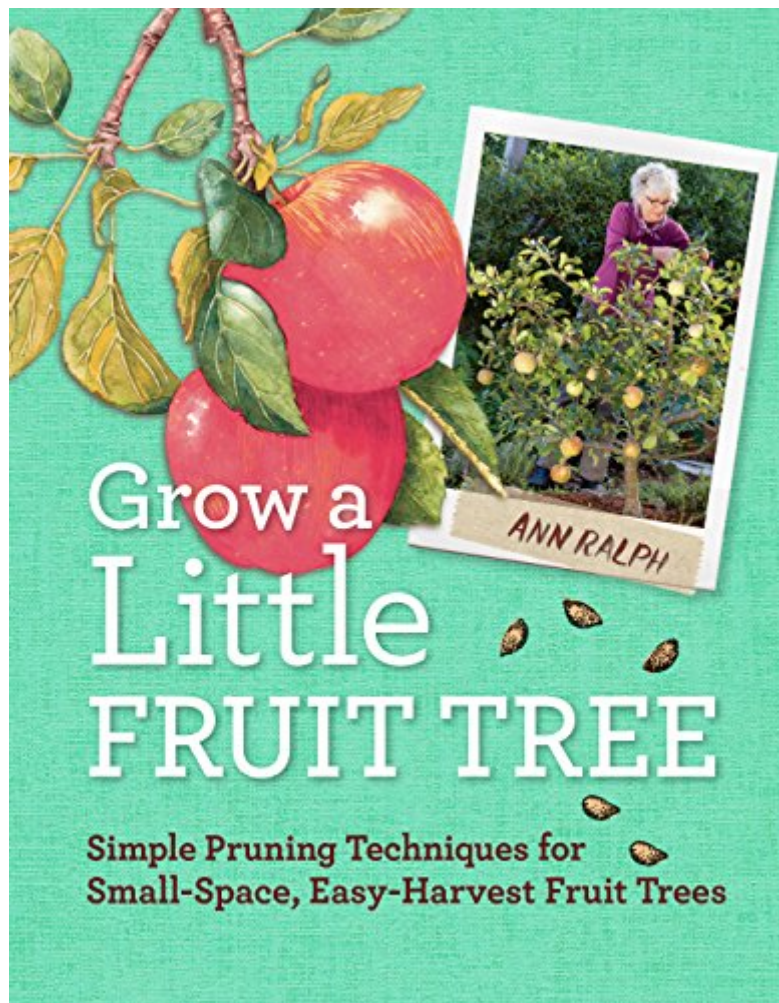




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# Grow A Little Fruit Tree: Simple Pruning Techniques For Small-Space, Easy-Harvest Fruit Trees



## Synopsis

Grow your own apples, figs, plums, cherries, pears, apricots, and peaches in even the smallest backyard! Ann Ralph shows you how to cultivate small yet abundant fruit trees using a variety of specialized pruning techniques. With dozens of simple and effective strategies for keeping an ordinary fruit tree from growing too large, youâ™ll keep your gardening duties manageable while at the same time reaping a bountiful harvest. These little fruit trees are easy to maintain and make a lovely addition to any home landscape.

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## Customer Reviews

Where was this book when I needed it ? I planted my orchard about 10 years ago when I finally acquired a big enough property. Had this book existed when I started, I would have taken an entirely different approach. All the things she talks about in terms of managing the size of your trees and how much produce you can actually handle as a home gardener is so true. Now that I am older, my trees are bigger than I should have let them get, and their production is beyond my capacity to can, dehydrate, freeze, and give away; I am also less excited about climbing on ladders to get those last peaches and plums. There is a lot of common sense in this book, and it also gives you the courage

to break out those pruning shears. In the future, with the little yard space I have left, I'm going to plant some more fruit trees and keep them under control this time. This is a very useful book for even experienced gardeners, and it is a gift to orchard lovers who are just starting out or to those think they don't have enough room for a few fruit trees.

Great little book that tells you all you need to know to grow fruit trees without having to climb a ladder to prune them. I am 80 and could not resist: after reading the reviews and "looking inside", I ordered the book from [Amazon](#) and, from another supplier (Arbor Day), two pear trees and two peach trees. I followed the instructions on planting and the initial pruning. All I have to do now, apart from continuing to follow the instructions, is to live long enough to eat "my" peaches and pears.

This is a wonderfully written book with lots of solid information, particularly for urban gardeners and new fruit tree owners. Two to three pages of clear and concise description of pruning techniques. As an experienced fruit tree grower, I find this to be a great addition to my gardening library. In the spirit of full disclosure, I was an early reviewer of this book.

I purchased this book because I'm interested in starting some espalier apple trees. There's a great discussion in here about dwarf root stocks that made the entire book worth it for me. I appreciated her discussion about cultivar selection, planting configurations, and especially pruning. Great book for the beginner and while she may be a little repetitive, this book is a short read and meant to be used as a reference, so whatever repetition may be here isn't really anything that slows the book down and you'll appreciate it when you're skimming back through the book later. I've got four books on apple trees and this is probably the one I'd recommend first to someone who wants small, manageable fruit trees.

We are very happy Ann Ralph wrote this 'how to' book. We have always thought our 'semi-dwarf' trees were mislabeled but apparently not. This book gives you an easy-read way to understand how to keep regular size trees small while also benefiting from their stronger roots, etc. I've purchased at least one more of this book for a friend, will probably buy more. Have also bought two bareroot trees and started them out using the instructions in this book. This book also lists root stocks according to which trees they are best suited for, how and when to prune your fruit trees (it's not when you think if you want to keep them small), and much more valuable info. The book is fairly short and easy to read. I highly recommend it to those who have limited space, don't want a lot of fruit drop cleanup,

want to be able to reach their fruit, etc.Enjoy!

Useful guide to planning, planting, and growing fruit trees that don't turn into monsters higher than the house. I actually have a different pruning book, "American Horticultural Society Pruning and Training", and like this one better! The other one covers fruit trees as well as many other trees and shrubs, its very comprehensive, but on the one hand they don't really talk about this approach and on the other they make pruning seem so complicated! This is a book that anyone can follow and get good results.

This is the very best book that I have read on pruning fruit trees! It is very thorough, easy to read, and is simple. AND...it is the most beautiful book I've seen in quite a while, with beautiful paper, little illustrations everywhere and photos---it just looks absolutely beautiful.

Great info I am looking forward to using on some new fruit trees. Wish there was more on re-pruning older trees, I took a saw to my over tall trees, will see how they do come summer, will follow up with hard summer pinching on them.

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