Clivia is a truly cosmopolitan genus that is cultivated on almost all continents of the world. This is in sharp contrast to its natural distribution range, which is confined to the southern tip of Africa more precisely South Africa and Swaziland. Clivia: Nature and Nurture has been written with the layman in mind and clearly identifies and characterizes all the species in one volume, describing all varieties, habitats, distribution, ecology and endemism. The book emphasizes the South African origins, ecology and habitat of the genus, particularly for the overseas reader.

The book places the genus in a broad natural and socio-cultural context, explores the commercial value of the genus, as well as identify ethno-botanical practices and the current conservation status of and threats to populations and conservation strategies. It presents the anatomical, physiological and genetic make-up of the plant in laymans terms, but at the same time it serves as a model for a broad spectrum of plant growers. The book introduces growers to the principles and practices specific to the genus, as well as aspects of pests and diseases and their control.

Highlights include:
* A practical, informative guide with the visual appeal of a coffee table book
* The first publication to clearly identify and characterize all the species in one volume
* It lists and illustrates the better known named cultivars and their breeders in South Africa
* Text boxes cover a range of fascinating topics to support and complement the main text
* Richly illustrated with photographs and artwork, some of it specifically done for the publication by South Africas first black botanical artist, Sibonelo Chiliza