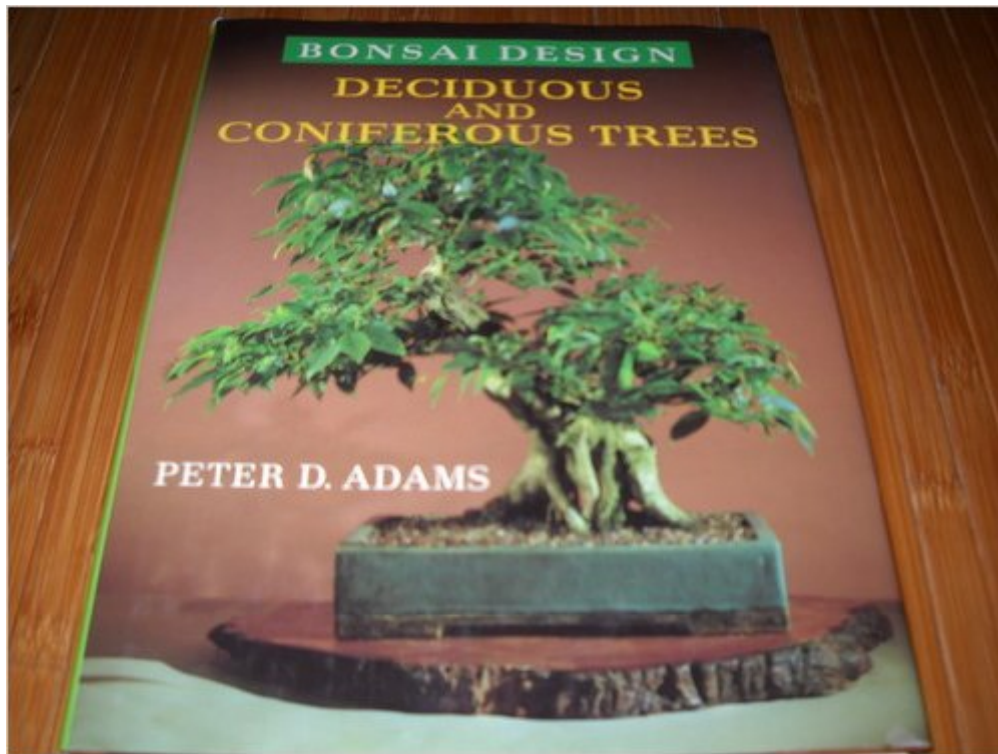


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# Bonsai Design: Deciduous And Coniferous Trees



## Synopsis

Growing bonsai is a special skill. The pruning and shaping that goes into creating a tree cannot be achieved by technique alone, it also requires an artist's imagination. The author demonstrates the methods behind growing beautiful bonsai from three specific genera: the hornbeam, elm and juniper. He demonstrates the shaping and culture of these trees by taking 16 case histories from his own collection compiled over many years.

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It's probably safe to call this one a classic; it's just unfortunate that it's out of print and a bit hard to find. Peter Adams comes at the subject of bonsai from the point of view of the trained artist, and his training shows through here. His emphasis on artistic method should be a welcome antidote to the oft-found notion that bonsai is little more than keeping alive a cute little tree in a pot. In addition, this book has a wealth of hands-on information concerning soils, horticulture and strategies for long-term development of specimens. Keep in mind that few true bonsai are created in less than a few years, even when starting with specimens that already have a well-developed trunk and roots. Adams has a special respect for, and treatment of, collected trees -- those taken from the wild. This is a very good how-to book with lots of examples of how individual specimens were designed and developed. This book is perhaps a little intimidating for the beginner; a novice might be better off starting with something like Herb Gustafson's "Bonsai Workshop," which gives a better basic overview of the art form but shares Adams's project-oriented approach. Or John Naka's "Bonsai Techniques" I & II, which have a wealth of very accessible information. Or even Peter Adams's "The Art of Flowering Bonsai," which has a lot of general information on developing trees as well as

species-specific information related to certain blossoming kinds. But if you find a used copy of "Bonsai Design" somewhere, buy it. If you don't read it now, you'll want to refer to it later.

The book is poorly organized and makes itself a boring read through instead of a reference guide. Usually these bonsai books bring some new things to the table: pictures, new techniques. This book is fluff. I thought I was going to get a specialized view of deciduous and coniferous trees and what you actually get is "I recommend reading this fine book 'so and so' on air layering." What a let down. Buy it used and cheap as there are some specimens worth looking at. Otherwise just another brick on the wall.

Incredibly detailed and intellectually written. Packed with information and is very encouraging. I loved how growth plans are provided for the discussed trees (Beech, Hornbeam, Elm, and conifers) the book goes into depth on how to create amazing pieces of art in just 7 years, which is unthinkable for bonsai but since he shows trees as he did with a time line the idea of a piece of gorgeous art being so close is very encouraging. Amazing author recommend all books by Adams

This book is chocked full of great information. The illustrations and photos are great. The techniques shown are really interesting and challenging. Look forward to using them on my maples.

This book is very comprehensive, even though it's a bit old. The content is still universally relevant. Peter Adams is a true scholar, no matter which art discipline he follows.

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