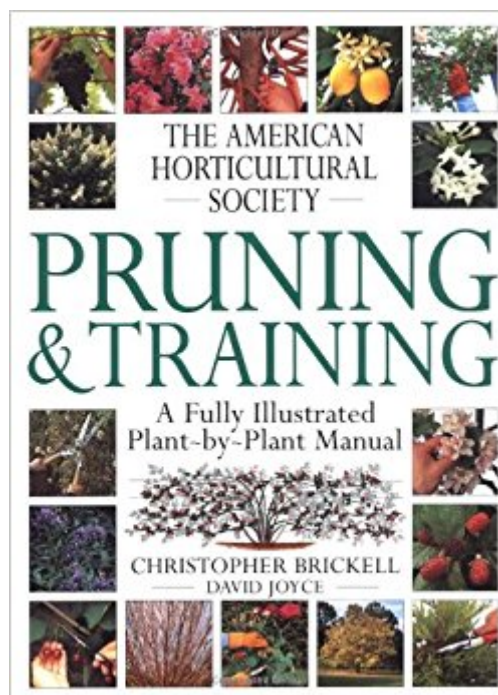




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# American Horticultural Society Pruning & Training (American Horticultural Society Practical Guides)



## Synopsis

Filled with brilliant before-and-after photography, it provides gardeners with complete information on how to create the garden of their dreams.

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## Customer Reviews

Although primarily a reference text, *Pruning & Training* is also a stroll through an arboretum, intertwining beautiful and descriptive photographs with explanatory text. If you've ever wondered how a tree, shrub, or vine was trained or formed, this book will explain every how-to for every plant that stirs your experimental side. If you're saddled with an overgrown orchard, poorly maintained landscaping, or heavy frost damage to trees and shrubs, you can renovate them through pruning. Solid background material is provided, including growing habits (and how to take advantage of them), advice on pruning tools, and basic and specialized pruning techniques. The reference is organized by ornamental trees, fruiting trees, ornamental shrubs, soft fruits, climbing plants, and roses. Each section discusses specialized methods for the subject plant type and includes a plant-by-plant dictionary. With the American Horticultural Society's stamp of approval, you can be sure that *Pruning & Training* does not neglect pollarding, coppicing, and pleaching. Step by step photographic sequences and before and after shots provide invaluable visual clues. Drawings showing pruning locations frequently feature a silhouette that illustrates the end result of the pruning

method. If you'd like to try your hand at espalier or topiary, many training methods are also addressed at length. This is no guide for the casual pruner, but if you want a reference to answer any question you will ever have about the subject, you've found your book. --Molly McElroy

DK's exceptional manual uses clear text and wonderful photos to instruct readers on the pruning and training of ornamental trees, fruit trees, shrubs, soft fruits, climbing plants, and roses. Each section has basic information on techniques as well as plant profiles. (LJ 9/1/96) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

The strength of this book is in the solid way the information is presented - anyone from the greenest beginner to the most experienced pro will find information in here that is practical and useful. The book is arranged into sections - general pruning information and techniques, with excellent, full color diagrams, photos, and thorough text explaining every tip and technique they show. The section on rose pruning, for example, has photos of roses trained in different ways, diagrams of different kinds of tangled roses which need pruning (with shading to show which stems they'd remove and keep, and the angles and positions of each cut), and explanatory text detailing exactly why each branch was cut, the theory behind the mechanics, and some tips to keep in mind when you get outside with your pruning shears. Then there is the encyclopedia portion - divided into types of plants - like trees, shrubs, fruiting shrubs, etc. If you know the name of what you are trying to prune, you can get detailed information on how to renovate an old gnarled shrub, how to train a new one, and how to give an existing plant shape and a nice form. Each plant has accurate information on whether you can cut it to the ground, prune to hard wood, and what training and pruning techniques are successful on each type of plant. I have been a landscaper for over ten years, doing design and maintenance, and this book is one I carry with me every spring when I do my seasonal pruning jobs - if there is a plant that I have never hard pruned or renovated before, I just look it up quickly to check which techniques are successful on which plants, and it has never guided me wrongly. If you'd like to begin caring for your own plants, this is one of the top books you should pick up.

Disabato-Aust's *The Well-Tended Perennial Garden* is another good one, for after you have learned some of the techniques presented here.

I'm an arborist and it's always helpful to have a great book that can help with plants that I don't know by heart, this is just that book. This is my 3rd copy as I keep giving them to others that I know would gain great "how to do it right" knowledge. So many people just start cutting away on trees and

shrubs and end up doing so much damage to them that they end up dying or close to it. This book will help you make the right choices and correct cuts to make on trees and shrubs for all your pruning needs. If you want success this is the book to help you reach it.

Great BIG book on pruning and training plants to go the way you want them. Lots of info and drawings and covers a wide variety of plants. I researched many different options and really glad I bought this one for an overall bible on the subject. Easy to read, clear print, sturdy paper, esthetically pleasing as a bonus to the good material within.

Fantastic! Definitive book on the subject! Nuff said!

I find trees and shrubs to be fascinating members of the landscape. I would that I could plant as many landscape trees as I have fallen forest trees in my half dozen years of being a timberfaller in Washington State. That probably won't happen, but I can dream. So, what of this book? This book speaks to a number of types of shrubs and trees and methods of trimming and makes me wonder what would application of these various techniques look like in our landscape if I were to embark on a concerted program of purchasing and modifying the many trees and shrubs illustrated in this book? This book is inspirational to me. This book illustrates seasonal trimming practices and offers appropriate suggestions for specific techniques to apply to specific species. No sense in reinventing the wheel, when practical instruction is available. A really nice book.

No gardener should be without this book.

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I have several very good books on pruning, but this is the only one I have found which gives detailed information on dozens of specific varieties. I man a gardening advisory clinic with Master Gardeners and this book will ease the way when I don't have experience with specifics. Great book.

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