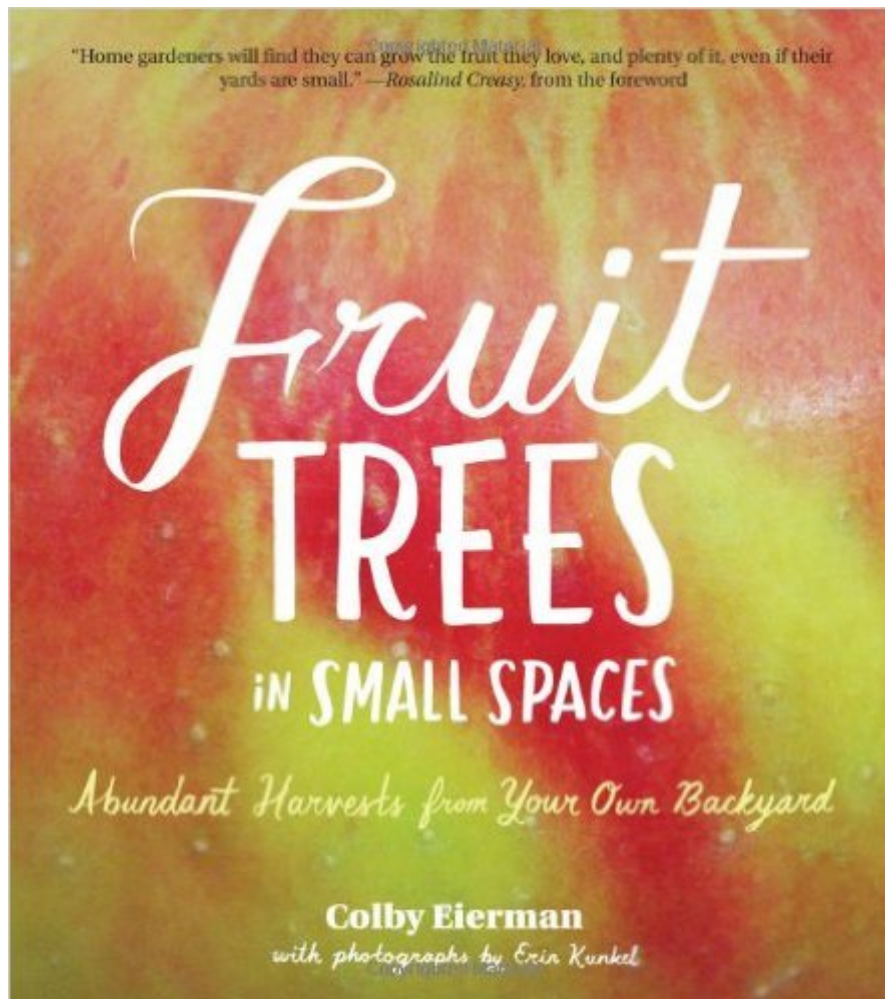


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Fruit Trees In Small Spaces: Abundant Harvests From Your Own Backyard



Synopsis

Luscious peaches, crisp apples, and sweet plums right off the tree are hard to beat. For gardeners yearning for the pleasures of home-grown fruit plucked straight from the tree, this deliciously encouraging guide cuts the subject down to size. Colby Eierman, garden designer and fruit expert, shows how trees can easily be tucked into the tiniest spots and still yield a bumper crop of gorgeous fruit. *Fruit Trees in Small Spaces* covers everything a gardener needs to know about choosing and nurturing the most delicious small-space varieties, including selection, pruning, training, irrigation, and disease prevention. With inspiring ideas for spaces of all shapes and sizes and creative recipes for your incredible harvest, you'll want to plant a mini-orchard in every intimate corner. For the gardener with space limitations, bountiful fruit trees are now within arm's reach.

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There's nothing quite like breaking into a fresh jar of yellow plum-infused liqueur or pear gin at the start of winter. It's like a bottled bit of summer sunshine. And ever since we've figured out precisely what to do with all of the fruit and vegetables I've been growing, my nursery trips have been most enthusiastic when they involve growing food (yep, I'm one of those people that looks up from breakfast and wonders what's for lunch!). Unfortunately, since I'm gardening on a suburban lot, space has quickly become an issue. So when I read that this fruit tree book was coming out that focused exclusively on gardening in small spaces, I was sold. Finally, a trustworthy source to tell me whether that newfangled "planting-four-trees-in-one-hole idea" is actually effective (he says yes, and

gives a link to more resources!). I was also keen to learn pruning and care techniques for helping trees take up less space in the garden. In the first half hour with the book, I'd learned an excellent trick for keeping plants small: Summer pruning. Apparently by removing some of the leaves before they've had a chance to collect the full season's worth of sunshine, you dwarf the plant's growth. By following up your summer pruning with winter pruning cuts made close to the branch rather than close to the tips, you send the tree a signal that it has filled its allotted space, and it slows down a bit. This tidbit was worth the price of the book all by itself! The book has a cheerful and laid-back spirit. Eierman talks about having beers and sitting around the fire in his backyard, and the photos of the gardens and his friends enjoying the bounty of fruit were so normal and do-able that I felt quite relaxed about my ability to grow great fruit.

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