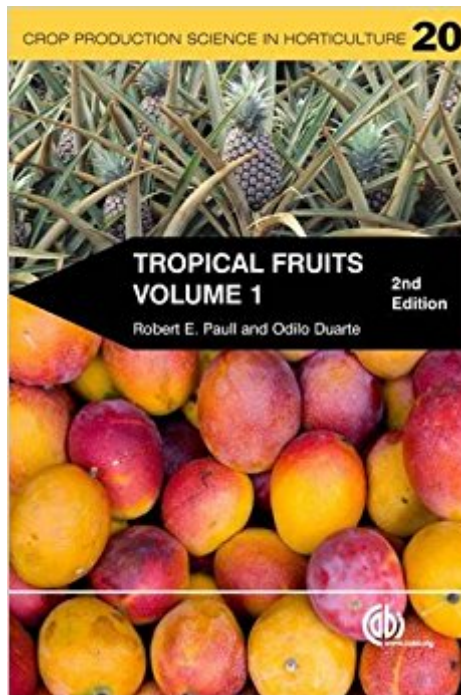




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"Overall, the book is a useful introduction to the fruits that it covers." (Rob Lockwood)

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physiology and handling in applied courses. His research focuses on the adaptation and application of technology to the improvement of postharvest handling in a integrated and systematic way. This research has lead to more than 100 peer-reviewed publications and over 80 extension type articles. He is co-author on three books and has co-edited five including The Encyclopedia of Fruits and Nuts, published by CABI with Dr. Jules Janick. Odilio Duarte Emeritus Professor, graduated with BS from Universidad Agraria - La Molina, Lima, Perú, a MS in Horticulture from University of California - Davis, MBA from the Universidad del Pacífico - Lima, Peru and a Doctorate in Agricultural Sciences Cum Laude from Technische Universiteit, in Fruit Crop Production. He was Head of the Fruit Crops section, Escuela Agrícola Panamericana at El Zamorano, Honduras from 1989 to 2008 when he retired and returned to Peru. Prior to his years at El Zamorano, he was Professor and Head of the Fruit Crops Research Program Universidad Agraria, La Molina, Lima, Peru, has held a number of managerial positions in private industry, and has had numerous consultancy on tropical fruit production. At El Zamorano, he received several student awards for his undergraduate teaching. He is widely published in the area of tropical fruit production and propagation.

Great coverage of cultivation and propagation methods, climate requirements and post-harvest handling for some major crops. Plenty of graphs, charts and tables supplement the clearly-written and well-organized text. This book is a great reference resource for backyard growers and small farmers. However, coverage in this book is limited to the the most important fruits that grow in most tropical climates. Volume 2, Tropical Fruits (Crop Production Science in Horticulture) provides coverage of more minor fruits. There are even more minor fruits that receive no coverage in either volume. Maybe there'll be a volume 3 some day. This book is a little pricey, but has more depth than the free version of Julia Morton's book Fruits of Warm Climates that is available free online.

This book should be in every library of anyone involved in growing fruits in the tropics, a treasure trove of valuable information

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