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Growing tasty tropical plants*

(like lemons, limes, citrons, grapefruit, kumquats, sunquats, tahitian oranges, barbados cherries, figs, guavas, dragon fruit, miracle berries, olives, passion fruit, coffee, chocolate, tea, black pepper, cinnamon, vanilla, and more...)



*in any home, anywhere.

Laurelynn G. Martin and Byron E. Martin, co-authors of *Leger's Tropical Plants*



Synopsis

Enjoy fresh java brewed from your own coffee beans or juice from the orange tree growing in a sunny corner of your living room. Laurelynn G. Martin and Byron E. Martin show you how to successfully plant, grow, and harvest 47 varieties of tropical fruiting plants in any climate! This straightforward, easy-to-use guide brings papaya, passionfruit, pepper, pineapples, and more out of the tropics and into your home. With plenty of gorgeous foliage, entrancing fragrances, and luscious fruits, local food has never been more exotic.

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Customer Reviews

Perhaps it starts with an avocado pit precariously suspended on toothpicks in a water glass, or maybe an island vacation instilled a fondness for fresh-picked papaya. Whatever the source of inspiration, the reality of successfully propagating and growing tropical plants is something most gardeners never get to experience, yet a wide variety of both familiar and exotic plants can be grown inside the home with very little effort. Whether intrigued by the culinary possibilities of using one's own lemons or olives, or attracted to the ornamental attributes of a fragrant or vibrant blossom, tropical plants offer a wealth of edible and decorative possibilities. From the Australian Finger Lime to the Tahitian Orange, Kumquat to the Sunquat, each plant's cultural requirements are provided in pithy descriptions that include recipes. Fun facts, handy tips, and eye-popping color illustrations and photographs round out a comprehensive yet accessible guide that will fascinate and inspire both beginning and established gardeners. --Carol Haggas

"A must-have resource for anyone interested in growing edible tropical plants. This is straightforward, easy-to-use book provides all the information needed for the home gardener to be successful growing a tantalizing array of tasty exotics." (Sean Conway, author of Cultivating Life and host of WGN-TV's Cultivating Life)

I was really looking forward to this book as I love growing lemons and other tropical plants but sadly this book contained no more information than typically seen on the tag or in a catalogue. I have seen more complete information online for free. Example: likes full sun or protect roots from getting waterlogged. Very vague and basic. No specific fertilizer recommendations either. I would not rebuy and feel the book is highly overpriced for something easily read in less than an hour with no true information. Nice photos but I wasn't interested in photos. I wanted growing information. Surprised by the high reviews as they are seeing something I didn't.

I bought this book hoping to learn a few tricks to make my dwarf citrus thrive. The book's writers claim that the book is user friendly and easy to understand but I think that they should find an editor who doesn't know very much about the subject matter to point out exactly where they are not giving enough info to make it understandable. (I taught English, Science, and Music for 25 years so I think I am capable of figuring out an instructional book. It appears that they know their subject so well that they don't realize how much they are leaving out for a novice to understand.) It was a fun read, though, and it was interesting to see just how many varieties of dwarf fruit trees there are to grow indoors. Unfortunately, my lime tree is dead and my Meyer Lemon is dying. :(

I expected to get a book full of great tips to help you grow tasty tropical plants in any home any where. Instead I got a book that is more of a history lesson than a practical guide to... well anything. I am disappointed with this book. There is little valuable information for the person who actually wants to grow tasty and tropical plants. Spend your money on seeds. ***If you have a first generation Kindle then skip this book completely (do that anyway) the pages are chock full of pictures (with color?) and the formatting is deplorable. ***

Very helpful book written by the folks at Logee's Gardens, so it covers their tropical plants for sale as well as any other tropicals you find. Good illustrations and explanations, but could be even more descriptive of requirements. I'm growing lemongrass, papaya, coffee, kefir lime, decorative orange,

and hardy kiwis. Helped me select proper pots - clay - and learn soil requirements, watering, temperature needs, soil requirements.

I agree with many of the other reviewers for this book. The reviewer who listed all the sections of the book has it spot on. This is very nice for inspiration and helping you decide what types of plants you would like to grow - so basically it's great for kick-starting your interest. Application, however, will definitely take supplemental knowledge from other sources. If I were to decide to grow coffee in my house, for instance, I would say this book piqued my interest in growing it and gave a nice summary of how it could be done. But I would definitely need to do specific research on growing coffee, preferably indoors, which I can imagine could be hard to find. How do I help maintain a warm, humid climate for instance. More detail per plant would have brought this book up from four stars to five, in my opinion. All in all, I am glad I bought this book. It is very enjoyable and interesting to read and the pictures are nice. There is definitely some very useful information - I especially like some of the little additions like how to process what you grow to have a recognizable end product (i.e. cinnamon and coffee). If you hope to use this as your one and only source, though, you will be disappointed.

As a mom of three active, nature-oriented young boys, I can definitely recommend this book. I had checked it out from the library but found it so useful I decided to buy it. This is a great book on growing fruit indoors. As others have noted, it may not be exhaustive information on each plant. But, if you're looking for a review of the edible plants that you could grow indoors, this is a nice place to start. You definitely get enough information to assess the pros and cons of each plant and to know if the plant is a good fit for your indoor environment. From there, you can choose your plants and do online searches to get more detailed plant care information.

Great detail on how to care for, and use plants that produce many of the things in our fridge. Very little information on how to actually grow them from garbage scraps. You'll have to get another book for that. The authors work at Logees, a commercial greenhouse, so I assume they want you to buy from them. The book would have been five plus stars if there was detailed info about growing these items from things purchased at the grocery store. Nicely laid out, and decent graphics.

I wanted to dabble in some exotic plants and I bought this book along with some seeds and seedlings of a few tropical plants in this book. The color pictures, descriptions, care, and just overall information was very well written and organized...but short and sweet at the same time. It makes me

want to order even more plants.

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