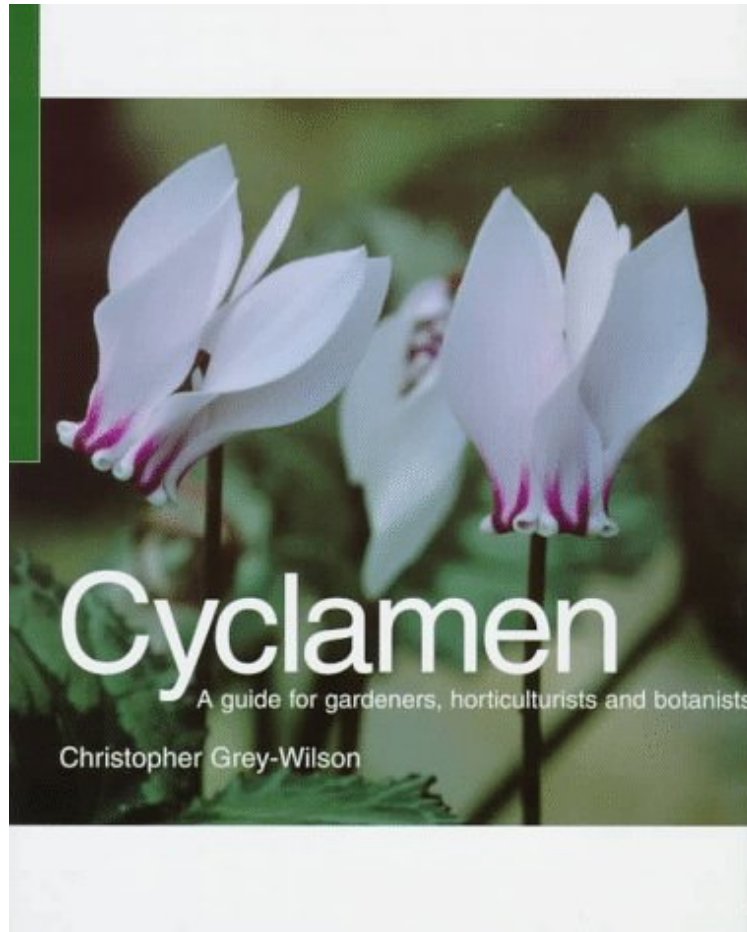


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did the author mentioned about this strain, but also the culture tips on growing this particular plant. Then I realized why the author has not updated this 1997 edition: there is very little new information to require a new publication. For profit, he could do so with new pictures and elaborate some viewpoints, as some horticultural books do. But he didn't. Whether you are new or old lover of this wonderful plant, this is a book worth having in your library.

A completely revised and updated edition of the most comprehensive study of the genus *Cyclamen* ever undertaken, this book covers species both in the wild and in cultivation, along with analyses of the many cultivars. The book is beautifully illustrated with 200 color photographs as well as line drawings and maps showing the distribution of the various species in the wild. Detailed notes on cultivation and propagation are provided. Using a minimum of botanical jargon, it tells all those with an interest in the subject everything that they may need or want to know about this fascinating genus.

Acclaimed horticulturalist, writer and plant hunter, Christopher Grey-Wilson offers this updated and fully revised edition of the classic and definitive work on the genus *Cyclamen*. A vast range of cultivars are to be found within the 22 species of this primarily Mediterranean genus, with plants to be found in flower twelve months of the year. From white to pink and red and all colours in-between, their pretty recurved petals beg closer inspection whilst the wiry whorls of seeds fascinate adults and children alike. Emerging from under shrubs and trees in the autumn, *Cyclamen hederifolium* with its ivy-like leaves and *Cyclamen coum* with its silvery undergrowth of foliage, light up dark corners with a regularity that has ensured their enduring appeal. Amenable to many garden situations and only a few requiring more careful cultivation, they are natural companions to other shade-lovers such as ferns, hostas and lamiums. *Cyclamen persicum*, the florists' cyclamen which has grown in importance over the last decade or so and is so popular for winter window-boxes, has a large chapter devoted to them, highlighting their popularity by the amount of hybridisation that has been carried out. Whilst a lot of the text is botanically written, the overall picture is that of a useful and indispensable guide to the cultivation of these popular little plants. Informatively written but easy to understand for the lay-person, this work will remain the bible of *Cyclamen* for a long time still to come. - Lucy Watson

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