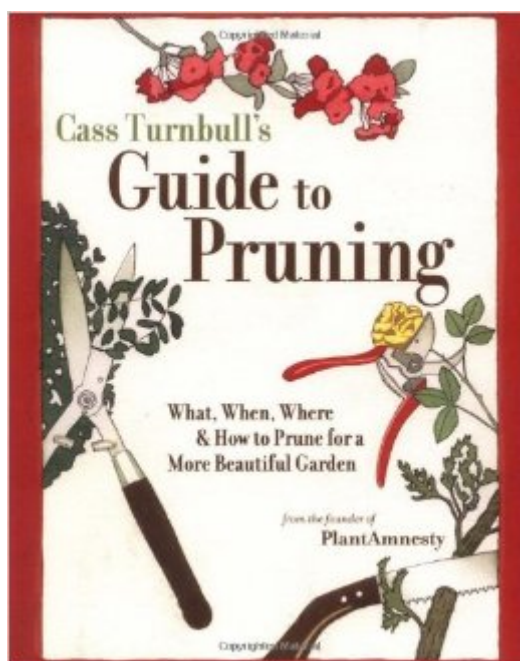


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# Cass Turnbull's Guide To Pruning: What, When, Where, And How To Prune For A More Beautiful Garden



## Synopsis

The Northwest Pruning Guide provides step-by-step instructions for pruning trees, shrubs, and other plants to help them flourish in any garden or lawn. It profiles the most common types of plants found in Northwest gardens, including evergreen and deciduous shrubs, bamboos and tea roses, camellia, hedge plants, wisteria, and trees. Each entry also covers common gardening mistakes, traditional methods, proper positions, tips on the best times to prune, and more.

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## Customer Reviews

In my opinion, this is an excellent guide for beginners or experienced pruners, and represents quite a departure from the average pruning book format and formula. Pruning book authors should take heed of the fact that the information in this book is highly USABLE and approachable. Do not be deterred if you don't know who Cass Turnbull is or never heard of Sasquatch Books. This is a little gem that you will miss if you only buy your books at the local chain bookstore. Cass Turnbull has been pruning and teaching about it for probably 20 years, and the book represents the voice of all that experience and skill. Translated, that means she not only knows how to prune, but she can also teach others to do it. She started Plant Amnesty, a Seattle-based nonprofit devoted to stopping the senseless mutilation through mal-pruning of shrubs and trees. People in the Northwest know her and love her; in my opinion, she deserves to become well known in the rest of the country. Cass provides lots of details but they are very easy to understand. The book contains thorough instructions (several PAGES each) on pruning a commonly-used landscaping shrubs and vines.

See the book's table of contents to find out if the plants you want to prune are included. I think the book's subtitle should be "Pruning for the Real World." I find that the key impressive feature of this book is that it integrates the theoretical "selective heading cut" and "thinning cut" type info with the real-life experience of crawling around in shrubs and deciding what to cut. In the real world, shrubs that should never be sheared are cut into geometric forms regularly, or, people get busy and neglect their shrubs and then try to figure out what to do about them..

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