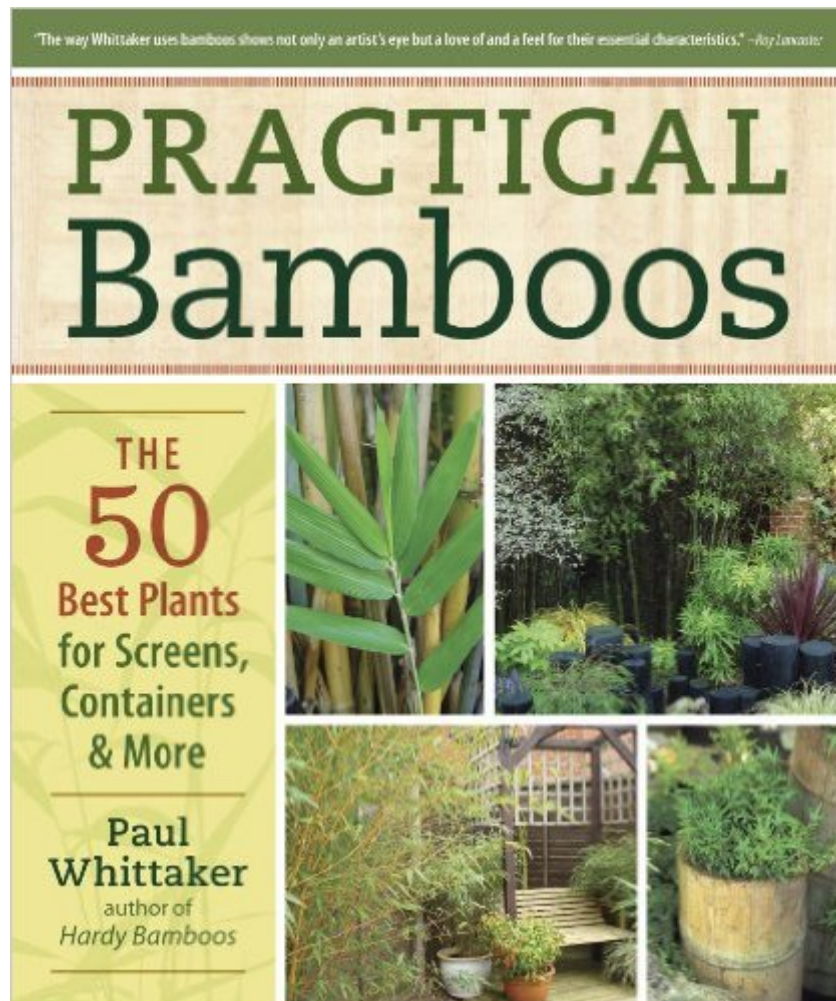


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# Practical Bamboos: The 50 Best Plants For Screens, Containers And More



## Synopsis

Practical Bamboos features the 50 best bamboos based on appearance and usefulness. A handy checklist allows readers to pick plants that are right for them at a glance. A section on using bamboo in the garden covers topics such as incorporating bamboos in the mixed border, using them to create Japanese-style or Mediterranean-style gardens, using them for hedges and edging, establishing them in containers, choosing the right ones for difficult places, and selecting the best plants for small gardens or waterside planting.

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## Customer Reviews

Unless you have a large property and want to grow arboretum-style bamboos; otherwise you need a plan to accommodate these bamboos at your home in the most aesthetic way. Followed by the well-loved bamboo book "Taming the Dragon", this wonderful book focuses on bamboo garden designs. It is NOT a book about designing bamboo gardens, but about fitting bamboos into your settings. For example, the author did not provide information on Asian-style garden techniques. Instead, he gave tips on how bamboos fit into that design, as well as companion plants that will accentuate bamboos for that style. The latter half of the book introduce certain bamboo species, their "personalities", and their usages in gardens. All and all, this book is a great complement to the author's previous success and definitely not a redundant! Moreover, the author's excellent command on English and his sense of humor makes this book a joy to read. Highly recommended!

What an awesome book on bamboos. If you are interested in growing this plant I would encourage you to read this book first. It immediately begins by fixing any misconceptions you have. It contains good solid information. Mr. Whittaker starts off with some facts; "bamboo produces more oxygen and consumes more carbon dioxide pro rata than any other plant in the world. The woody canes that are dried from bamboo have a higher tensile strength than steel. Bamboo fibers are absorbent yet don't stick to the skin, they are warm in cool weather and cool in hot weather. They are antibacterial, anti-static, uv-protective and do not irritate allergy-prone skin as well as totally biodegradable." The pictures of the different bamboos are very descriptive and colorful. You get an up-close view of leaves and culms for many of the plants he lists. There is also a checklist of the strengths and weaknesses along with unknown tidbits such as. " if you are looking to make a quick impression, choose this". The downside to this landscape book is its focus on hardy forms used in temperate climates. So if you live in the tropics or subtropics, bamboos for this area of the world are not covered here. If you live in Southern California or Florida you will need to find some reputable websites to find out what will grow in your area. I would have also loved to see more practical uses for the canes but I realize this reference is about growing bamboo, not how to use the plants.

I recently purchased three books about bamboo one was almost a pamphlet - just a few pages of words and lots of pics one was for professionals - someone who worked with plants already and wanted to get into the cultivation + propagation - disease types and prevention - and the science of installation this was my third purchase and I was expecting something in between it was really just a series of pics and short explanations I was hoping for a little more depth -

Pretty good reference.

Good book!

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