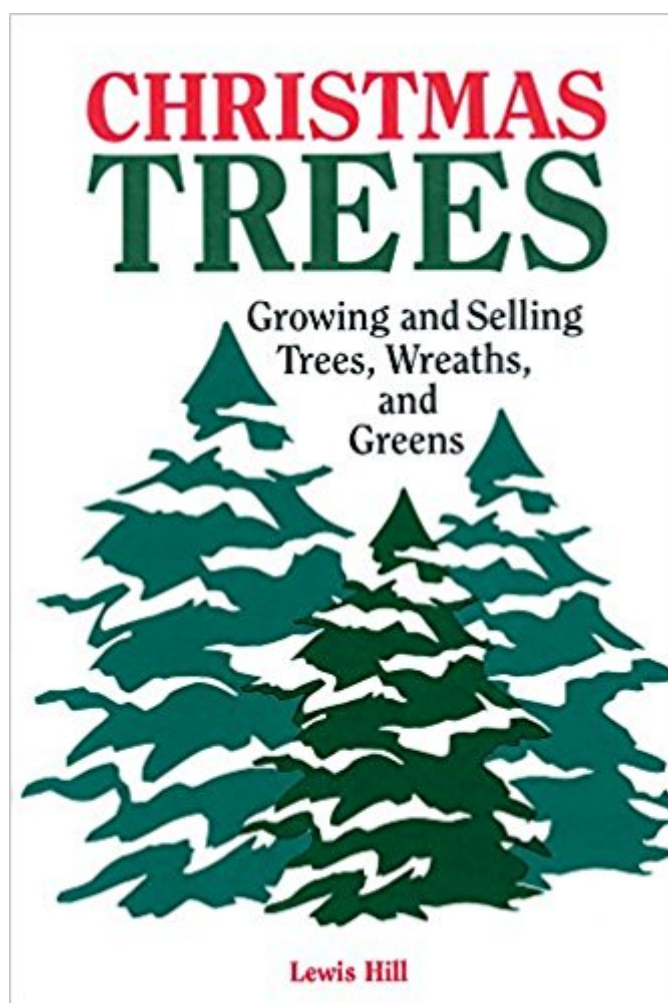


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# Christmas Trees: Growing And Selling Trees, Wreaths, And Greens



## Synopsis

Best-selling author Lewis Hill shares his decades of experience in this comprehensive guide to growing and selling Christmas trees, wreaths, and holiday greens. You'll discover everything you need to know to make your business thrive!

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## Customer Reviews

Money does grow on trees, and Christmas Trees by Lewis Hill is the essential equipment for anyone who wishes to gain the pleasure and profit of growing and selling trees, wreaths, and greens. Hill, an experienced and skilled tree grower himself, begins with the very basics, providing valuable insights on how to choose the best land and the best species of trees to grow on that land. Here you will learn how to-- Plan for continuous, efficient growth, including interplanting, natural seeding, and stump culture-- Care for your crop throughout the growing cycle, from planting and pruning, right through harvesting-- Propagate your own plants and collect wild seedlings-- Select the proper equipment for the nature and scope of your planting-- Handle problems dealt by weather, pests and diseases, and animals-- Find wholesale and retail markets, maintain a steady supply, deal with tree buyers, advertise and price, and maintain records and plan for taxesAn attractive and lucrative side business to that of growing trees is selling greens, roping, and wreaths. Hill shares his experiences with planting and managing a greens orchard, processing greens for both wholesale and retail markets, and making wreaths, sprays, and centerpieces by hand as well as with the aid of wreath-making machines. The complete, clear, up-to-date information is warmed by anecdotes

drawn from the author's many years of Christmas tree growing and selling.

The late Lewis Hill, a beloved and best-selling Storey author, grew more than 20,000 trees on his farm in Greensboro, Vermont. He was also a member of the National Christmas Tree Association and the New Hampshire-Vermont Christmas Tree Association.

