Synopsis

"Thorough instructions for plant propagation. Historical practice, garden hygiene, and equipment and tools are discussed, with advice offered for combating insect and animal pest problems. Techniques follow for collecting and sowing seeds, and for propagating by stem, leaf, and root cuttings; division; layering; grafting; budding; and vegetative and micropropagation. The color photographs and line drawings clearly illustrate directions. Part Two consists of extensive listings detailing propagation methods specific to individual plants. A useful reference."-- "Booklist. "Will enhance our enjoyment of gardening immensely and I highly recommend it for all gardeners."-- "The Gardener. 256 pages (32 in color), 195 b/w illus., 7 1/2 x 9 3/4.

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Customer Reviews

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Whether or not I qualify as an expert, I am an experienced gardener with a penchant to fool around
with plant propagation techniques. I got this book first from the library, then decided to purchase it for myself because of the broad spectrum of propagation techniques covered, including a brief history, accuracy of detail, the clarity of writing, the presence of a comprehensive index to individual plant propagation methods, and the many pictures. Most of the pictures are drawings that illustrate the procedures described in the text. Very few are gratuitous “isn't this pretty?” pictures. For someone beginning, this book is a must! Not that the same material could not be found elsewhere, but here it is organized and presently concisely. For those of us who already have our fingernails dirty, I recommend this book for the same reasons: conciseness, completeness, and clarity.

Recently have been cloning and propagating plants to supplement our farm business, this literature has helped tremendously with techniques, ideas, and pictures depicting everything you would want to see rather than read. Highly suggest this book if you enjoy learning about propagating and growing trees, and plants.

good book

Not the best book on propagation, but a darn good one for any gardener that is not doing it professionally. Propagation is a challenging endeavor and this book will really help you get positive results.

Plant propagation is something we all should try. Most plants that you see with your eyes can be trimmed off and caused to form roots at the base of the clipping. Free plants!

This book is extremely useful for both beginners and more advanced gardeners wanting to learn about propagation. The techniques are well stated and seem to be fairly easy. In the back are a list of plants by their scientific names so that you can find the best propagation technique for that plant. Overall, the book is well organized and informative.

Not quite as comprehensive as some of the other reviews made it seem, a few descriptions are kind of terse. But it does cover a tremendous breadth of material, just about perfect for an intro to this field.
