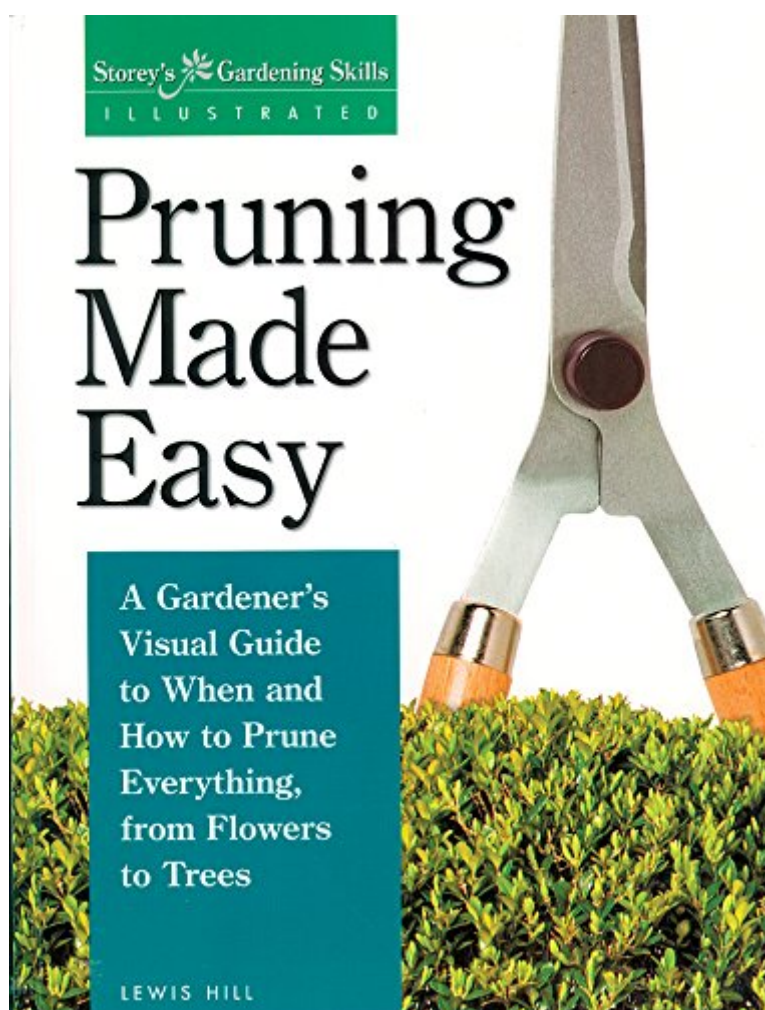




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Proper pruning will keep your landscape beautiful and thriving year after year. This authoritative guide includes more than 300 step-by-step illustrations to clearly demonstrate the correct pruning procedures for a variety of trees, shrubs, hedges, vines, and flowers. Lewis Hill offers expert advice on when, how, and why each type of plant should be pruned, safety considerations, and techniques for maintaining your pruning tools. Encouraging you to get creative, Hill even shows you how to shape your own topiaries and train espaliers.

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Customer Reviews

I purchased this book knowing little about pruning but clearly had over an acre of stuff that really needed it. This is a good book for those that want a basic summary and not too much detail and that works fine for me. However, it gets 4 stars because I now have something to compare it to. I recently picked up a pruning book by the American Horticultural Society - American Horticultural Society Pruning & Training (American Horticultural Society Practical Guides) at a yard sale and

it's by far the better book but it does offer a lot more detail than some may want. It's in color while this book is B&W and the color pics are of some help and it gets 5 stars. Strangely, both books are at odds with each other on several subjects of interest to me such as to when the optimum time to prune is for grapes, lilacs and fruit trees. I'm in the high desert with hot summers, long cold winters and freeze dates in May & September pretty much the norm. I find it pretty ambiguous when a book states to prune something in mid-winter but not when it's so cold that it may be too cold sap loss from a grape could be too much... and that was in both books. I honestly can't say one is better than the other but I find now that having both is better. If I had to recommend one over the other the American Horticultural Society book would have to be the one.

It's a pretty good all around pruning book. It has a lot of pictures. I was looking for one that had a little more about just pruning fruit trees. Since then, I've been able to attend a couple of pruning classes and that seems to have taught me more than the book. If you know absolutely nothing, it's a good resource but I was looking for more info. I'd really suggest looking for some pruning classes. I've learned a lot in the last five years and not only from classes but just from trial and error.

This was a required book for a basic pruning class toward my Horticulture degree and I must say that it is well worth keeping after the course is finished. Pruning may seem like a simple task to someone who has never taken a class, but once you learn proper technique you can quickly recognize improper technique when gazing upon any tree you see. It's an engaging read that makes you want to keep going and it presents the information in such a simple way that it would be difficult to see why anyone would make improper cuts after reading it. I recommend this book to students and horticulture enthusiasts who want to learn more about pruning.

I have done a lot of pruning and tree trimming over the years. Recently we moved to an entirely different climate zone with plants I am less familiar with. I saw reviews for this book and decided to purchase it as a reference book. For me it is a waste of time and money. The first 24 pages is the author's philosophy on plants and never gets to the point. After that the book is too broad to really learn much. If you have never pruned a thing in your life, it may be OK. Otherwise, it is a waste. You'd be much better off checking online or YouTube to get some info on the specific plants you intend to prune.

I have a small yard. I wanted fruit trees but needed to know if I would be able to handle them and

keep them in check. This book was just what I was looking for. When I went to the local nursery they were amazed how I was going to prune them and save over half the price of buying the trees all ready pruned to shape (columnar). I really am excited about all of the different plants and trees that are talked about in this book. It is a real great find.

Good backup guide, with instructions about how and when to prune a wide variety of trees and shrubs. Not as comprehensive in my opinion as the updated American Horticultural Society Pruning and Training book, but it does provide a good resource and it is clear and concise. I tend to use both books together and use this book as the "second opinion."

Not what I was expecting. Doesn't clearly answer basic questions about pruning.

This book has many helpful instructions in the subject. Running has to be done right. It can affect the tree where it will not produce or it will perform poorly. I suggest you become very familiar with your particular tree or trees, first of all.

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