

Apples for the Twenty-First Century

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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book in every way.By marcus1Excellent book for beginning and experienced growers. Some of the most solid and concise advice out there for growing apples. I cannot conceive of a better succinct review of the top apples to consider growing for commercial or private home orchards. Warren Manhart discusses the strengths and weaknesses of each of these cultivars from a growers point of view. He ran a test orchard for so long - we should all benefit from his experience and clear discussion. Why certain cultivars do better in specific microclimates vs. others. Why Braeburn failed in some hot climates. Why Calcium sprays help in some. Which cultivars will prosper better on dwarfing rootstock, which should not be given much nitrogen. Solid advice, easy to read. Not as detailed or meticulous or folksy as Michael Phillips extensive and worthy books, but how refreshing to get great descriptions of the best of the best heirloom and recently developed apple types, which rootstocks to grown them on, how to ensure they will prosper. Very practical. True, it's a few years old (almost 20) but seriously, this is a solid foundation that you can add a few recently developed apples to (-for recent developments, read this: [...]) (OK, no web links allowed. Do a google search!)But first order a copy of this book. I'm now growing 24 of the varieties he discusses. More to come!8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. A unique and valuable referenceBy Scott SmithThis book is an apple variety description book, but rather than describing the usual thousands of varieties the author only describes what he thinks are the best all-around apples, and the descriptions are much more detailed than the usual necessarily short ones that are put in the encyclopedic books. I have found the book

a valuable reference tool. I would disagree with the other reviewer that states it is outdated; it has the best of the newest varieties in it with only one or two good ones missing or not completely enough described. The author also ignores the heirloom vs modern apple issue and simply focuses on the best apples to grow, old or new. Scott1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Useful Book for Apple GrowingBy valuemans This is a very useful book, particularly for me since the information was accumulated very close to where I live. It is well written and practical. The author discusses the varieties he has tested over many years in the Portland Oregon Area. He also discusses in more detail the varieties which are his personal favorites. The book I bought was used and a bit warped but still a good value and I would buy it again. If you grow apples you will enjoy this book I think.

This is a colorful book accruing much data and many photos. The excellent presentation details 50 of the world's important cultivars. The text is for the apple connoisseur who is interested in outstanding quality varieties, whether old or new. It reflects Warren Manhart's 30 years testing of over 140 varieties. This is not another apple book listing all varieties. It is one that settles on those he has chosen as worthy for his growing area, but his discussion is comprehensive for other districts of the Pacific Northwest... even the world. Manhart wastes no space in this book on apples earning a quality rating below good. Some newer varieties under evaluation are described. This makes it up-to-date as any apple book can be, since the parade of varieties is perpetual. Warren's opinions are clearly stated, easily understood and straight to the point. His witty mannerism makes the reading most enjoyable... something totally missing in the text of most apple books.