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Revered by avid orchid collectors for its delightful, star-shaped flowers, *Huntleya* is a small group of orchids found mostly on the floor of the cloud forest. Besides their striking colors—from deep blue to waxy red, royal purple to almost black—flowers of this group are known for their distinctive shapes, patterns, and textures. As appealing as these lovely tropical orchids are, their identification has been confused since the first species was described in the mid-1800s. Recent DNA studies have led to a clearer understanding of relationships and, as a result of this clarity, it is now possible to sort out the taxonomic problems and identify the characteristics that set species apart. In this first book devoted to the *Huntleya* alliance, author Patricia Harding presents evidence from the scientific literature, other growers, and her own experience that will enable orchidists everywhere to identify their plants and grow them successfully.