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Paul Rieuf: Clé d'identification des champignons rencontrés sur les plantes maraîchères. INRA Publications. Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique, Paris. Typescript, 84 pp. 1985. ISBN: 2-85340-710-1. Obtainable from Service de Publications, C.N.R.A., Route de Saint-Cyr, F-78000 Versailles. Price 60.00 FF.

Contains a glossary; 12 pages of popularizing keys to genera and species parasitizing vegetable crops, according to fungal structures (not symptoms), but mentioning host plants, highly artificial for the sake of easy use; 5 pages of simplistic line drawings; an index to fungal names, including synonyms and anamorph connections; and a list of host plants according to families. More difficult genera, such as *Fusarium*, *Pythium* and *Phytophthora*, are not keyed out to species. Nomenclature is conservative. The booklet may serve to stimulate interest in pathogenic fungi among practitioners but, as it does not enforce careful observation, it is not likely to lead to reliable species identification.

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