A review by Don the Baptist of the text *Christmas Trees: Growing and Selling Trees, Wreaths, and Greens* by Lewis Hill. I read the text in its entirety. I am not a plant biologist, nor do I wish to become one. So this review will have little to do with the plausibility of the instructions laid out by Hill in his text because I do not know what works and what does not. I just want some Christmas trees at my home in Honduras, Central America. (Most of my neighbors have no idea what a Christmas tree is.) Reason for purchase: About two years ago, I planted 3 species totaling 111 seeds, and I followed the very limited instructions included with the seed purchase to the letter. Less than one half sprouted, of those all but about 7 eventually died of unknown causes. With one exception, the remaining few died as a result of smoke from a neighbor's uncontrolled fire. (Many Hondurans are pyromaniacs. This is not a joke.) What about the one exception? It was yanked out of the ground by a kid that I was paying to do some chores around the house, but in all honesty, it probably would have died anyway. (By my calculations, the odds were 110 to 1 against it.) Therefore, as this was a tremendous amount of work for which I netted nothing, I swore to never do it again. But I did. Why? I still want Christmas trees. What to do? I bought more seeds and Hill's book. ABOUT THE BOOK: Hill covers the entire process from the perspective of operating a Christmas tree business. He includes info on: 1) stratification 2) seeds, seedlings, small trees grown in nurseries, etc. 3) sight selection 4) soil fertility and maintenance 5) weed and pest control 6) shaping and harvesting 7) and it seems to me anything else you might need to know. As noted, Hill's viewpoint is that of a successful Christmas tree business owner. To this end, he also includes info on taxes, dealing with tree vendors, and a very basic Business 101. All of this I found to be unnecessary, but maybe the *How to Run Your Own Business* manuals include a section on Christmas trees. Which brings up my next point; Hill tries to be funny, and maybe to a plant biologist he is funny, but for the most part, it is a dry text on how to grow Christmas trees. (I try to include something funny in most of my reviews, but I am empty.) No offense to Hill is intended; I believe this is a good book. (He wrote the text at 65, and if he is still alive in 2016, he is 92.) In my opinion, if you want to know about growing Christmas trees, talk to an old dude who has successfully grown Christmas

trees. Last thing, as I turn my computer off and with fresh information in my head, I am going outside to plant these new seeds. In one year " or less, if it goes really badly " I will update this review with a report on my success or lack thereof.

It's not Gone With The Wind, but you want to grow trees not go to war. Pretty good stuff in this book about the Christmas Tree business. It was used but that's fine with me. Cheaper just like college.

This is a great book. It's a quick, easy read and easy to understand. The author doesn't bog the reader down with a bunch of dry scientific data. The tree farming aspect is in itself priceless, but the sections on making money from wreaths and greens could potentially earn the tree farmer as much or more income than from tree sales! On our farm we plan to use trees that will not make Christmas trees as our source of greens for the wreaths versus cutting them off and throwing them in the ditch, totally maximizing the profits even from bad trees that were torn up by deer, bugs, or bad weather. I know the choices of Christmas tree farming books are very limited, but this book will be well worth the cost for those interested in Christmas tree farming or those that have been doing it for years.

Just a great buy and a great Read. Goes into so much detail I was amazed. The Nursery that provided my pines suggested this book and they were 100% correct

Another quick read but very helpful for what we needed. Good value and shipped quick!

This is a great book that lets those who want to start a Christmas Tree Farm know the basic information they need in order to start their own farm. The author also adds his suggestions and the way that the author started his own tree farm. You will still need some specific information about your land and what you want to grow there, but the author lets you know how to go about obtaining the information you need to have a successful business. He also encourages you about market conditions and basics about how to market your product.

I bought this book because I have been thinking of getting into the Christmas tree business, starting out on a small scale. This book is very helpful, and Mr. Hill has a wealth of knowledge to share. He covers a lot of different aspects of tree growing, from beginning to end. I would recommend buying if you are at all interested, also a very easy read.

I consider this a great reference book and highly readable! If you are looking for a book on gardening or horticulture, you can't go wrong with any book written by Lewis Hill

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