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"This 'Illustrated Handbook of Succulent Plants' ... presents the newest stand of knowledge in all aspects of this group of plants. ... the cross reference index is very helpful. ... this comprehensive taxonomic work updating the increased knowledge of succulents in 20 years is well suited and highly recommended to all plant scientists, including herbarium staff, and horticulturists, and to the wide range of fascinated hobbyists. ... this volume will find a very wide readership" (Norbert Leist, *Journal of Plant Physiology*, Vol. 159 (7), 2002)

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The Illustrated Handbook of Succulent Plants represents the first comprehensive taxonomic treatment of succulents in thirty years. It covers over 9000 taxa of all succulents except Cactaceae. This up-to-date work is ideally suited for anyone interested in these fascinating plants, including hobbyists, plant scientists, horticulturalists and herbarium staff.

This volume on monocotyledons presents succulents from 17 families and 64 genera, totalling some 1100 species and over 200 infraspecific taxa. The families Agavaceae, Aloaceae and Doryanthaceae are covered in their entirety. The most important genera are *Agave* (century plants) with approx. 200 species, and *Aloe* (aloes) with about 450. Other major genera included are: *Haworthia*, *Bulbine* and *Sansevieria*, each with approx. 60 species. In addition, a wide variety of bulbous xerophytes from several genera are described.

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