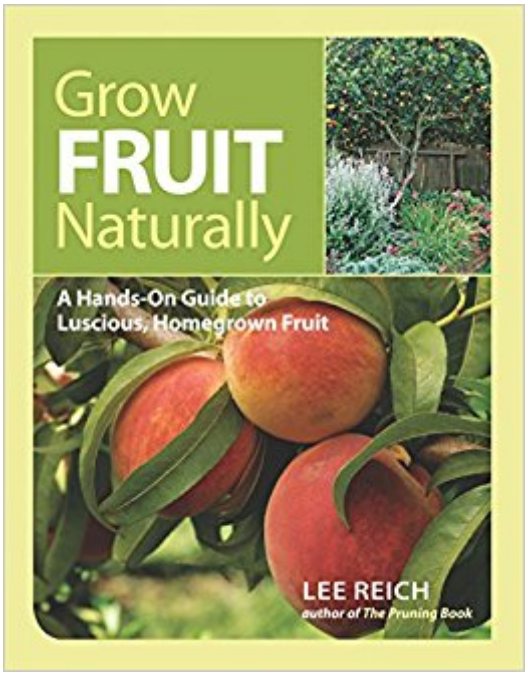
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Grow Fruit Naturally: A Hands-On Guide To Luscious, Homegrown Fruit



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Synopsis

Take your pick: apples, pears, peaches, blueberries? For health- and money-conscious consumers, homegrown edibles are the way to go. While vegetable gardening has been the hot trend, fruit growing is now taking a bite out of the market. This timely and comprehensive book, Grow Fruit Naturally, from gardening expert Lee Reich shows the way to successfully grow fruits that are delicious and nutritious, with information on over 30 fruits and how to reap the most of their bounty. Covering all topics from planning and planting to pruning and harvesting, this essential reference also discusses natural pest-control and fertilization methods, pollination, irrigation, and special techniques such as espalier and growing fruit in containers. A handy, encyclopedic listing of fruits provides in-depth information on individual fruit needs, care, and varieties, with a focus on all-natural growing techniques. With 150 photos and over 50 illustrations, this highly visual guide is the book to pick up to keep your fruit crops thriving.

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Customer Reviews

"When I have a question about fruit growing I always go to one of Lee Reich’s books. Here’s another to add to that great resource." --Eliot Coleman, former Executive Director of the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM) and organic advisor to the U.S. Department of Agriculture."Lee Reich is truly the Pied Piper of fruit growing. Every page of this book makes you want to tuck yet another fruiting plant into the landscape. And Lee’s way of making fruit science simple and clear gives you the confidence to do it."--Barbara Damrosch, author of "The

Garden Primer""This is THE book for growing fruit, whether for home use or for the farmer wanting to add profitable diversity to the farm stand. In the true spirit of organic, Lee Reich takes you step-by-step through what, where, and how to grow without toxic sprays -- working with, rather than against, nature for a bounty of great-tasting, healthful fruit." --Ron Khosla, Organic Advisor to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN and founder Certified Naturally Grown

Lee Reich is an author, lecturer, and consultant whose books include "The Pruning Book" and "Weedless Gardening". Reich grows a broad assortment of fruit plants in his own garden, which has been featured in the "New York Times, Organic Gardening", and "Martha Stewart Living".

We are planting a small orchard on our farm and I was looking for a book that would give me the basics on planting and maintaining the trees. I found the photos and explanation to be very straight forward and easy to follow. For example, the author has a fairly thorough step-by-step explanation of how to properly prepare the soil and plant the tree along with helpful photos. He also gives the why behind his explanation. We are planning to maintain an organic orchard, so I found the explanation on how to naturally treat for pests to be particularly helpful. I would definitely recommend the book to anyone who wants to maintain fruit trees without resorting to chemical pesticides.

Lee is an excellent author. This book is no exception. It does a great coverage of common and uncommon fruits. He covers some organic pest control methods which I have never tried or seen elsewhere. I like the lists of the author’s favorite cultivars. This is more useful than the descriptions in most fruit catalogs where all fruits taste like angels dancing on your tongue. Some varieties are just better than others. The one cultivar I disagree with the author on is pixwell gooseberry. Lee seems to have a general dislike for this berry, but I find them to be tasty and tolerant of Minnesota winters. This is the only gooseberry cultivar I have fruiting so other varieties may taste better. If you have access to pixwell, it is still a good berry and an easy plant to grow. If you need more details on pruning, I recommend Lee’s book on the subject.

Grow Fruit Naturally was a real find! The text is up to date, the illustrations/photographs are excellent and the book is very readable, and it is not often that information on more "minor" fruits are included in this sort of book, a real plus. It will be a good reference for many years.

Lee Reich is a great writer and teacher. His pruning book is the only one I consult. And this book, -Ã Â Grow Fruit Naturally: A Hands-On Guide to Luscious, Homegrown FruitÃ Â will be the same when it comes to managing my existing fruit trees and bushes and adding new ones. Easy to read, packed with information, ideas and suggestions, Growing Fruit Naturally will hold a place of honor on my gardening book shelf. Thanks Lee Reich!

Great book, I read this as an introduction to growing fruit and found the information very helpful and complete. Good section on identification of mineral deficiencies by looking at the leaves, very thorough pruning/training on many different varieties. I also love that Lee Reich has his garden in a cold climate and has first-hand experience and advice about helping more tropical fruits survive in the cold white North. His enthusiasm is contagious!

A well written and illustrated guide to growing fruit, including the rarer fruits Reich has championed in his previous books. This book has far more detail on every step, with photos and diagrams and charts to help you succeed with your endeavor.If you want to landscape with edibles, this is a great book for you!

I gave the book to my husband and he keeps it by his chair and refers to it daily. It has been a great help to him inplanning his care of trees he has planted. He is in to grafting and it has really helped him in that. I would reccomend this book to anyone who has or intends to have fruit trees.Jane T. PhelpsPerkinston, MS

We just planted many fruit trees this spring so bought my husband this book. He loves it so far and says he’s learned quite a lot. He worked on an orchard as a teen-ager (a very long time ago!) and says he’s even learned quite a few things in here! So that says a lot.

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