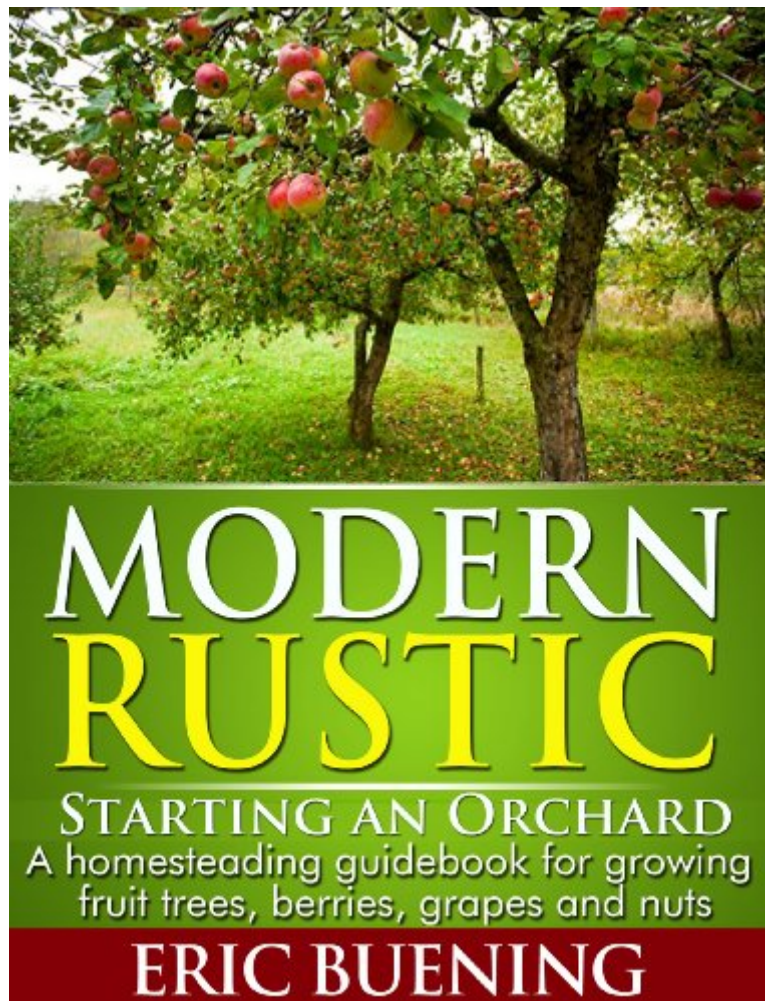


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# Modern Rustic: Starting An Orchard: A Homesteading Guidebook For Growing Fruit Trees, Berries, Grapes And Nuts



## Synopsis

In-season, a mature orchard is a thing of magic and beauty. You can have trees that explode with colorful flowers in the spring and provide succulent fruit with nectar-like juice that dribbles off your chin and runs down your arm through the summer and fall. Once your orchard is established, it will produce fruit for years to come with minimal maintenance. In fact, if you are an experienced gardener who is considering starting an orchard you will be happy to learn that an orchard is much easier to maintain than the average garden. If you plan your new orchard properly using the information in this book your trees will provide you with an abundance of fruit while making your property look beautiful. This book includes everything you need to know to start your own orchard from scratch. It will take you step by step through the process from site selection to harvest. Whether you want two trees or twenty, you'll be surprised how easy it is to start your own orchard once you have the right knowledge. Here is what you will learn:- How to choose fast growing trees and small trees that are easier to manage, such as dwarf fruit trees- Planting and pruning apple trees, cherry trees, pawpaw trees, peaches and nectarines, pears and plums - How to grow strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, blackberries, grapes and more- Site selection; including water, soil, fertilizer and sunlight needs for each type of tree- Plant selection; including specific requirements for each type of fruit such as potential growing zone, length of time to maturity, pollination needs, pruning and thinning and harvesting and long term storage options for each one- Dealing with diseases and common pests- Personal recommendations for which types of trees to choose and what sizes are right for your space- Specific examples of what to do and what not to do when starting your own orchard from the voice of experience

When you look out on your own private orchard, whether you have two trees or twenty, you'll wonder why you didn't start sooner.

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Informative without being too technical. This has great info and it's an easy read would suggest this to anyone starting out. The author shares some of his own planting errors and how to avoid them. I bought this book looking for fruit tree info but I also acquired some new info about my berry bushes that I hadn't realized before.

I bought a house with a small orchard that the realtor didn't water for months. I managed to save 2 trees but could get no fruit from them. This book is great. It goes into detail on different kinds of fruit and tells you how to prepare the ground, how to feed and care for fruit bearers. It explains how to prune different kinds of trees. I was pruning them all the same, open in middle as I learned from a tv program. Wrong. This is very valuable information that I will use frequently. Hopefully my desert gardening experience will improve.

Straight to the point, insightful and a great all around read! While it's geared more towards the northern half of the United States, I still found almost all the book applicable to our Texas southern climate. Read every page from front to back. I have read many of his "Modern Rustic" series and will most likely read all of them before I am done. Kudos sir.

This book is okay for very basic information about starting an orchard. However, much of the advice in the book about tending an orchard is fairly traditional and doesn't feel well-researched. For example, at least mentioning permaculture or bio-intensive gardening methods. If you want to start/tend an orchard like the author has, then buy this book, but just know that there are other ways of doing so.

I downloaded this and read it in just a few hours. It gives a good STARTER course in planting, and maintaining an orchard. Well worth the time spent reading it. A little humor, and plenty of good info.

Great resource for anyone considering adding an orchard to their efforts. It offers great advice on location, procurement and types of plants. Very good investment of time and money.

Very informative. I really appreciate the leaning towards native North American trees and fruits. Well written and easy to understand.

I picked up because it was a free read, I did not expect much but was surprised with the information and ease of this reading.

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