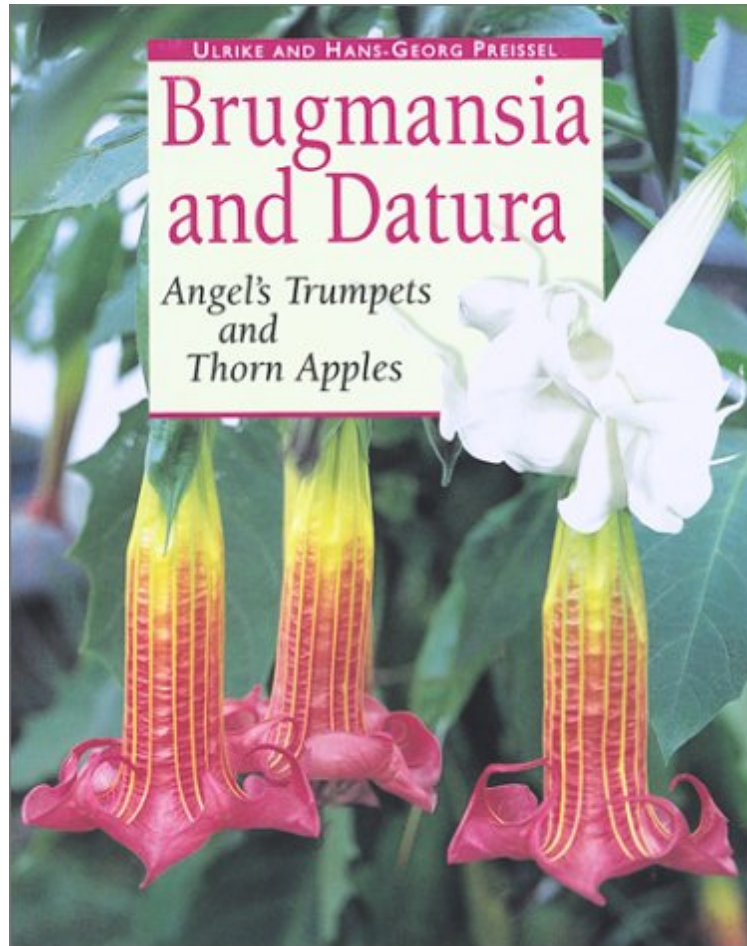


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**Ulrike Preissel, Hans-Georg Preissel : Brugmansia and Datura: Angel's Trumpets and Thorn Apples** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Brugmansia and Datura: Angel's Trumpets and Thorn Apples:

9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Lovely Photos, But Datura Information BiasedBy FYIpeople rave here about this gorgeous book. The work of Richard Evans Shultes is far more professional and accurate, but this is an attractive read, with lovely photos, and the information on cultivating Brugmansia is superior. But the arguments of the authors that *D. meteloides* is really *D. innoxia*, and that *D. metel* is really a different, deep purple variety, reveals their lack of real botanical experience with these plants out in the wild. A clue: the authors wrongly describe how the seed pods of *meteloides* open. In the wild, *Datura* is incredibly adaptive. In fact, one plant growing at an ancient pueblo site can demonstrate several traits (seemingly of different classifications) and vary in seed pod appearance. They also can last for many years, blooming all year around, even inside, under the right conditions. The authors at no point say that

