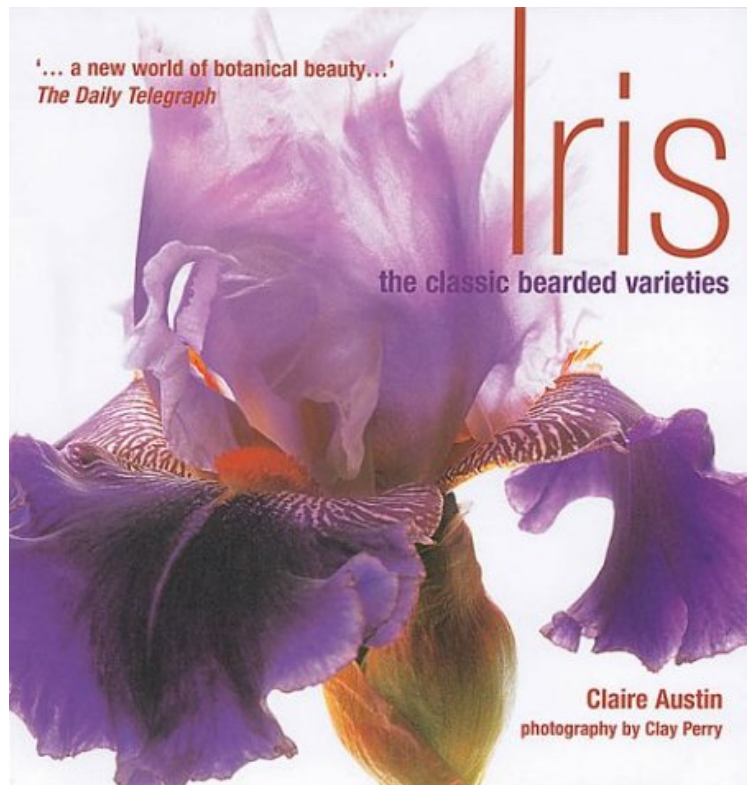


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Bearded irises are the most popular and glamorous of all irises. They are romantically associated with cottage gardens but can also be grown in the most inhospitable of city locations. It is even possible to cultivate them to have a succession of flowers for 3 months. This title should be of interest to specialists and new enthusiasts alike. It focuses exclusively on bearded irises and provides an introduction to the genus, as well as all the necessary practical know-how for growing them successfully and detailed information on 70 varieties.

From the Publisher Whether blending effortlessly in traditional cottage gardens or adding drama to contemporary plantings, bearded irises are the new stars of the garden. And thanks to modern breeding techniques, it is now possible to enjoy their sensational blooms for three consecutive months or more. This book, graced with Clay Perrys glorious color photos, features 70 of todays best varieties as well as a wealth of practical guidance on how to plant and grow irises successfully. Enchanting and informative, *Iris* is an ideal book for specialists, new enthusiasts, and the wellappointed coffee table. Claire Austin, author of *1001 Perennials*, runs a successful nursery specializing in irises and hardy plants. Clay Perry is an internationally renowned garden photographer, whose books include *Clay Perrys Fantastic Flowers* and *David Austins English Roses*. About the Author Claire Austin has been a professional breeder of irises for seventeen years.