



## Joseph Hooker's Rhododendrons of Sikkim Himalaya (Hardback)

By Joseph Hooker

Paulist Press International, U.S., United States, 2018. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker (1817-1911) is perhaps the greatest of the lauded Directors of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and 2017 marks both the bicentenary of his birth and 170 years since his trip to India where he sought botanical treasures in the Himalayas. This facsimile edition of Hooker's *The Rhododendrons of Sikkim-Himalaya* has been reproduced from an original held in the Library, Art Archives of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Its publication in three volumes between 1849 and 1851 was an unparalleled commercial success for Hooker. The lavish illustrations produced by Walter Hood Fitch which accompanied the rhododendron descriptions were, and still are, considered to be some of the finest examples of botanical illustration ever produced. The book introduced to the Victorian public new species of rhododendrons that were to become hugely popular and also to play a role in the evolution of British horticultural style and landscape design. All three parts of the publication are brought together in this facsimile, with all 30 plates beautifully reproduced alongside Hooker's original descriptions. A new introductory chapter by Virginia Mills and Cam Sharp Jones...



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