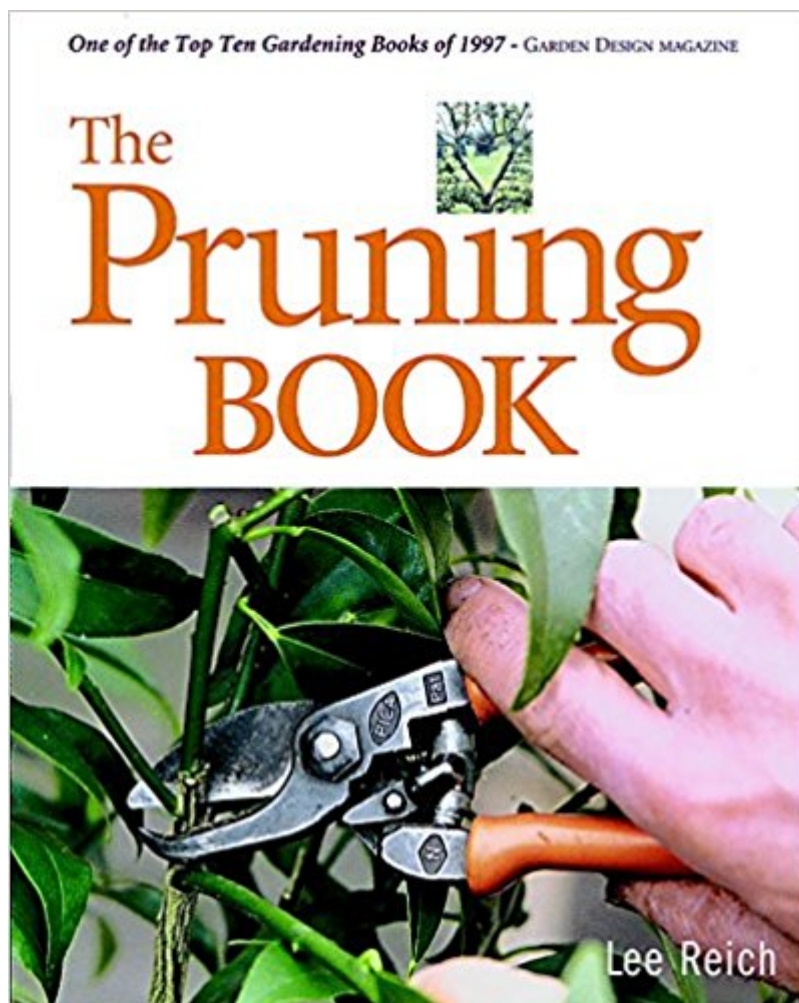


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# The Pruning Book



## Synopsis

Includes specific pruning methods for ornamental bushes, evergreens, ornamental vines, and edible fruit and nut trees. Not only covers specialized pruning methods such as bonsai and topiary, but takes a fresh look at such routine pruning chores as mowing a lawn.

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## Customer Reviews

It is unlikely that the basics of pruning have ever before been assembled so thoroughly or comprehensively than in Lee Reich's *The Pruning Book*. With clear prose and generous diagrams and photographs, he takes the angst out of pruning for the beginning or experienced gardener. Included are all the basics presented in a step-by-step, friendly way to guide the reader through the pruning of ornamental bushes, evergreens, vines, trees, houseplants, and plants of almost every conceivable variety. Along with the information on basic pruning, he also covers the use, care, and maintenance of pruning tools. A large section of the book is devoted to specialized pruning techniques, such as pollarding, topiary, bonsai, and espalier. Proper pruning can produce enhanced growth, higher food production in food plants, more lavish blooms in flowering plants, healthier plant life, and visionary garden creations through artistic techniques. Reich has provided everything the reader needs to understand the skill and art of pruning for spectacular results in the garden. --Mark A. Hetts --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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If you ever wanted to improve the appearance of your front yard or give your orchard a lift in productivity this is the "How To " manual. Sage advice from an old friend who kept a pear orchard or a formal garden for 25 years is great but if you lack such an acquaintance, this book by Lee Reich gives you a great tutorial covering years of experience. Taking the time to read and digest this excellent book will give you a good understanding of where to start on correcting those flaws your neighborhood could do without or start with fresh eyes with an old fruit treeThat you thought was past saving. Grow more and enjoy those beautiful plantings.

This is my go to book whenever I even think about pruning. Leigh Reich shares information in an easy, casual and clearly understandable way. Instructions are simple and strait forward with illustrations and photographs to support instructions. In general, he de-mystifies the somewhat scary act of pruning. Plants that get similar treatment are grouped together in categories rather than as individual plants. I liked this book so much I also bought his book "The Northeast Gardeners Book". Great books, great gifts for the gardeners in your life.

Wonderfully informative, simple, easy to understand and follow pruning illustrations. This instantly became my go-to pruning reference guide. I was happily surprised that it includes every shrub and tree we've ever planted on our North East property!

Reading the section on pruning espaliers (plus the Plant Response to Pruning) gave me an "Aha" moment. While most espalier pruning articles I had read offered only advice on shaping and where to cut, he explained the reasoning behind the type of cuts one makes, why the tree reacts the way it does, and some of the issues to look out for. He writes in a style that is easy to understand. I have two espaliers (cherry and apple) that I left alone all summer because I was intimidated by the lack of knowledge I had at the time. Not anymore! Well, sadly it's getting to be too late to make the pruning cuts needed, but this winter I will start in earnest to make these trees beautiful and (hopefully) full of fruit next year!

After checking out this book from the library I had to get my own copy. This is by far the best and most comprehensive pruning book I have come across. Lee Reich covers a multitude of plants (not just your usual fruit trees and berry bushes) and the pictures and illustrations are numerous and very helpful. His writing style is clear and somewhat humorous; chapters are well organized and easy to follow. I have other pruning books, some even very plant specific, but this is the one I refer to the most.

Very good explanation of pruning with accompanying photos and diagrams.

ABSOLUYELY EVERYTHING I WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT PRUNING ILLUSTRATIONS WERE VERY HELPFUL ALSO THERE WERE MANY SUGGESTIONS WHEN THERE IS DIFFICULTY PRUNING I WOULDN'T BE WITHOUT THIS BOOK

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