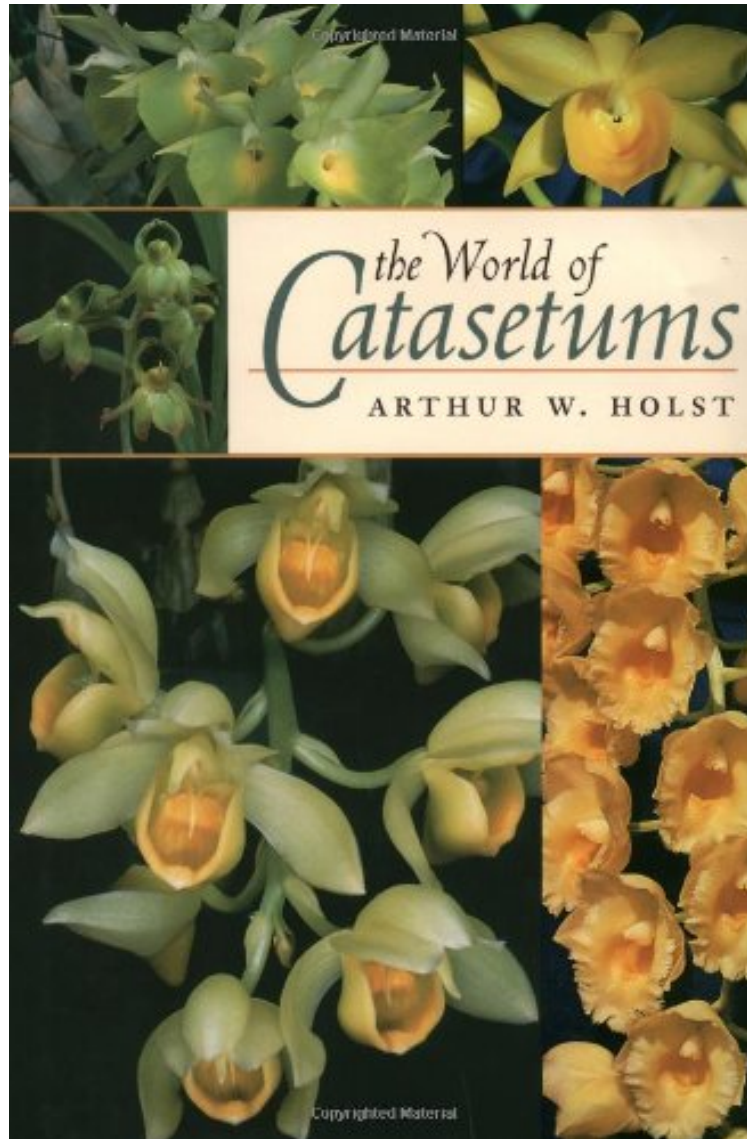


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Catasetum is a genus of Central and South American orchids, strikingly beautiful but somewhat neglected by hobbyists. The author, an experienced grower, has discovered that catasetums require very different cultural techniques from most orchids, but if the plants' particular needs are observed, they are not difficult to grow successfully. Among the traits that lend particular interest to the genus is the almost explosive release of pollen, a kind of conservatory parlor trick that delights the grower and surprises the unwary.

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