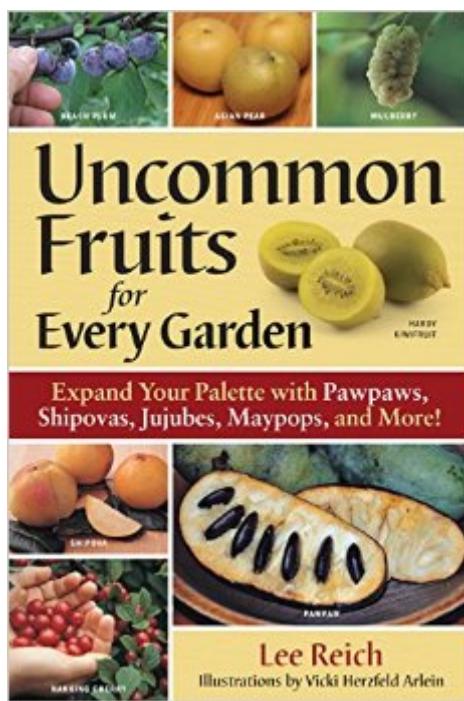


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Uncommon Fruits For Every Garden



Synopsis

Lee Reich provides a valuable guide to uncommon fruits and berries, which add an adventurous flavor to any garden. Though names like jujube, juneberry, maypop, and shipova may seem exotic at first glance, these fruits offer ample rewards to the gardener willing to go only slightly off the beaten path at local nurseries. Reliable even in the toughest garden situations, cold-hardy, and pest- and disease-resistant, they are as enticing to the beginner as to the advanced gardener. This expanded sequel to the author's celebrated *Uncommon Fruits Worthy of Attention* offers new fruits, new varieties, and new photos and illustrations to entice the reader into an exciting world of garden pleasure.

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After reading Mr. Reich's other book (*Landscaping With Fruit*), i got pretty excited about trying to grow a few of the plants it discussed. However, the 2-3 page description of each was only enough to get me interested, and not enough to guide the actual selection and maintenance of the plants. To address that problem, i got this book. It contains a subset of the fruits listed in the other book, ignoring the more common plants and instead focusing on the ones for which a gardener might be hard-pressed to find reliable information. (For example: even the edible plants expert at my local nursery had no idea juneberries were edible.) Each chapter focuses on a specific plant, and provides a thorough overview. Everything from the history to the plant, its growing habits, cultivation techniques, soil and sun preferences, and so on are listed. For the more baffling fruits (pawpaw,

medlar, etc) there are even tips on how to get to the edible parts of the fruit. A center section has 50-odd color pictures of the plants and the fruits. What keeps the book from being perfect is that Mr. Reich has way too much information in some places, and way too little in others. In several of the chapters, there's a protracted discussion of how breeders might want to try to modify the plant to get better, harder, or tastier fruits. I doubt many backyard gardeners have the sort of time, energy, space, money, and resources to engage in a selective breeding program. Likewise, I doubt anyone planning to engage in a selective breeding program needs a book as general as this. In other chapters, Mr.

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