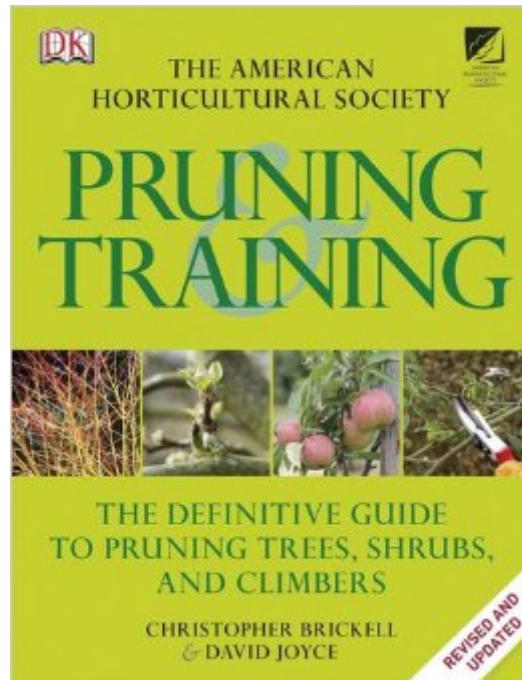


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## Customer Reviews

My husband used this as his "go to" pruning book. His son, also an avid gardener threatened to "misappropriate" the book during a visit. I bought him his own copy, and he loves it. My husband died a few months ago, so the local horticulturalist looked in on the orchard and other trees, shrubs and roses. He perused the book during a break, saying how comprehensive it was: for beginners to those in the profession. I bought him this book for Christmas in appreciation for all he had done. The new paperback version is as comprehensive as the hardback version, and now more affordable for those wanting "The Ultimate Guide" to pruning and training. If you do any pruning, this is definitely a "BUY"!!!!

The illustrations alone sold this book. I first saw it in hardback but the paperback had the same quality of paper and illustrations. The authors start by explaining how plants grow; how climate and disease affect structure; the different forms various species take and how pruning is affected by their growth patterns. Tools are illustrated including which tool is best for which level of pruning

undertaken. Arranging the contents by type of tree helps users go directly to the section needed. Knowing growth patterns and schedules lets gardeners know the right time to prune.

I've been looking at this book for years, checked it out from the library several times, and finally decided to pick up a copy of my own. We have several varieties of fruit trees, soft fruit bushes, brambles, roses, etc. in our yard and while I already knew the basics for most of our plants, I really like having a guide to refer to (for when I mix up what's best for our cherry trees and apple trees). Grapes were my weak point and I learned how best to prune them for production from here. I'm not strictly following any of the styles here for our vines, but I have the information I need to get the result I was looking for. The instructions are clear, the illustrations are helpful, and the pictures are high-quality. For those less-familiar with pruning, this guide is a great place to start; for those who already know what they're doing, this is a good reference to fall back on.

This is the most helpful pruning book I have found, ever! Very comprehensive and for the home gardener, a must. Whether you are a gardener just starting out or a seasoned 'expert', this book with great pictures and illustrations guides you through what to do and when to do it. The book is categorized in a way you can find the type of shrub or tree, bush or vine you need to review and then the directions are very clear. I recommend this book whole-heartedly.

I purchased Cass Turnbells book on pruning and was incredibly disappointed. It was repetitive, had zero pictures, and mediocre information. This book, however, has more information than I know what to do with at this phase in my pruning education. Good for beginners and experts alike, this book contains many effective pictures and illustrations for the visual learners, alongside excellent text.

Extremely thorough treatment of the art of pruning, from basics up to advanced topiary artwork. One of the better additions to my gardening library. Stops just short of grafting/tree-shaping via grafts. Has detailed tips for pruning just about everything divided into sections by plant type and desired outcome/shape/purpose.

Very good handbook for pruning. It is written textbook style and is very heavy on training. Most likely one of the best books on pruning out there.

I was expecting a high quality, accurate reference book as it was published by the American

Horticultural society. However it was less than expected. For example it is a rambling document comprised by many disjoint snippets of information. The snippets appeared to be from different sources or authors with some containing somewhat questionable information (for example their blanket statement to NOT use pruning paint when pruning trees.. I agree in some cases pruning paint is not indicated but in others it is a valuable tool).In at least one image the tree show was not what the caption indicated (the caption discribed the picture to be a white pine.. What was shown was a "pruned red pine" that was pruned to be a Christmas tree).There is valuable information in the text but beware of the pictures and second source any of the information to be sure it is valid.

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