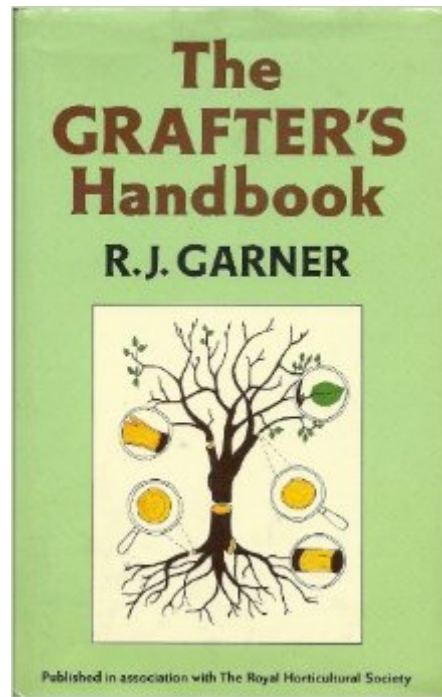


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Synopsis

R. J. Garner's *The Grafter's Handbook* is the classic reference book on plant propagation by grafting and has now been revised and updated for a new generation by respected horticulturalist, Steven Bradley. Everything the dedicated amateur, student and professional horticulturalist wants to know about grafting is here, clearly written in a concise and straightforward style. Chapters include Compatibility & Cambial Contact, Rootstocks & their Propagation, Tools & Accessories, Methods of Grafting and Grafting Established Trees. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

Aimed at the serious amateur or professional. Covers a broad range of grafting techniques and issues. As a person who taught myself grafting by reading books, I found this book to contain a lot of useful information and be interesting to read.

An excellent text, written with passages about the width of some garden rows wide enough for work horses. It is written for the self-reliant gardener, with recipes for grafting wax, and descriptions of tools used in grafting. Only one short fall, it is written for seasons and weather in England, and has limited information on specific plants. A book that always will be close at hand.

Just what a beginner would need to start in the esoteric field of grafting. Short on specific advice for

types of trees, which would take a much longer work

This book is a little more advanced than what would be required for most novice gardeners who only want to graft a few trees. However, it is a bible of sorts for grafting as it has first published by a British agriculture research station 65 years ago and has been reprinted every decade. What I liked about the book is that it gave measurement in US units so you don't have to convert measurement units or volumns. The explanation of various grafting tools is very good. If you want an in depth knowledge of grafting this book is for you.

Love this book!!!!!!! But, amateurs be warned, this is probably not for you. I'm quite new to grafting, and there was an answer to almost every question I had. There really is every thing you need to know in this book. However, it might be too much for a newby to take in, it was too much for me the first time I read it. This book has a very large vocabulary, so it might be difficult for the new grafter to fully understand. I've read it several times to completely understand it myself. If you are a true newby grafter or propagator, I HIGHLY suggest you buy or check out of the library "The Plant Propagator's Bible" by Miranda Smith.

Useful descriptions of the techniques for taking a part of one plant and melding it with another. Covers tools, timing, plant material selection and about everything would need to know for this useful but somewhat tricky means of propagating plants.

It's a useful reference but it's poor choice to learn how to graft. Many techniques are presented which if you already have a fair amount of grafting experience is great. However, someone just starting out would be better off looking at youtube videos that show you how to graft and explain the procedure while they're performing it. KuffelCreek Nursery has several very good videos showing cleft grafting, whip and tongue grafting, t-budding, and chip grafting. Seedsavers also has a good video on grafting trees. So I would recommend going to youtube and searching for the videos I mentioned if you are wanting to learn to graft. This book is available at many libraries so I would also suggest checking the book out first then buying it if you like it. I have a copy but I use it mainly as reference to supplement other sources of information that I have.

Hobby gardeners: if you intend to do a lot of tree-plants-shrubs purchases for your garden, then consider buying this book; it's great for what the title says!

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