the only plant with more genetic complexity than *Datura* is corn. It is not true that *D. wrightii*, or *D. meteloides* (which they wrongly state is *innoxia*), only originated in the New World. These *Datura* have been widely cultivated throughout Africa. The deep purple "metel" is just another mutation. Adaptation and mutation of this species make the arguments of the Preissels specious. 14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. A Guide for Growers of Angel Trumpets and Thorn Apples By David B Richman I have liked *Datura* ever since I was a child and found a spectacular plant of *Datura wrightii* (sometimes synonymized with *D. innoxia*) growing in a pecan grove. The rolled up flower buds open in a fascinating way, in a spiral. In addition the white flowers open as evening comes on and produce an unbelievably strong fragrance. They are the epitome of a tropical flower. However, if that is true of *Datura*, than it goes double for *Brugmansia*! I first saw a blooming plant in a back yard in San Francisco and then in the "wild" at the Asa Wright Nature Center in Trinidad. These are truly spectacular plants, even if all are poisonous (but then so are a number of our favorite garden plants like *Narcissus* and *oleander*!) Ulrike and Hans-Georg Preissel have produced a beautiful guide to these wonderful flowers and their cultivation. In fact, the photographs are worth the price of the book alone. This is a great introduction to these exotic cousins of our garden *Petunias*. If you are at all interested in growing these remarkable tropical plants (which are not all that difficult), than this is your guide! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Best *Brug/Datura* book on the market! By Gillian Martin Hands down the best hard copy of a book on these amazing *Solanaceae* family member plants. If you are an experienced gardener that loves drama, and beauty in your gardens and would love to know more about these gorgeous plants, this is the book for you. Of course, nowadays supplemental research online is helpful but for a quick go to this book is invaluable. The photos attached are my plants grown this year with the help of this book!

Stately Angel's Trumpets -- *Brugmansia* -- are spectacular plants, growing like small trees and living for several years. *Datura*, sometimes called Thorn Apples, are mostly annuals and are cultivated like summer flowers. The impressive bell flowers of both varieties -- in white, yellow, pink and red -- are extraordinarily decorative. It's no surprise that *Brugmansia* and *Datura* are prized by enthusiasts around the world. This comprehensive guide for North American gardeners features: history and folklore of *Brugmansia* and *Datura* the latest information on how to distinguish and classify *Brugmansia* and *Datura* form and shape of the flowers and plants -covering all aspects of species, hybrids and varieties hybrid Angel's Trumpets and wild species of Thorn Apples building a *Brugmansia* collection care and cultivation over-wintering, propagation and breeding diseases and pests index, bibliography and nursery sources over 110 beautiful color photographs and numerous illustrations.

From Booklist Unfamiliar and unorthodox, *brugmansias* and *daturas* are the floral opposites of the quaintly reassuring lilacs and pinks. Hothouse curiosities, angel's trumpets and thorn apples, respectively, were used by native cultures for their hallucinogenic and healing properties, anticipating modern medicine's use as antispasmodics. Under the expert tutelage of husband-and-wife authors Preissel, adventurous gardeners receive guidance on cultivating these alluring bell-shaped beauties for horticultural uses in sunrooms or outdoor containers. Carol Haggas Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved The Preissels have succeeded in producing a reference that makes the gardening world more aware of these unique plants ... The book is a welcome guide to growers and collectors of angel's trumpets. (John Bagnasco Garden Compass 2002-06-14) Readable, profusely illustrated ... an excellent guide. (Robert Howard Hamilton Spectator 2002-12-12) Clarifies the distinguishing characteristics between these two genera and shares the rich cultural and historic origins of these often confused plants. (Kristin G. Pategas Ornamental Outlook) More than a 100-color photos and textbook style information make this a book for both the hobby gardener and serious horticulturist. (Marianne Binietti Seattle Post-Intelligencer 2002-06-20) Packed into 144 pages are 110 photos and information about mythical perspectives and the realities of growing the plants. (Fresno Bee 2002-06-15) Clearly written for both professionals and amateurs, will become a standard in the literature on these plants. (Adele Kleine Current Books on Gardening and Botany [Chicago Bot]) About the Author Ulrike and Hans-Georg Preissel have been involved in breeding *Brugmansia* and *Datura* for many years, and have a large collection of these fascinating plants. Both authors have studied horticulture in Hanover, Germany, and, since 1984, Hans-Georg Preissel has been the head of the 17th-century Herrenhuser Gardens, where most of the plants featured in this book were photographed.