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# Brighten Up Your Life With Bougainvillea



## **Synopsis**

Living with bougainvillea is all about living with color, variety, and a sense of lightheartedness that brings cheer to the dullest day. To a Sunday gardener who does not feel inclined to slave too much in the garden, he or she can still enjoy the bounties of a healthy plant that requires little care other than the regular watering. Brighten Up Your Life With Bougainvillea not only provides you with the tools to grow and care for one of the easiest flowering plants on earth, but also offers a visual feast to any garden admirer who appreciates an armchair tour of some truly interesting places where the common denominator is simply the ubiquitous bougainvillea. BGI is the largest wholesale bougainvillea grower in United States, and obtains the exclusive distribution rights of Brighten Up Your Life With Bougainvillea to countries in North America, South America, EEC, Africa, and Asia (with the exception of Malaysia and Singapore)

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book is designed not only for the specialist horticulturist but for the weekend occasional gardener as well. It has a step-by-step approach that encourages rather than intimidates the average casual gardener who likes to potter around. Eric Simon provides an abundance of colored photographs of these versatile plants set around the house and in public places. This is an imaginative approach to demonstrate that with some creativity, a house can be transformed into a home and a public place, a park. These photographs from his own collection, taken over the years, add a personal touch to this book, compiled and written with patience, knowledge and good humor.

This book is not so much about the physiology or the history of the bougainvillea. It is rather a book that is dedicated to helping the keen tropical gardener get the very best out of his collection, from plant selection to planting, pruning and all the maintenance work necessary to promote new growth.  
--American Nurseryman

Born in Kuala Lumpur in 1935 of a Chinese Peranakan mother and an Indian father, Eric Simon was educated in Penang in his early years. After leaving high school, Eric studied at the College of Agriculture in Serdang (now known as UPM). Upon graduation in 1958, he became an Extension Officer with the Selangor Department of Agriculture, and also taught at several district training centers for farmers. In 1958, he opted out of government service and became a full-time horticultural consultant to the property development sector in Kuala Lumpur, a position he holds to this day. Eric is the President of the Selangor and Federal Territory Gardening Society, and has been an active committee member of the Orchid Society of Malaysia. Besides bougainvillea, Eric's special interest is orchids, which he has been growing since the 1960's, and for which he has won many awards. He is a man who lives up to his motto: He who plants a garden, plants happiness.

This book is the complete care and growing guide for anyone interested in bougainvillea. Well written with tips on care and pruning that I had never heard in my 40 years of growing plants. Beautiful photos with complete explanations of growth patterns and landscape suggestions. Although only 98 pages, it is worth every penny. You can figure if it helps you grow one beautiful eye-catching bougainvillea, it is certainly worth the cost paid.

A good book to showcase the Bougainvillea, almost a sales pitch but some good foundation knowledge from the expert is passed on. Very asian focused and not much on the greater world and other climates. I felt the photography was a little amateur, but pictorially there are some aspiring examples of great plants on offer.

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