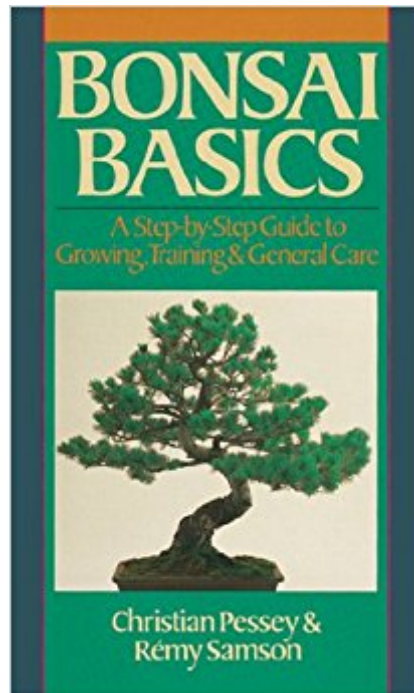


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# Bonsai Basics: A Step-By-Step Guide To Growing, Training & General Care



## Synopsis

This simple guide for first-time bonsai growers, with easy instructions and more than 200 full-color photos and drawings, covers selecting a hardy specimen; the essentials of pruning, wiring, and aging; and keeping your bonsai healthy. Learn the many styles of bonsai shaping, important tree forms, forest groupings, and more.

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As a bonsai enthusiast (NOT master!), I have been designing bonsai for several years, and have acquired a few dozen books on the subject. Personally, I was unimpressed with this book. While it had some valid information, I noticed incorrect techniques photographed (trees with wire cutting in to the bark, or having wire scars). I didn't find the book particularly helpful.

This book is great for beginners. It explains different styles and has illustrations as well as descriptions. The techniques it uses are valid. My only concern was that this book tends to over simplify things. Taking cuttings is one example. The book suggests that this is the best way to get stock. Anyone that has ever tried to take cuttings realizes the fallacy in that.

I found quite a bit of Bonsai books at the library and this was one of them. Great book. Had to buy my own copy and at the price, it's a steal. There are clear illustrations and pictures about techniques. There are sections on grafting and starting trees from cuttings. A must have for the

bonsai beginner.

As a complete beginner I thought that this book would be the perfect way to get into bonsai. While it does seem to have been written by a couple of very experienced people, I had trouble finding any real step-by-step descriptions. They seem to bounce around too much and even after several passes through the book, I still don't feel like I have a firm grasp of the full process (which they advertise as the point of the book). I would suggest looking elsewhere. The book may be a complete source of bonsai information, but I was left confused as I found myself repeatedly flipping back and fourth looking for information that should have been grouped together.

Bonsai Basics provides a wide range of instructions for beginning, nurturing, tending, and growing a bonsai. It may inevitably provide to wide a berth of information for most growers, but insightful information all the same. Even for those enthusiasts already experienced with growing bonsai for a few years, the book provides some helpful techniques and advice. Ultimately, it pushes the reader toward more advanced topics and techniques which will likely surpass most readers' appreciation.

Book depicts and explains theories and practices in handling a bonsai tree. It is written in really nice and easily understandable language. Definitive must have

I found this little book a great help, in learning about growing and caring for a Bonsai. I have enjoyed reading the book.

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