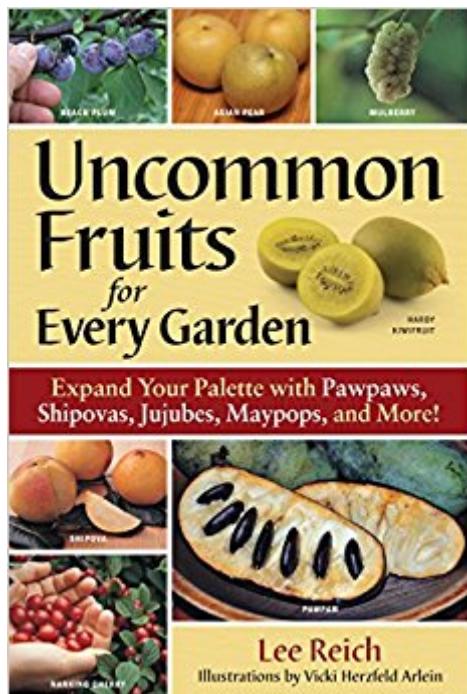


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# Uncommon Fruits For Every Garden



## 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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“I learned plenty of new things. . . . Everything a reader needs to know to

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This book is so cool. I can't even say it enough. Every new chapter I found myself exclaiming "Oooh! I want to grow that!!" It is a very fun and interesting read for the gardener who has it all. It also contains enough practical advice and information for an already experienced gardener to make informed purchasing decisions and get started growing these unusual fruits. While it is very informative, this book is not an exhaustive resource on any specific plant, so don't buy it if you don't expect to do further research on the plants you choose to grow. I don't consider this a drawback, as no book can be expected to exhaustively cover the cultivation of so many species, but that doesn't stop people complaining. It's also probably not an ideal book for a beginning gardener, unless you are a beginning gardener who know that you absolutely want a garden full of unusual fruit plants. You probably want to look for something that covers more general gardening how-to's. This book focuses on descriptions and cultivation of the 23 species of fruit plants, and won't help you grow tomatoes. If you are an avid gardener or botanist, or just interested in plants or fruit, this is a really

fantastic read. It would also make a great gift for any plant-nerds in your life. There is a lot of great information on plants that are really hard to find reliable resources about.

In order for me to want a book in my library, it has to be a better reference than the web; and, for me, this book has proved its worth. I would definitely recommend it to gardeners who are interested in unusual fruit (and/or native fruit trees); particularly those living in the temperate US. I purchased this book because I had a number of these plants already; and I thought it would be nice to have a single reference to go to for my clove currants, amelanchier, persimmon, etc. There is also a lot of good information about cultivars - which would be helpful in selecting plants.

Overall, I thought this book was excellent and contains great information on the uncommon fruits. Specific pruning recommendations for each plant are great because this info is hard to find elsewhere. I'm not giving this book 5 stars because the start of each chapter does not list the zone and size of the described plants. If this information was included, it would be much faster for me to determine which plants I could use without having to scan the chapter or search online.

UFFEG is well written and interesting. The problem is that any fruit that has any potential for home use is well covered by most conventional sources. Two examples in this book are persimmons and mulberries. They DO belong in every garden, but they are not at all uncommon. Information about them is widespread. The "uncommon" fruits in this book are uncommon for good reason: they just don't cut it for 99% of gardens. Che is a good example. I have a che tree, and the fruit is OK, but nothing to rave about or that prolific. Che just doesn't make the cut. Jujube is right in the middle: some people might find it useful, but it just doesn't make the grade for me. There's a ton of info on the web about jujube. Anyone considering buying UFFEG should check out the CRFG website first.

We grow almost every fruit in this book and it is nice to find more information on so many in one place. In fact I have learned that we can plant a couple that I didn't think would grow in our zone 5 orchard. I do wish the author had been clearer on USDA hardiness zone ratings for each plant. Other than that small complaint a great book for fruiting plant addicts.

Mr Reich's book is a great source of inspiration to those who want to do something different in the spaces that God has given them care over. Did you even want a hedge that you can bake a pie from? Would you like to grow a Chinese date in your side yard? Do you want to surprise your

neighbors with fruits that they have never heard of? This is the book for you. Buy a copy of this book today and replace that Bradford Pear tree that blew down with a useful, beautiful fruit tree that will put a smile on everyone's face. You might also want to look into Lee's brand new book "Landscaping with Fruit"

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