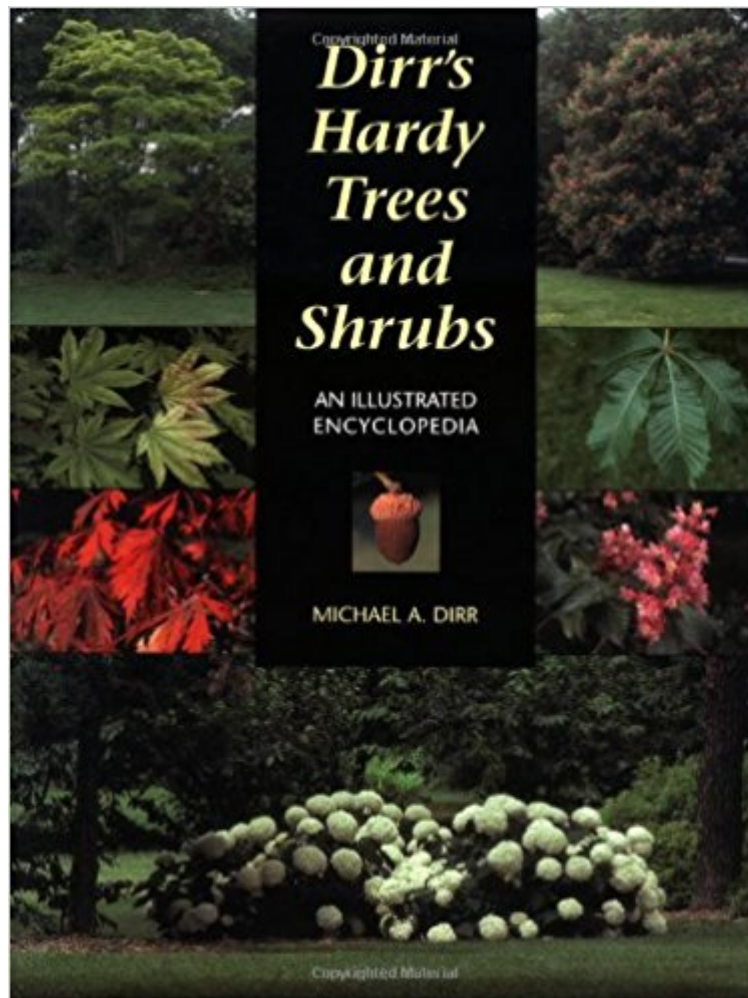




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As a Master Gardener, but a novice at designing, I find this book to be an invaluable source of information. While many such books only show the features (flowers, leaf color) of a plant, Dirr has taken care to show the entire specimen, showing the shape and texture of mature trees and shrubs. It's a pleasure to read his descriptions (and opinions), which are written in plain but colorful language.

I've been in love with Michael Dirr's brain since I was a student of his at U of I, Urbana in the 70's. Like other fans, I've got each addition of his "Manual of Woody Landscape Plants", the industry Bible. If your nursery or landscaper does NOT have a weather-beaten copy of the Manual in their shop or truck, DO NOT HIRE THEM!!! I received advance notice of this book's release and placed an advance order, counting the days until arrival. And it's finally HERE

I have worked in the nursery/greenhouse retail industry since I was a kid...24 years now. This is one of two books that has been at every place I have worked. I now own it at my own garden center. It is almost completely photographs. It includes pictures of many plants at different times of year, to demonstrate what they look like in flower, autumn color and even defoliated to show branch and bark interest. Different species have different attractive features, so there may be more pictures of some than others. The text is witty, concise and easy to understand. The plants are arranged in alphabetical order based on their Latin names. There is a cross reference in the back for common names. I use this all the time to demonstrate what a plant will look like when mature. I use it to help identify trees and shrubs that my customers bring pictures or pieces of. I will always have one of these books at hand.

I bought this book to gain more knowledge about trees and shrubs so I make informed decisions on what to grow in my yard. This book helped me tremendously. I wouldn't have been able to select the trees and shrubs that surround and beautify my entire yard without the help of this book. I used to take it with me to nurseries and when seeing a tree I like, I opened the page that discusses it and got the ins and outs about it. I also have asked specialty nurseries for a specific tree I found in this book that they don't display, but can get as a special order. It was worth it. It is true that no book can

contain all the information you need to know about trees and shrubs in your area, however, this book comes quite close!

I have spent many years planting trees on my property in Eastern WA St, and over time have purchased many books on plants. This is my favorite. The descriptions are the authors, and I love his style. Pithy, precise, to the point, with a ton of info. The photos are astounding, usually one of the tree flowering, in the fall and in full dress in the summer, all by the author. Often there are pictures of the leaves, bark and flowers/fruit up close. The index is arranged thusly: Selecting plants for specific characteristics, ie flowers, fruit, fall color, bark and etc. This helps me to quickly identify a tree. Trees/Bushes that flower also have the color, longevity, and smell. The shape of the plants are included ie, weeping, columnar, size and etc. Soil preferences are stated, very helpful. Dirr also lists the plants by category, ie, shrubs and their size, type ie evergreen as well as hardiness zones adapted to. The zones of the USA are included in the back on a clear map. Lastly plant scientific names and common name indexes are included. If you want to plant the right plant in the right place,(also a good book,) this is the book for you. There is no better bush/tree book in my library, always my first choice. Thank God for DIRR!

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