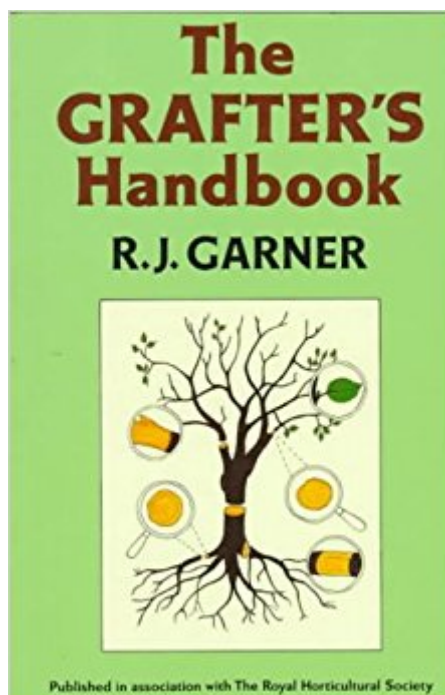


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# The Grafter's Handbook



## Synopsis

This practical manual on plant propagation by grafting is written in a lucid and concise style, and illustrated throughout with line drawings and half-tones. Since 1947, when it was first published, it has been a useful and informative reference for horticulturalists and amateurs. This is the first time that this work has been published in paperback.

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## Customer Reviews

'This is not only a masterly textbook illustrated with very clear line drawings and photographs, but also a fascinating anthology of all the ways in which man has found it possible, for one reason or another, to put two varieties of plant together to make one.' Country Life 'Mr Garner almost certainly knows more about vegetative propagation of tree and bush fruit than any man on earth; and what is more to the purpose, he knows how to convey his knowledge clearly in word and line.' Guardian  
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and lectures to students at Capel Manor College (Enfield), the Inchbold School of Design in London, leading specialist days at the English Gardening School in London. Robert John Garner was born in Fulbourn, Cambridge, in 1907. A scientist at the former East Malling Research Station from 1926 until 1972, he became an international authority on the vegetative propagation of woody plants. He was awarded an honorary MSc from the University of Reading in 1951 and the Veitch Memorial Medal by the Royal Horticultural Society for his outstanding contribution to the advancement of the art, science and practice of horticulture in 1980. Former President of the Horticultural Education Association and the Great Britain & Ireland region of the International Plant Propagators Society, and author of *The Grafters' Handbook* (1947) and *The Propagation of Tropical Fruit Trees* (1976), he also wrote numerous research papers for technical journals including *The Journal of Horticultural Science* and CAB's Technical Communications series published by the Imperial Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops. After his death in 1993, East Malling Research Station opened the Robert Garner Laboratory in remembrance of his life's work. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Love this book!!!!!!! But, amateurs be warned, this is probably not for you. I'm quite new to grafting, and there was an answer to almost every question I had. There really is every thing you need to know in this book. However, it might be too much for a newby to take in, it was too much for me the first time I read it. This book has a very large vocabulary, so it might be difficult for the new grafter to fully understand. I've read it several times to completely understand it myself. If you are a true newby grafter or propagator, I HIGHLY suggest you buy or check out of the library "The Plant Propagator's Bible" by Miranda Smith.

It's a useful reference but it's poor choice to learn how to graft. Many techniques are presented which if you already have a fair amount of grafting experience is great. However, someone just starting out would be better off looking at youtube videos that show you how to graft and explain the procedure while they're performing it. KuffelCreek Nursery has several very good videos showing cleft grafting, whip and tongue grafting, t-budding, and chip grafting. Seedsavers also has a good video on grafting trees. So I would recommend going to youtube and searching for the videos I mentioned if you are wanting to learn to graft. This book is available at many libraries so I would also suggest checking the book out first then buying it if you like it. I have a copy but I use it mainly as reference to supplement other sources of information that I have.

Interesting read. I liked the history and background, but it could use an update and more grafting methods explained.

This book is a little more advanced than what would be required for most novice gardeners who only want to graft a few trees. However, it is a bible of sorts for grafting as it has first published by a British agriculture research station 65 years ago and has been reprinted every decade. What I liked about the book is that it gave measurement in US units so you don't have to convert measurement units or volumes. The explanation of various grafting tools is very good. If you want an in depth knowledge of grafting this book is for you.

Would be better with color photos

Useful descriptions of the techniques for taking a part of one plant and melding it with another. Covers tools, timing, plant material selection and about everything would need to know for this useful but somewhat tricky means of propagating plants.

One of the bibles for grafters. Mine is well worn

Outstanding! Full of useful information. Great diagrams. Easily understood. A must have for anyone learning how to graft fruit trees!

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