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Peter D. Adams : Bonsai Design: Japanese Maples before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Bonsai Design: Japanese Maples:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The second book is much more refined and made much better by Peter AdamsBy sujeewa palagamaThis book tells you a lot of things you should know in terms of how to grow a Japanese Maple in Bonsai. The illustrations are very descriptive. Gives information needed for a beginner as well as an advance Bonsai grower. However,. most of the illustrations and descriptions in this book is repeated if not improved in his second book, "Bonsai with Japanese Maples". The second book is much more refined and made much better by Peter Adams.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. CLASSIC on Bonsai Maple CultivationBy W.T.HoffmanPeter Adam's BONSAI DESIGN-JAPANESE MAPLES is a classic on the subject, written by a very well respected artist in the field, who studied under John Naka. This book provides information on every aspect of Maple propagation and cultivation. Its clear, with many diagrams and illustrations on cultivation technics. The illustrations were drawn, somewhat amateurishly, by Adams himself. First, the book offers you a "PROFILE OF JAPANESE MAPLES", which covers in depth, what most bonsai books have to say about maples. (Soil, water, transplanting, containers, feeding, placement, pests, disease.) He also includes PRODUCTION CYCLES, which are charts showing the stages of japanese maple cultivation over a six year period. So the first year, let it grow wild. Second year, create taper, etc. Its a step by step approach from seedling to adult bonsai. And thats just the FIRST

CHAPTER!The rest of the book lays open a gold mine of advanced techniques. You'll discover how to create an ancient looking, intensely tapered trunk, in as little as 15 years. Other technics reveal how to grow a gently tapered maple, in the informal upright style, in just 10 years. (the chop and grow method.) As I learn more and more about bonsai, I've discovered that these technics for maples, also applies to MANY deciduous trees. Just for an example, Adams explains how to grow "sacrifice limbs" near the trunk's roots, in order to keep the lower part of the trunk thicker than the upper trunk. (TRUNK TAPER is considered essential for a excellent bonsai). Of course, he discusses how to disguise the wounds on the trunk. Adams discusses "SPECIAL TECHNICS" for air layering, grafting limbs, creating maple raft groups, and other group styles, root over rock, etc. AND THATS JUST THE SECOND CHAPTER!The next chapter shows the procedures needed for creating MASS, thru examining as example 4 different trees, photographed over many years.(color and BW) Also you'll be provided with charts for fertilizing thruou the year, and watering tips, since those also creating FAST results. Its all visualized, diagramed and photographed so its obvious to the reader. The following chapter named STRUCTURE AND FORM, provides more photographs of maples as CASCADES, and other styles I'd NEVER seen pictured before for maples. You'll learn cultivation secrets for the twin trunk styles, and clumps. The last chapter is REFINEMENT OF IMAGE, where bonsais like MOUNTAIN MAPLE raft style, kashima upright clump styles, and other groups are considered. Just as an example, Adams diagrams the PLACEMENT of each tree, when planting a group of maples on a tray. Easy to understand photographs, diagrams, and clear writing explains it all. This book explains SO MUCH. Another example: What can you do, if your tree has poor nabari? (You take seedlings, and graft them onto the trunk, and eventually cut the tops off, giving you roots grafted where YOU want them.)The book DOESNT give you the basics. If you need to know the types of japanese maples, you need to get that elsewhere. Also, since this book is advanced techniques, you wont see how to repot, wire, etc. Also if you need to learn how to cut branches to create ramification, the topic is covered, tho without the helpful photos and diagrams. I would have appreciated more on Branch training. FOr those who intend to create many styles of japanese maples over a 10-15 year period, this book is for YOU! For those who want to build heavy trunks, or various maple groups, or wish to learn how to visualize your bonsai for 10-15 years in the future, this book will serve you as well. However, for someone who has bought a mostly finished japanese or Trident maple, and who wants to learn how to keep them going, I wouldnt recommend this book. These are ADVANCED maple technics, which will cross over for MOST deciduous trees like Hornbeams, Oaks, etc. Its specific information, but if you plan to get DEEP into long term bonsai cultivation, this book's information is priceless.

The Japanese Maple is one of the most popular tree species suitable for bonsai designs. The stunning seasonal color changes of the different varieties as well as the trees' suitability to a whole host of specialist bonsai techniques makes them favorites of all bonsai enthusiasts. In this book Peter Adams outline the specific horticultural preferences of Japanese Maples and suggests particular techniques for developing mass, structure, and form and then refining the image you have created. He concludes with 13 case histories of his own large collection of bonsai trees, showing the wide range of treatments...root over stone, layering, group arrangements.. which Japanese Maples are known for.