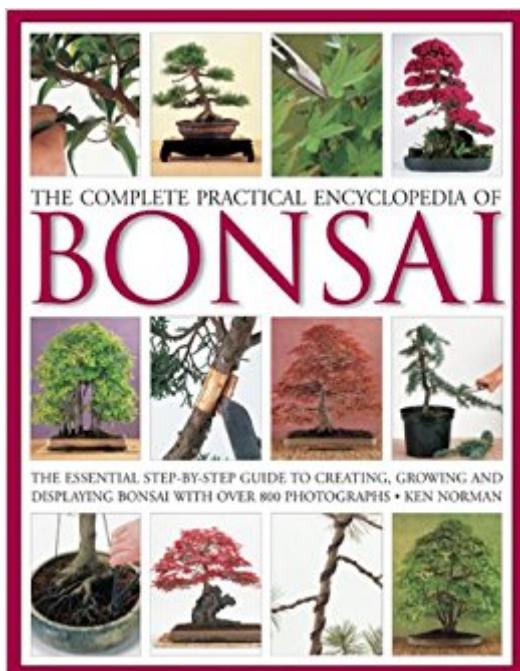


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# The Complete Practical Encyclopedia Of Bonsai: The Essential Step-by-Step Guide To Creating, Growing, And Displaying Bonsai With Over 800 Photographs



## **Synopsis**

This book defines and describes the ancient craft of bonsai. The techniques of this precise art form are clearly described, and provides a stunning and fully comprehensive reference that is ideal for the beginner as well as the more experienced bonsai artist.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Ken Norman has been growing bonsai for over forty years. He and his wife Ann have an important collection of bonsai permanently displayed at Leonardslee Gardens, West Sussex, England. Ken is a past Chairman of both the Federation of British Bonsai Societies (FOBBS) and the Friends of the National Bonsai Collection (FNBC). He is also a founder member, past Chairman and current President of the Sussex Bonsai Group and has been involved in organizing national and international bonsai conventions. Ken and Ann have been awarded six Gold Medals at the world famous Chelsea Flower Show, including a Gold Medal at Chelsea 2004.

This book is very good with a lot of colored pictures. I still have not found a book that goes into great detail about starting from seed. Two pages are not enough for me. This all started when I bought seed kits from Eve's Garden in Florida. I purchased the Jasmine, Cherry Blossom, and Dogwood seed kits. The only seeds to finally germinate were the Jasmine seeds. I had eight seeds to germinate, but I thinned them to only four. I'm still trying other methods for the Cherry Blossom and Dogwood seeds to germinate. If you don't have patients, you're better off to purchase a five or more

year old tree of your choice. Remember this is only the start of this hobby. Good luck on your selection.

This book has good information and illustrations; however, the printing is so small, it is difficult to read.

Very comprehensive, excellent images, well written, more style info and useful information than I have found elsewhere in a single volume. So then, why four stars and not five? The text is teeny tiny, as though they shrunk down a cocktail table book to microfiche. If you wear bifocals, better get a big magnifying glass. Still, highly recommended.

The techniques for making pretty bonsai trees are explained in simple enough terms that you can get a tree from the garden center and try it today. There are many more options than I knew about.

Very informational, but doesn't go too deeply into its topics

Wow, so much information. Well organized. I'm glad to add this book to my collection. Highly recommendable...

I am new to Bonsai and this book has all the information I need to get started and keep going.

Are you kidding? I'm having knowledgeable bonsai conversations over night! Need to continue improving with the "hands on" part of the hobby, though.

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