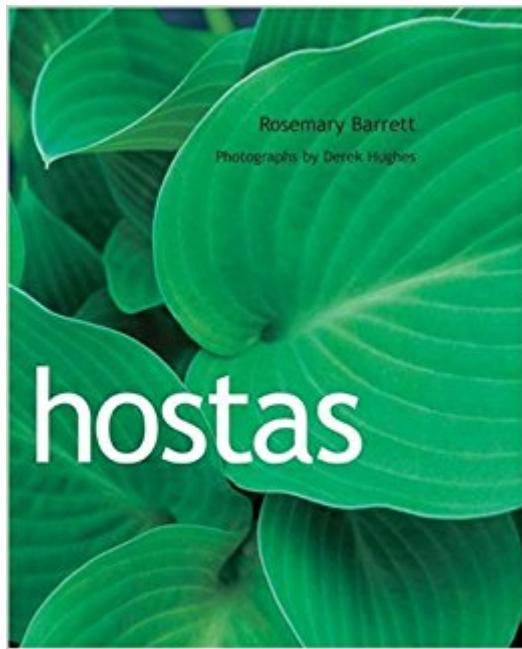


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# Hostas



## **Synopsis**

Hostas is the definitive guide to the popular hardy perennial that gardeners have come to rely upon and enjoy. Favored for their beauty and longevity, these shade-loving, low-maintenance plants bear foliage in all manner of shape, size and texture and in colors ranging from steel blue, tonal greens and yellows to multi-colored. Their long-blooming, aromatic flowers come in variations of white, pale lavender and blue-purple. The growing season for hostas stretches from early spring to late fall, and they flourish in Zone 3 -- most of the continental United States as well as populated areas of Canada and Alaska. Rosemary Barrett provides expert advice on these outstanding plants.

Following a brief section on the history of hostas, she covers the various cultivars in fine detail, with topics that include: Cultivation Enhancing a garden Propagation Container-growing Landscaping Plant and tree companions Borders and beds A catalog of hostas Garden settings. Featuring lush color photographs throughout, Hostas is ideal for gardeners at all levels of expertise.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Sharing her experiences based on years of gardening with hostas, Barrett, along with coauthor Hughes, guides readers through the limitless variety and versatility of each plant, highlighting more than one hundred species and varieties, and offering landscape ideas, companion plantings, and specific cultivar information for both. Carol Haggas Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The book provides pictures of many varieties, which shows both their color and their setting in the

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This is an outstanding book on hostas and the many varieties of hostas there are. Some hostas will take full sun, some take dappled shade. After reading this book I want to add to my small collection of hostas. The author tells you where to put different varieties and how to put hostas of different colors together. Also the author has examples of flowers and shrubs that go well with hostas. This is a real good book on hostas and it will get your mind to working on the next hosta to buy and add to your garden. Get this jewel and happy reading!

I grow hostas for many years. I collected most of hosta books. This book is a real treasure. It was written in a rather informal style. But it was written by a person who grows hostas in her own garden. So, she knows all about hostas from her own experience. This way, while reading this book, I have a feeling like discussing with a friend our gardening experiences.I wish this book could be published again with updated information about new cultivars, etc.

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Being a Hosta lover, I like this book a lot. It has an amazing array of Hostas for every nook and corner.

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I liked the book very much. Came as described, slightly used. First blank page was cut out so that was fine with me . The rest of the book was like new. The order came quickly which was great. Thank you.

Previous reviews of this book proved accurate for me. I wanted basic introductory info on hostas but also color photos and more in-depth info for later. Many varieties shown and discussed. I like that the writer indicated her preferences, so that the reader knows where she's coming from.

Rosemary Barrett has her own beautiful way of writing about hostas. It's a fun to read book with endless ideas about how to use hostas in the landscape. A true gardening book. Plus plenty of first-class crisp, color pictures, of whole gardens and of individual hostas. Most inspiring.

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