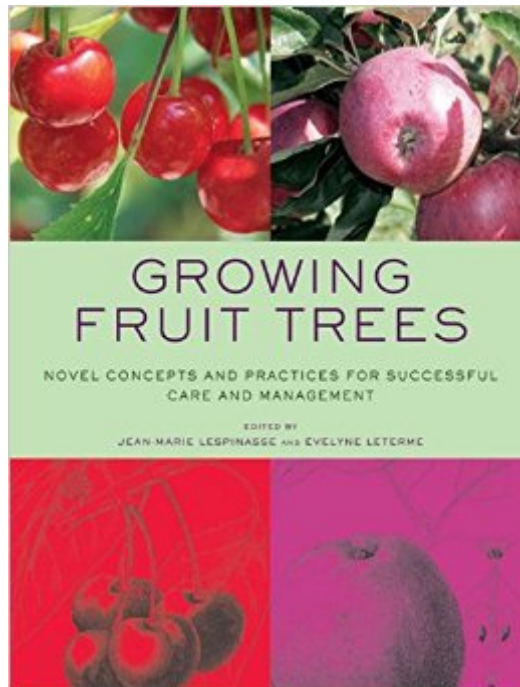


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Growing Fruit Trees: Novel Concepts And Practices For Successful Care And Management



Synopsis

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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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.

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