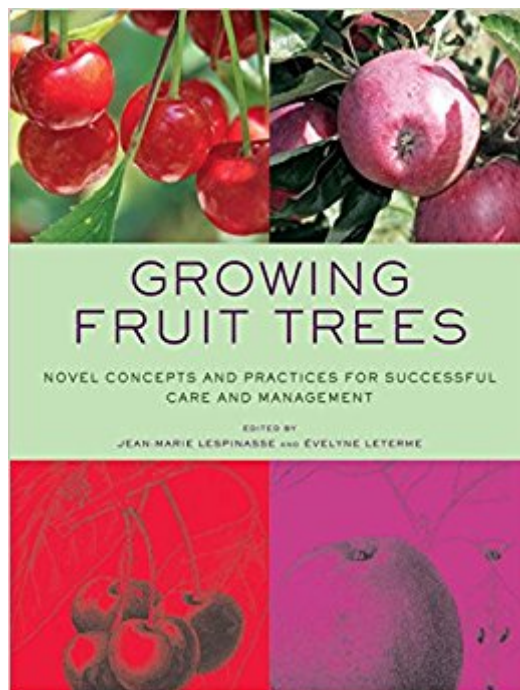




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Growing Fruit Trees: Novel Concepts And Practices For Successful Care And Management



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Everything the serious gardener needs to know about cultivating fifteen different types of fruit trees for rapid, high-quality fruit production. Jean-Marie Lespinasse and Sylvie Leterme, fruit tree specialists based in France, explain the unique conditions and requirements of fifteen different types of trees—almond, apple, apricot, cherry, chestnut, fig, grape, hazelnut, kiwi, olive, peach, pear, plum, quince, and walnut. From understanding climatic limitations and tree morphology to selecting rootstock varieties and mastering fertilization technique, principles of training, and proper harvesting methods, this manual provides an in-depth study of fruit tree cultivation for landscape designers, arborists, horticulturalist, and serious gardeners alike. By respecting the natural characteristics and habits of the trees, you will learn sensitive, effective interventions to ensure strong, healthy fruit tree development. Technical details are elegantly and clearly illustrated in more than 300 full-color photographs and drawings, supplemented by a comprehensive glossary and resource list. 235 full-color photographs, 150 color illustrations

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Jean- — Marie Lespinasse, worked at the Bordeaux-Aquitaine branch of the National Institute for Agricultural Research in France from 1962 to 2000. He is a specialist in the breeding and study of fruit trees. — velyn Leterme is the founder and director of the Conservatoire Vegetal Regional d'Aquitaine (CVRA) in France.

I picked up a copy of this book at the library and ended up buying it so I will have this as a reference book. The authors are French, but the book covers the U.S. as well. It's pretty interesting to see the varieties that are grown elsewhere. The book contains quite a bit of technical and practical information on growing fruit trees. There are excellent photos and diagrams throughout that will help you to understand how and where the fruits will grow on the branches. If you've ever cut off next year's fruiting wood, this will keep you from making that mistake. The Introduction has a history of fruit trees and how they evolved through interaction with livestock and humans. This is fascinating stuff and will help you understand why fruit trees behave as they do and how pruning affects them. The authors cover in detail 12 kinds of fruits and nuts: Almond, Apple, Apricot, Cherry, Chestnut, Fig, Grape, Hazelnut, Kiwi, Olive, Peach, Pear, Plum, Quince, and Walnut. Each chapter is similarly organized. The Apricot chapter, for example, starts with the history of the apricot and where it originated. The authors trace the origin and the spread of the apricot from the Middle East, North Africa, Greece, Armenia, Italy, France, and then on to the U.S. Turkey is the largest apricot producer in the world. You find the interesting information that production in California is down because of the inexpensive Turkish dried apricots, increased urbanization, and decreased consumption of apricot nectar. Now another section on "The Tree", is eight pages packed with all

that information to help you become familiar with the various parts of the apricot tree - the branches and types of growth, where the fruit will appear next year, and flowering. There are many photos and excellent drawings to help you out. The next section is about the "Principles of Training". If you've ever stood in front of your fruit tree and were confused about what you should prune and what you should keep, this will help you immensely.

A friend loaned me a copy of this first, and after digging in it was clear I needed to own it. We have a small orchard with less than a dozen young trees in an urban backyard. Our goal is to maximize production in a small space while maintaining the health and longevity of the tree. This book covers dozens of types of food trees, including nuts, in deep detail. In truth, the density of information is a little overwhelming at first read, but it's worth it, because for the first time I feel like I understand how and why to take specific management steps on my trees. So far so good; our peach tree is covered with fruit and by following their plan to bend the limbs low and stake them, we kept the tree small enough that we were able to cover it with sheets through several hail storms. Before staking, it was much too tall to have any hope of protecting the young fruits. Highly recommended.

Very informing about growing fruit trees and can be used as handbook for daily use, good written in a clear and understandable text.

Had good information, but returned the book because it did not cover what my husband was looking regarding pruning fruit trees.

This book is very informative for those with agricultural majors or degrees, but rather steep for home farmer. It gets into some scientific wording that are difficult to understand at times. Not to say that the whole book is that way, I am getting a lot from this book. Just wish it could be a little more layperson friendly.

as an arborist I really appreciated the new ideas and informative studies done on growing and producing fruit and structural training, Great book!

This is an excellent book. I recommended it for reading to every fruit grower and fruit experts who wants to explore and advance its knowledge. It is very well written, with even small details provided that I have not found in many other books that talk about the same topic.

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