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# Hartmann & Kester's Plant Propagation: Principles And Practices (8th Edition)



## Synopsis

The world standard for plant propagation and horticulture for over 50 years, Hartmann and Kester's Plant Propagation continues to be the field's most complete, up-to-date text on plant propagation. It now contains color figures throughout, promoting learning and making it an even more useful working text and reference. It also contains extensive updates reflecting the latest commercial techniques and understanding of propagation biology. Like previous editions, it is organized into paired chapters on principles and practices, so it can easily be adapted for teaching courses that cover only practical topics, and for courses that also cover conceptual issues.

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## Customer Reviews

Dale E. Kester is Professor of Pomology emeritus at the University of California, Davis. During his 40 years at the University of California he taught courses in plant propagation and pomology. He has been a member of the American Society of Horticultural Science, becoming a Fellow in 1977. He received jointly the Stark Award in 1980. He has published over 100 research and popular publications in plant propagation and pomology. He has had a lifelong collaboration with Dr. Hudson T. Hartmann which resulted in the publication of the first edition of Plant Propagation: Principles and Practices in 1959, followed by other editions in 1968, 1975, 1983, and 1990. One of the founders of the Western Region of the International Plant Propagators' Society (1960), he has served the society in various capacities including Vice-President, program chair (1996) and President (1997). He received the Curtis J. Alley Achievement Award in 1999. Fred T. Davies, Jr., Professor of

Horticultural Sciences, and Molecular and Environmental Plant Sciences, Texas A&M University, has taught courses in plant propagation and nursery production and management since 1979. He has co-authored over 100 research and technical publications. He was a Fulbright Senior Fellow to Mexico (1993) and Peru (1999), and a J.S. Guggenheim Fellow (1999). He received the Distinguished Achievement Award for Nursery Crops from the American Society of Horticultural Sciences (1989), L.M. Ware Distinguished Research Award-ASHS-SR (1995), and S.B. Meadows Award of Merit-International Plant Propagator's Society-SR (1994). He is a recipient of the Association of Former Students Distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching-TAMU (1997), Chancellor of Agriculture's Award in Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching-TAMU (1998), L.M. Ware Distinguished Teaching Award, ASHS-SR (1998), and L.C. Chadwick Educator's Award, American Nursery and Landscape Association (1999). He is the International Division Vice-President-ASHS. He was President, and is currently Editor, of the IPPS-SR.

This economy text book will save you money but just know that the paper isn't the higher quality that is usually seen in text books and that the illustrations are not in color which is a key feature of the 8th edition. I did not know these things when I purchased this book. Also there were stickers on the cover hiding text that says "For sale in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka only". I thought that was kind of weird. I asked the seller about this and they sent me an attachment of some supreme court judgement that supposedly makes it ok.. but I wasn't about to read this 70+ page legal document to verify it. I compared the pages to sample pages of the regular copy online and the pages I looked at matched so I think I'll be ok. I couldn't have even rented this book for this price so that is why I am keeping it.

This was a difficult book to find for a class, and insanely expensive. I found this at a great price, and had it shipped to daughter at college. When I went to sell it I realized it was an Easter Economy Edition (I was offered \$1.69). This one was cheap for a reason - the inside pages were in black and white. It worked and I'm grateful I found it. When I mentioned the resale my daughter said 'what the heck, that book was in black and white'. Considering the cost of college tuition and the enhanced information and added educational value this particular book offers in color, I probably would have paid for the color version. If you want to avoid the black and white economy eighth Edition, verify the ISBN. The economy edition is ISBN:978-81-203-5024-3. Hope this helps your purchase.

I purchased this text for an undergraduate plant propagation lab course (in 2014), and while I mostly

used course-supplied materials for the actual class, it is nice enough to look at and seems sufficiently thorough to justify keeping in a professional reference collection. (I can't say I have read it cover to cover though.) I also will likely find use for it in my personal gardening and plant cultivation hobby. My professor (an avid horticulturist) expressed a favourable opinion of the book as one that he finds worth keeping an older version of and finds useful. No used versions were available around my campus that I could find, which I took as some indication of past students hanging on to theirs. (As noted by other reviews, it is not a theory text on plant biology, but rather an academic reference for horticulture - this should be pretty obvious by the title though.) I bought the loose leaf binder version to save money, as with all texts it does seem somewhat overpriced. I would have preferred a hard cover copy if money was no issue, as with most binder text the pages are thin and prone to tears at the ring holes.

I started using this book during my undergrad and as a grad student I keep on using it. It is a great reference for new professionals, as of writing this I am still working on my M.S. in Agronomy&Horticulture and I find that I most frequently reference back to this book when I need to get accurate and concise information. It does cost a lot as others have mentioned, and for a hobbyist I think it would be way too much. But for my situation I find it to be invaluable.

Book is super dense in terminology, right from the beginning it just rambles on and on about terms I haven't learned about yet. These terms appear very frequently and is very difficult to try and learn because they keep coming. Only good about this book is a reference if you just want to propagate. Trying to actually learn, good luck, unless you spend hours on hours reading and rereading it....

I found this book difficult to read and understand even though I was taking a propagation class at the same time. There are multiple places where the book contradicts itself or was just plain wrong according to my professor. However, there is a lot of great information in there if you work at it and have a strong interest in large scale plant propagation. Also, none of the pictures were in color which was a disappointment.

A great book for someone who is looking for an up to date information about propagation methods . Very informative, with lot's of diagrams, pictures etc. One can tell that the authors did a very serious work in this book, and I think it's a must have for every one who is interested in propgating plants. The only thing I would have changed is to make it a hard cover instead of paperback

It is exactly what it says it is.. Nothing was wrong with the books ..

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