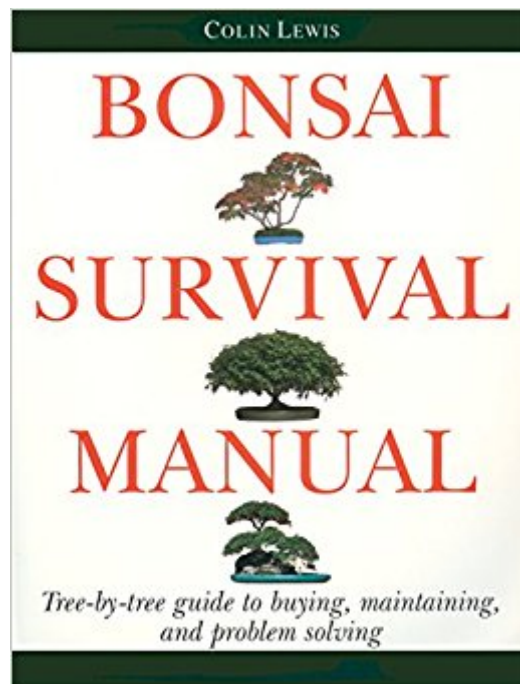




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# Bonsai Survival Manual: Tree-by-Tree Guide To Buying, Maintaining, And Problem Solving



## Synopsis

Expand your gardening repertoire as you create a captivating and exquisite miniature world. In this introductory guide, Colin Lewis covers everything you need to know to design, grow, and successfully maintain attractive bonsai. Providing detailed profiles of 50 popular varieties of bonsai plants and trees, Lewis offers expert advice on selecting suitable species and step-by-step guidance on feeding, watering, shaping, maintaining proper temperatures, and troubleshooting common problems. Discover the joys of the ancient and fascinating world of bonsai.~ ~

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Survival is the key word here, for these delicate plants are difficult to care for. Lewis, founder of Bonsai magazine, has written a guide to buying and maintaining a bonsai. There are instructions on shaping, pruning, repotting, and pests and diseases. Lewis lists 50 popular species, with specific information on growing each tree--maple, bamboo, hornbeam, hackberry, quince, cypress, cotoneaster, cedar, beech, ficus, juniper, myrtle, pine, etc. Four-color photographs throughout, primarily for beginners. George Cohen

Grow attractive bonsai and keep them healthy with this "one-stop" source of vital information. From advice on evaluating and selecting plants, to assessing plant health and troubleshooting, the Bonsai Survival Manual provides the comprehensive information every bonsai gardener needs for success.-- Advice on selecting suitable species, feeding, watering, and providing the proper

temperature-- Step-by-step guidance on keeping your miniature tree in shape and avoiding common bonsai ailments-- Detailed horticultural profiles of 50 popular commercial varieties, with at-a-glance information on their specific requirements.

I absorbed this book right after I got it. I would say there are one or two things that I learned and can apply. Also, one or two things with no relevance to me, but are fascinating nonetheless. (I'm a newly hatched bonsai enthusiast who knows enough to know that I know nothing.) And, if there is something to learn from it, it is inherently valuable and I'm glad I bought it. However, if you've a decent library nearby, this would make a lovely borrow instead of a purchase.

I'm a novice at Bonsai and I must say the book was very enlightening I refer back to it frequently.

This book has a lot of info necessary for the care of Bonsai trees. Even though our Hawaiian Umbrella Tree was not in the guide. Our other tree was and it gave us some useful tips on how to care for it. It also has a lot of info on trimming, shaping and pruning as well a section on where to keep your Bonsai, root pruning and repotting and shaping with wire. It also has a section on things to know before you buy and a section on pests and diseases. and how to identify and treat problems. I highly recommend this book.

Lots of very good info, excellent pictures.

This is a nice book if you're not planning to start the growth yourself but plan to buy an already grown tree.

logical format and detailed clearly worded sentences made this book perfect for me. I had bought another bonsai book from that was awful but this book clearly and precisely detailed what a beginner needs to know after 2 books one great one bad and the Internet. the best way to summarize the book is to say it is a literal manual for bonsai care great with reference material and source materials at the end. I'm glad to have bought it.

This manual is sooooo Useful if you need to know where to start. My main concern was how to not get ripped off when buying one. It's very detailed on the way your plant should look , the way the soil should look. It even goes into how different seasons can change the appearance of the plant. This

is great for anyone that wants to get a tree as a gift for someone. Even if you want one for yourself, this will walk through it all.

I am new to bonsai and really needed some information regarding the Fulkien Tea tree that I bought at the Big E in Mass. This book is in easy to read, outline form and includes the care for most bonsai... indoor and outdoor. It gives specific instructions for repotting, trimming, fertilizing and treating insect problems. The book is amazingly thorough. My only complaint is that I also bought a so-called money tree and it is not included in this book at all. This was not a huge problem as there are internet sites that talk about money trees. All in all I found this to be quite a valuable book and my tea tree seems to be doing quite well.

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