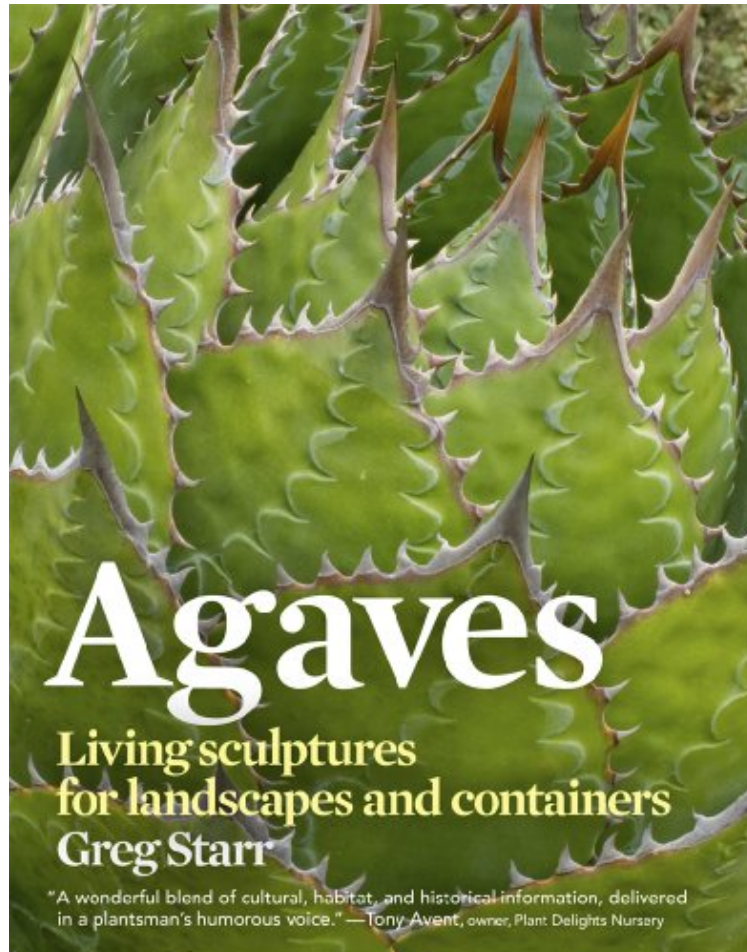


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Greg Starr : Agaves: Living Sculptures for Landscapes and Containers before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Agaves: Living Sculptures for Landscapes and Containers:

16 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Expertly Written and Up-to-Date ReferenceBy R. PontiusThis long awaited tome fills a critical void in the literature on Agaves. The long out-of-print Agaves of Continental North America from 1982 is still the best reference for species identification, however if one wants cultural information, including the new cultivars (hybrids), then you need this book. Greg has taken his intimate knowledge of all things Agave and translated it to the written word in a highly readable fashion. The photographs are exceptionally well done and the choice of images for this book is worthy of praise. There is a bit of wit and wisdom that interplay throughout the text and this I find uplifting especially compared to some of the more recent generalist works that are as dry as the habitats the plant live in. So some so much that I would need my own xeric adaption to continue reading them. This book will be great for the Agavologist, as Greg call the people whom study agaves, for the new and old collector, the

botanical curious and the diehard agave enthusiast. It isn't often that one gets really excited about a new plant book and I admit that I haven't had those emotions evoked in quite a while.... until now. I spent nearly 3 hours pouring through the pages, reading the information and learning the history and culture of some of the more obscure agaves. This is a Must Have for anyone who grows Agaves. The author has done a tremendous job in writing and Timber Press, as always, has put a very worthwhile book out! Kudos to both. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very good writing style and organization; excellent source of information. By Craig Jackson This book tries to appeal to several audiences. The first audience is the people of the horticultural world who would love the stories behind the plants and the locations where they were originally found. The other audience is the novice or intermediate agave gardener. It's tough to pull off such a multi-audience book, but I think the author succeeds because of his down to earth writing style, sense of humor, and organization. Most people who are interested in agaves will really like this book by such person who was historically key to bringing agaves to our attention. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. agaves. By cycadfreak I highly recommend this book for anyone with an interest in the Genus Agave. Although the cultural information is geared for the US, the book contains enough information for others to adopt for their climates. The illustrations are fantastic. Dozens of species have been photographed in habitat and presented in colour and there is an ID key at the end of the book for similar species.

Gardeners and garden designers are having a love affair with agaves. It's easy to see why they're low maintenance, drought-tolerant, and strikingly sculptural, with an astounding range of form and color. Many species are strikingly variegated, and some have contrasting ornamental spines on the edges of their leaves. Fabulous for container gardening or in-the-ground culture, they combine versatility with easy growability. In *Agaves*, plant expert Greg Starr profiles 75 species, with additional cultivars and hybrids, best suited to gardens and landscapes. Each plant entry includes a detailed description of the plant, along with its cultural requirements, including hardiness, sun exposure, water needs, soil requirements, and methods of propagation. Agaves can change dramatically as they age and this comprehensive guide includes photos showing each species from youth to maturity a valuable feature unique to this book.

Will prove especially useful for budding botanists and gardeners interested in learning more about agaves in their native habitat. Library Journal Details 75 species with suggestions on how to add it to the home garden. . . . each photo-rich entry also includes a description and care advice. Arizona Daily Star Help[s] readers select plants properly and use them in conjunction with other compatible species. The Desert Sun Once you've seen his photos and read his descriptions, you may find yourself crossing over into agave-nut territory yourself. Digging An extremely useful addition to my library, but even more than that it manages, on every page, to increase the excitement I feel about these wonderful plants. Danger Garden