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THE TROPICAL HOTHOUSE (ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS, KEW)

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Today it is easier than ever to recreate some of the magic of these botanical wonderlands at home. From exotic-looking potted orchids and motley assortments of succulents, to luxuriant, leafy Swiss cheese plants. Yes, house plants – all sorts of them – are now enjoying a resurgence in popularity. As, indeed, is the terrarium, born in the Victorian age and an ever more popular way to create a miniature indoor jungle under glass on a shelf or windowsill – even in the smallest of apartments.

This book will take you down luxuriant, palm-lined corridors dripping with Spanish moss, orchids and pitcher plants; through damp, frondescent forests; and into glass-roofed deserts with barracks of spiny cacti. To be surrounded by characterful plants from around the world is an experience without compare. So immerse yourself in this veritable jungle of vigorous vines, burgeoning blooms and flourishing foliage. While away a few hours in a botanical garden hothouse and enjoy its heady, green aroma. Hothouses are a wonderland of extraordinary plants, and this book tells their story.