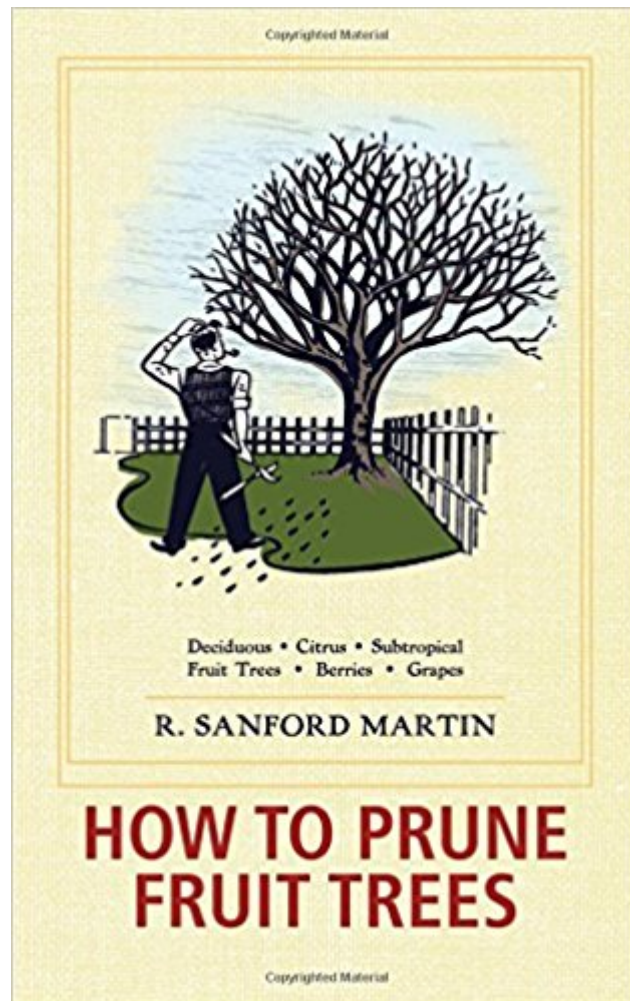


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# How To Prune Fruit Trees, Twentieth Edition



## Synopsis

While the act of pruning is simple enough, knowing where and when to prune can confound even experienced gardeners. For more than half a century, Robert Sanford Martin's *How to Prune Fruit Trees* has been the go-to guide for pruners of all levels of expertise. As one reviewer noted, "This book simplifies what other books complicate. It has a small amount of text paired with line drawings that help break pruning tasks down into something you can easily understand." Martin has judiciously pruned his words to make his advice as clear and simple as possible. His guidance in the art of cutting back and thinning out has been responsible for the preservation of countless healthy trees and orchards. Maximize your fruit production-whether you are growing apples, almonds, plums, pomegranates, or any of over 40 varieties of fruit trees discussed in this book-by making the right cut every time. In this enhanced edition, additional information from H. H. Thomas's *Pruning Made Easy* explores the treatment of roots, side shoots, sub-laterals, standards, cordon trees, and other aspects of plant care. Well illustrated and clear, this book will become your indispensable guide for year-round pruning success and should have a place in the library of both seasoned and amateur gardeners.

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## Customer Reviews

I planted my first fruit tree orchard when I was in my 20's back in the 1970's. Fortunately I bought this book for \$2.98. I had NO idea how to prune, but by taking this little book out to my orchard and following the simple directions - one by one I pruned all my trees perfectly every year. It is very

simple to understand and follow with great illustrations. I still use it today - more than 30 years later. It is the only pruning book I have or need.

The title is misleading, this book is a VERY broad summary on the topic, not especially helpful as a guide. Also the pruning techniques are out of date (i.e. painting of pruning cuts and pruning flush to trunk).

Written in 1944, this book is a classic must-have for those growing fruit tree and bushes. It is not a very big book, but instructions and illustrations are clear and easy to follow. The following plants, vines and bushes are covered in this book: almond, apple, apricot, avocado, berries (blackberry, boysenberry, dewberry, gooseberry, loganberry, raspberry, victorberry and youngberry) cherry, currant, espallier, feijoa, figs, grapefruit, grapes, guava, lemon, lime, loquat, nectarine, olive, orange, peaches, pear, pecan, persimmon, pineapple guava, plums, pomegranate, pomelo, quince, and walnut. The book also covers how to train young trees, how to plant trees, summer pruning and root pruning. As you can see, this book covers a lot of information. I highly recommend as a resource.

As other reviews write, it is certainly a humble book. The section on the training of young trees (a mere 2 1/2 pages) is concise, easy to follow, and copied by many newer authors. You can find thicker books with more pictures and more discussion, but still, no improvement. Available from: Martin Bio-Products, Burbank CA. Carried by many nurseries, incl. Walter Andersen in San Diego, CA.

As everyone points out, this book is a classic. If you don't feel like paying the big dollars via market place, you can buy this book at a reasonable price from Bountiful Gardens online; it's currently \$8.95.

As a Master Gardener, I have found this book to be one of the best pruning books available. At one time it was almost impossible to find and buy. Glad to see that it is now available for everyone to use as a guide and reference.

A short concise lesson on basic pruning for different types of fruit trees. Our drought has made our citrus & avocado trees a food source for deer. They have created problems in keeping healthy trees, the book was extremely helpful.

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