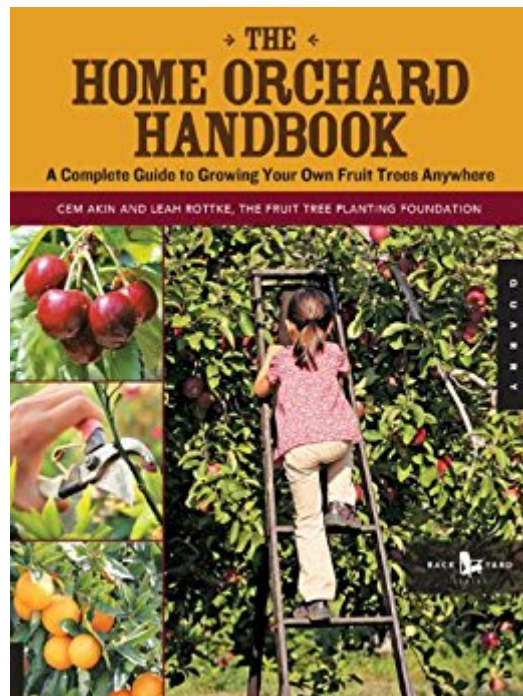


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# The Home Orchard Handbook: A Complete Guide To Growing Your Own Fruit Trees Anywhere (Backyard Series)



## Synopsis

Crisp apples, tart lemons, lush figs, tender peaches—imagine the bounty of a late-summer farmer's market, right in your backyard! Learning how to plant and care for fruit trees is a desirable, accessible activity for a wide range of people. It's a natural extension of many gardeners' repertoires, and the investment yields generations of results. Growing your own fruit ensures a fresh, delicious, abundant harvest for your family and friends for years to come. Fruit trees diversify a region's agricultural landscape and ecosystems, attracting pollinating bees, songbirds, and other desirable visitors. And cultivating orchards on your own decreases your reliance on grocery store distribution channels and boosts sustainability. Inside *The Home Orchard Handbook*, you'll find:

- Strategies for choosing your orchard's site, taking into consideration soil quality, sun exposure, microclimates, drainage, and more
- Information on plant selection, including what types of fruit trees do well in certain areas and how to decipher critical concepts such as "chill hours," "cultivars," "bareroot," and "cross-pollination"
- Guidance on aftercare, including in-depth watering, composting, and preventative care schedules to keep your backyard orchard fruitful for years
- Advice on troubleshooting diseases, conditions, and non-beneficial insects using only humane, organic remedies
- General tips on jamming, dehydrating, storing, and otherwise making the most of your orchard's harvest with delicious recipes from chefs Tal Ronnen and Diana Stobo

Start growing your own fruit trees wherever you are with *The Home Orchard Handbook*!

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## Customer Reviews

This is a very, very basic book on backyard fruit trees. For a first timer, it is excellent. For others that already have fruit trees, it doesn't cover enough of the pruning, insect spraying, etc.

Great book, well made, easily referenced information. I quickly found the problem and solution for one orchard tree's sick leaves. Tells you how to plant, prune, fertilize, how to identify problems and fix them. I keep it handy for reference.

I got this book at the library. I have two apple trees that I wanted to learn how to maintain. Particularly, I wanted to know what dormant sprays to use. This book had three sentences about 'dormant oils' to spray and one sentence was, " Use your favorite recipe of dormant spray." If I had a recipe, I wouldn't need "The COMPLETE guide to home orchards, would I? So NOT helpful. There was no other information about pre-season care. There were several chapters on how to choose a tree, prepping the hole, watering, how to put in a rainbarrel, weeding, and even recipes in the back but nothing on maintenance. I was really glad that I didn't buy this book.

Very practical book with good illustrations and easy to understand. I would recommend this book for anyone thinking of starting their own orchard and to the orchard owner that wants more production.

Good book with good detail for newbie considering adding fruit trees to their property. Was an easy read with good information to help make good decisions about planting and maintaining fruit trees.

We already have an orchard, and this book was geared for beginners. However, if you don't know too much, get this book. It has many gems of information, you might not find anywhere else.

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