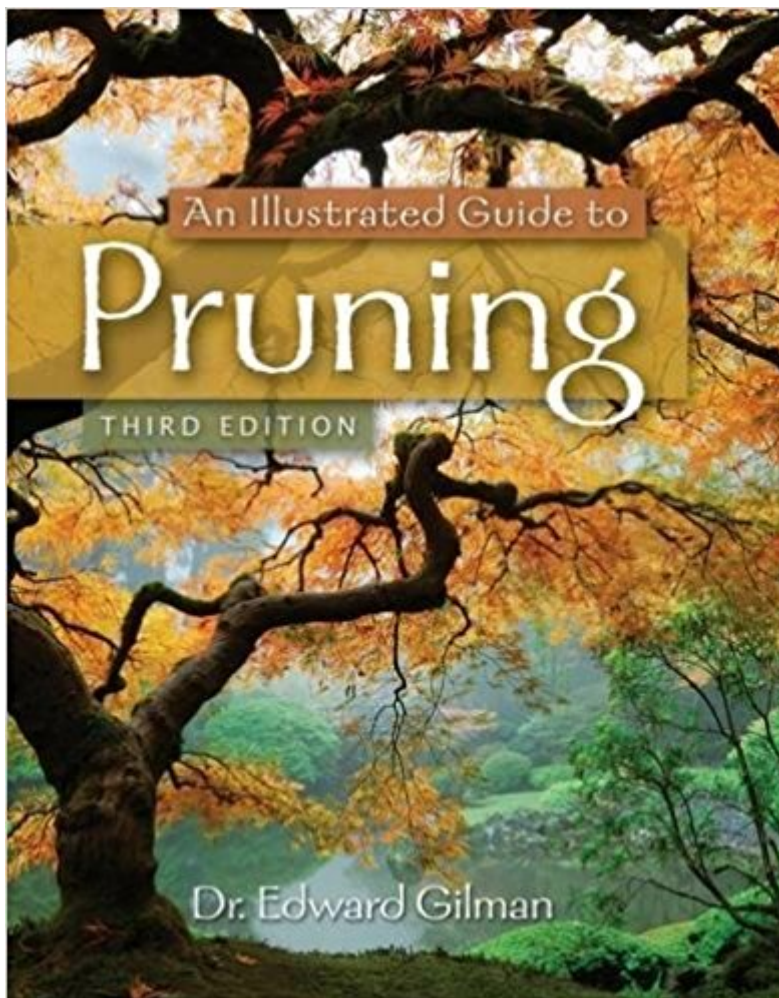


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# An Illustrated Guide To Pruning



## Synopsis

Well written and easy to understand, An ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO PRUNING, Third Edition is a must-have for anyone interested in the pruning and maintenance of trees. Filled with updated illustrations, photographs, and examples, this completely updated guide is designed to help readers understand and implement the appropriate pruning practices that are vital to developing sustainable structure in the first 25 years of a tree's life. Coverage includes a variety of information about the challenges associated with pruning such as disease prevention, root pruning, mature tree pruning, and restoration following storms. With its simple tables, lists, and strategies, this book is an appealing resource for horticulture, landscape and tree associations and industries and is a natural addition for botanic garden and arboreta bookstores.

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"I would like to begin by stating that this is an excellent, well-written text. Virtually all of this text is up-to-date and theoretically sound. The text does an excellent job at describing the practices in more detail." "The project's three greatest strengths are the use of illustrations (with a few minor modifications, in some instances), the accompanying easy to understand text, and the author's compelling, supported reasons for making his pruning recommendations."

Dr. Gilman received his Ph.D. from Rutgers University in 1980 in forest plant pathology and is a professor in the Environmental Horticulture Department at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

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This book provides a very thorough coverage of its subject. I have years of experience pruning trees and on my first review I found little to quibble with and I learned a couple of new things. One expects to pay a good bit for a book like this as it is very specialized; it will never become a NYT bestseller. At xvii + 330 pages I would expect it to be at least 3/4" thick and perhaps even an inch but it is only a half inch. The paper is very light weight and feels flimsy. Drawings and text show through from the back side of the page. The paper covers are also light weight. I'm expecting to make repairs if I use it very much. In short, the content is very good but the construction of the book is decidedly inferior. For the money I expected better quality. A review by Charles Laird apparently addresses a different book on the same subject. He refers to it as a "little book" of 178 pages, while this book is close to double that. The described content does not apply to this book. From the review, "on page 61 there are 24 tree drawings showing different limb configurations and the required pruning cuts to develop a dominant leader." Page 61 of my copy is entirely text with no drawings.

Wow! This is the finest book on the subject that I've seen so far, and I say that as a student in a Horticulture degree program. The illustrations are fantastic - so much better than learning from old black and white line work from photocopies or extension service documents that don't quite make the grade in the graphics department.

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The digital book is great and well illustrated with this small caveat, it is occasionally hard to follow along as you read. Some of the pages start off with a sentence or partial sentence that does not seem to make sense based on the last paragraph. If you remember what you just read and then have one of these here is my suggestion...keep reading and looking at the pictures. After a few more paragraphs the overall mean will fall into place. We all miss something and I certainly can't beat up the proof reader for a few mistakes. Heck there might even be some in my spelling and grammar in this review.

I have not recieved my book yet but I thought I would share (due to some of the comments) that this is a text book used for collage classes. That's why it's written, designed, and priced the way it is. It is required text for "Tree Maintenance" at, at least, FLCC. If you don't like text books or don't want to overpay then don't buy this book.

Dr. Gilman,Has updated his pruning book to make it more relevant than before. He get's pruning as a hands-on craft. This is for pruners of all experience levels.

This book is great and very helpful. It was recommended as the best in the pruning category by the Arboretum in Chaska, Mn

Great book, but jeez, why does it have to be so expensive for a paperback?

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