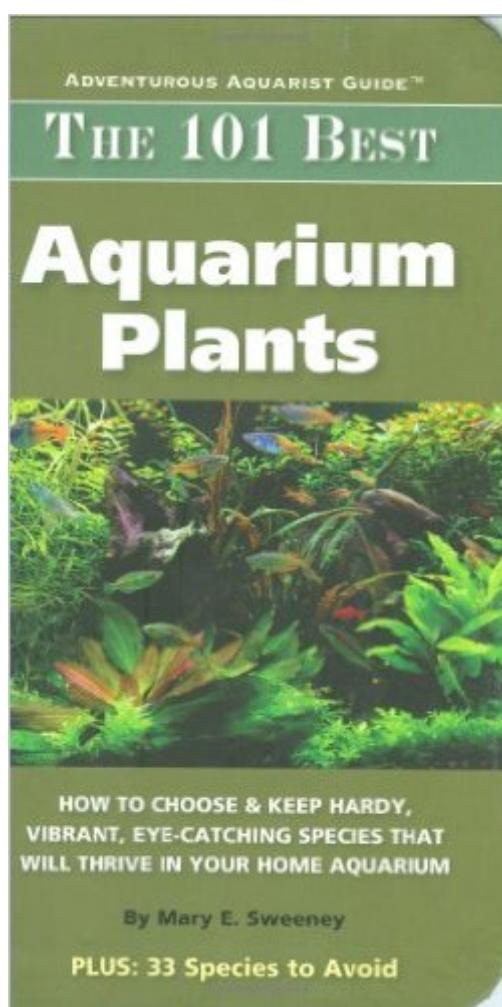


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# The 101 Best Aquarium Plants: How To Choose Hardy, Vibrant, Eye-Catching Species That Will Thrive In Your Home Aquarium (Adventurous Aquarist Guide)



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Whether you are a new or intermediate hobbyist, *The 101 Best Aquarium Plants* is the perfect pocket-sized guide for navigating the booming planted aquarium market. *The 101 Best Aquarium Plants* makes aquascaping and keeping healthy aquatic plants simple by providing clear, expert advice and recommendations that greatly improve the hobbyist's chances of success. It presents 101 full-page species accounts of plants that are not only appealing in appearance but can thrive in aquarium tanks. Also included are 33 species to avoid; plants that are not compatible with home aquariums or that tend to perish in the hands of inexperienced aquarists. Written by an experienced aquarium hobbyist, this title features must-know buying, fertilization, and keeping tips, plus easy-to-use keys to sizes and care requirements. The book is organized for instant look-up, with color-coding to highlight species that will fit into aquarium systems of different sizes. The brilliant full-color identifying photos serve as the perfect comple

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Well, I must say at the outset that this is a book I currently have on loan from my Spokane library. I discovered no one has reviewed it here on when I came here looking to buy it and wanting to know what others thought about it! I have not seen a lot of aquarium plant books yet, certainly not Hiscock's, which seem to be strongly represented here. Mary Sweeney's book is a little "pocketbook" type (called a turtle?). It is only 11 cm wide by 20 cm long. Very "handy". As for the

contents, I can say two things right off the bat: 1) the text is good to a point but has some problems (see below); 2) the photos are sometimes good and sometimes not so good. Concerning the text, the plant species are not arranged alphabetically, but rather by some grouping which I have not yet fathomed. This means I have to continually be going back to the index for page numbers of certain species. Granted the editors have given us a "cheat sheet" of genus names and their pages on both insides of front and back covers, but still... Also, the treatments for each species are not equally thorough. We get complete descriptions, etc. for some species in a genus but then the rest get short shrift. Those that get the short comments often do not have their sizes mentioned. This is irritating. I want to at least know how big each plant will get. Granted this is 101 Best so I should be content with that, but I already want more and it is not there. With regard to the photos, sometimes they are really quite good. Then there are those that aren't. The disparity is sometimes very great. On the whole I would say the photos are good about 80% of the time. Admittedly it must be a b\*tch trying to take photos of plants in water! This book is copyrighted 2008, so it is up-to-date.

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