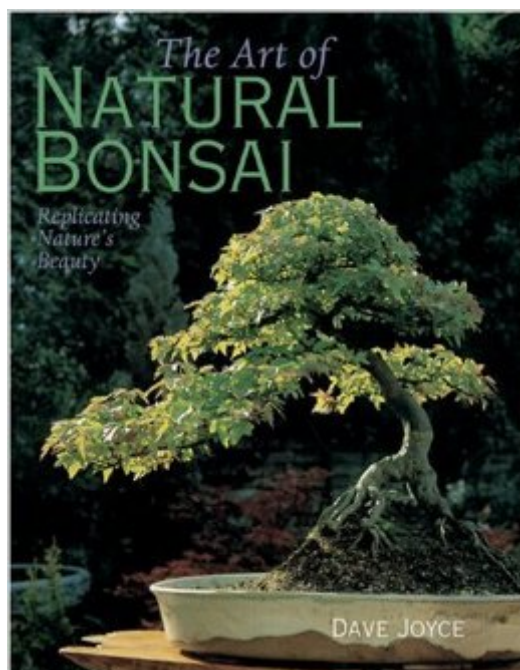


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# The Art Of Natural Bonsai: Replicating Nature's Beauty



## Synopsis

There's no other bonsai book like it: this magnificent guide was 30 years in the making and features beautiful natural specimens photographed over long periods of time. Dave Joyce has devoted his life to growing, researching, and photographing natural bonsai, and his wisdom and artistry are showcased in this full-color volume packed with advice and breathtaking images of trees maturing. Illustrated case histories offer details on the preferences and requirements of various species. Every task and technique is explained, from choosing a container and watering to wiring and pruning. Helpful tips explain using garden-center stock, starting trees from seed, collecting from the wild, or taking cuttings.

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As an avid gardener, but newbie to bonsai, all I can say is that this book is inspiring. I had been toying around with the thought of getting into bonsai for about 5 years. I have 5-10 books on the subject, but always felt that I didn't have all of the info. This book not only is a great how to book, but is also filled with photos of the author's beautiful trees. He does a great job showing his love for the art, and showing how you can do it also. The only thing that this book is lacking is a sequel, so I thank him and his wife for making the completion of this book a priority. It has given me the confidence to move forward!

If you have been studying everything you can get your hands on and are looking for something beyond the basic "tree identification/how to prune" book, then this is the book for you. This is a beautiful book that documents the author's many trees, from beginning to end, with beautiful photos

and many pages of the author's tips, tricks, and experiences with each tree profiled. I've learned more about the progression of bonsai growth from this book than all the websites/blogs/library books I've seen. You will not regret buying this book.

Simply stated, this is the best book on bonsai. Amazingly, it has photo documentation of dozens of bonsai trees, and what techniques he used on them, over the 20 years of their development. It is a detailed and brilliantly planned how-to that other books just don't touch. It has advanced techniques and even instructions for concrete pot making. This book is chock-full of information. As the title of the book states, his trees have a natural, poetic look to them that will inspire you. The author is a true master artist. If you are serious about bonsai, this book is an absolute must-have.

David Joyce's "The Art of Natural Bonsai: Replicating Nature's Beauty" is the most practical and clear-written of 4 bonsai books that this bonsai beginner has read. The author is clearly experienced in his avocation; the citations include decades of work on his bonsai stock. The late David Joyce is extremely descriptive in showing how to carry out each task necessary to create a vigorous and healthy tree. He is not preachy in adherence to his methods, either, he simply states what he has done and not done, whether or not such practices were successful, and whether he has seen evidence to support differing methods. A beginner in the bonsai hobby would do well to read this book before any other!

If you want to become a Bonsai enthusiast this book is for you. Everything you could ever want to know on how to care for your little trees. One can tell that Dave Joyce has given hundreds of lectures on Bonsai and I can not think of any question that is not answered in this epic work.

This is a great basic or beginner's book that is rich in understandable, approachable, usable information. I particularly like the many projects shown over time in pictures with descriptions of what was done and why. Clearly, it was a work done out of love for the art and experience that is bonsai.

This is one of the best books on creating and understanding Bonsai that I have ever read. The pictures are top class; the explanations are easy for the beginner, yet exciting for the advanced Bonsai keeper. A source of plenty ideas and inspiration.

To read this book was an interesting journey through the authors many years of bonsai. It is very well set out and is more interesting to read than most of the others books (more like instruction manuals)on bonsai. Covers so many different bases.Has given me lots of inspiration and lots of 'oh, why didn't i try that' to use in the future.Was sad to read that the author Dave Joyce past away not so long after the completion of this book. I hope he was happy with the end product because everyone who i meet from now on who has even a little interest in bonsai will be recommended this book as a top pick!

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