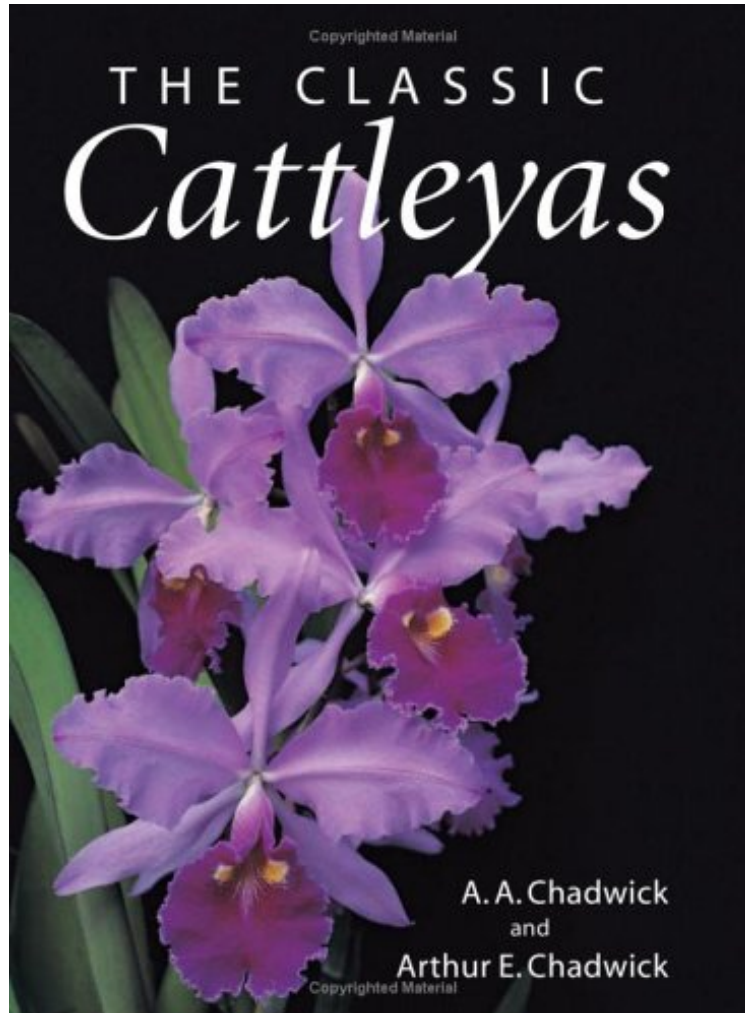


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Arthur A. Chadwick, Arthur E. Chadwick : The Classic Cattleyas before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Classic Cattleyas:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Historical Journey and Scientific Evidence of Cattleyas By Hsieh, Kuang-Jen Actually, this is the first book I bought from .com. Before I read this book, the only I learnt about Cattleyas was an old Chinese book called "Exotic Orchids" since my childhood. The authors introduced 17 so called "unifoliate" or "large-flowered" Cattleyas and 6 Brazilian Lealias but they insisted on "Cattleyas" through a chronicle in discovery. Each species has its unique distributing habitat, growing characteristic, and flowering season, so the Chadwicks instructed different culture techniques for each Cattleya. From the description of story-telling, I could almost see the imagery of Victorian Era that orchid hunters were searching orchids in cloudy forests of Andes ridges or in smog

jungles of basin; the rich Esquires were egering for a precious orchid from auction in London. Many astonishing orchids were showing off in hundreds of "stove houses", but even more precious orchids were dying in shipments across the Atlantic Ocean! I think that we shall protect these beautiful species from destroying rain forests and not buying them from wild. Like the authors said about *L. tenebrosa*: Today, it is like the elusive "pot of gold" at the end of the rainbow-- it is there, but it is not there. Of the sibling cross still being made, there is always hope that some of the old genes may be present and re-appear to unlock grandeur of the past. Keep them in their own habitats, someday we will discover this great gene without taking it back! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very excellent treatment given to the history of the classic cattleyas ...By G. Anderson Very excellent treatment given to the history of the classic cattleyas as they were found in South America and brought into Europe and were classified. Gives thorough information on each as to culture, growing and blooming seasons. Also provides detail information on funguses and pests. Also highlites the key man-made hybrides. A one-stop shop for just about anything you could want to know. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The Classic Cattleyas By Lorna This is an extremely well-written, easy-to-read book and loaded with information on these orchids. The text is clear and concise. The photography is beautiful and placed within the text so you are not scrambling through pages to find the appropriate photograph !The Classic Cattleyas is really a history book and covers what happened from the time of discovery to what happened once it reached the Northern Hemisphere. After discussing each species there are notes on how to grow that species and there are also photos showing that species along with some of the cultivars. The book has a chapter on hybrids and hybridizing from the old to the new and the photographs in this section are stunning. At the end of the book there are chapters on how to grow your own cattleyas and dealing with any pests and diseases which may assail them from root to flowers. I believe this book would suit growers of all levels from novice to experienced.

In 1818, William Cattley succeeded in flowering one of the first species of the genus that would bear his name. These first cattleyas are the classic cattleyas, whose form defined the essence of tropical orchids for generations to come. Indeed, the color of their flowers became known as "orchid." In this helpful and informative book, each classic *Cattleya* species is described in fascinating detail, and its role in breeding programs is elucidated. All that is required to appreciate and grow the large-flowered cattleyas successfully is included. Cultivation, humidity and watering, fertilizing, propagation, and diagnosing and treating problems are detailed, making this volume valuable for both veteran orchid enthusiasts and those who simply love these beautiful flowers.