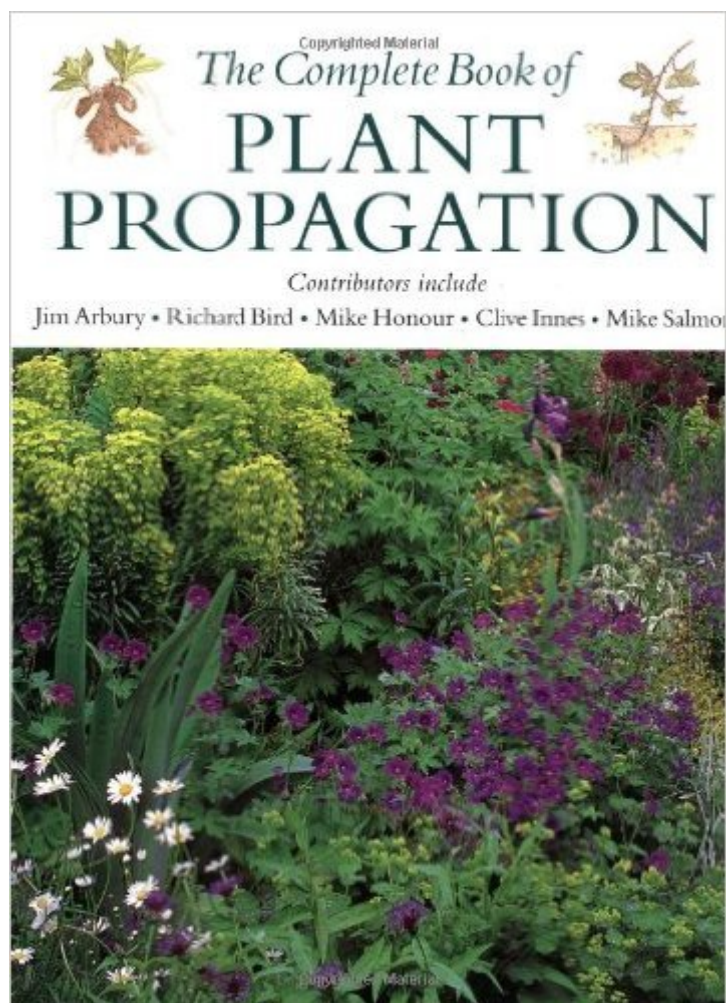


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# The Complete Book Of Plant Propagation



## Synopsis

The Complete Book of Plant Propagation reveals how simple and satisfying propagating your own plants can be. A general introduction explains when and why propagation is necessary, then twelve horticultural experts discuss different groups of plants individually, from alpiners, herbaceous perennials and ferns to conifers and heathers, herbs, trees and shrubs, and houseplants. Throughout the book individual plants are the main focus, with all appropriate propagation methods discussed in detail and clarified by sequences of straightforward, step-by-step drawings. Tips and practical advice are accompanied by inspirational ideas for using your new-found knowledge. Have you considered espaliered rosemary, for example, or propagating shrubs for a garden of ornamental topiary? At the end of each chapter there is an all-inclusive A-Z list of plants for quick and easy reference. Easy-to-read symbols tell you essential information at a glance: how long seed will take to germinate and how quickly the plant reaches maturity. The plants are assessed individually, with advice on the best propagation methods to use and extra tips to ensure success.

## Book Information

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Plant chapters included in this book are: annuals and biennials; herbaceous perennials; ferns; bulbs, corms and tubers; alpiners and rock garden plants; conifers and heathers; shrubs, trees, and climbers; houseplants, water plants, herbs, fruit, and vegetables. Each chapter consists of two parts, the first is an illustrated guide of propagation techniques; the second part is a "directory" or a mini encyclopedia of plants. This book is mostly plant directory rather than propagation techniques. For

example, in the longest chapter, Shrubs, Trees and Climbers, there are 10 pages of propagation techniques and 14 pages of directory. The book's strong points are in this chapter also, it has a good section on tree grafting. However, my biggest complaint about this book is that it does not mention roses at all. Nor does it mention carnivorous plants or other exotics. On the plus side, the photographs and illustrations are excellent. If you are interested in growing a specific plant type, like begonias or cacti, you would be better off with a plant-specific book, this book is too general.

The book is well made but lacks details about propagation. Living in the desert southwest I have a unique environment to deal with. It is hard to find books that devote all the pages to propagating native plants of the desert. Otherwise the book is well written and I'll recommend it to people who live anywhere but the desert.

If you have even an average basic gardening book, you don't need this one. There's nothing in here I didn't already know, and I'm far from being an experienced gardener. I have a couple of basic gardening books, nothing special, and a very basic guide to perennials; together they contain much more info than is given here. Glad I got it from the library before deciding whether to buy.

I am a Master Gardener and this book gave me so much information to help me with my own gardening and also to teach others.

Perfect for anyone who wants to propagate plants, including individual plant species and techniques for each!

Excellent book. It can open up a whole new world for the average gardener. Tim

This book is full of well explained information and detail on plant propagation and is a great reference for almost any person interested in this topic. The exception might be professional plant researchers.

I always wanted to be a mother and now I am (even though I'm a male). This book tells how to make plant babies. Practical.

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