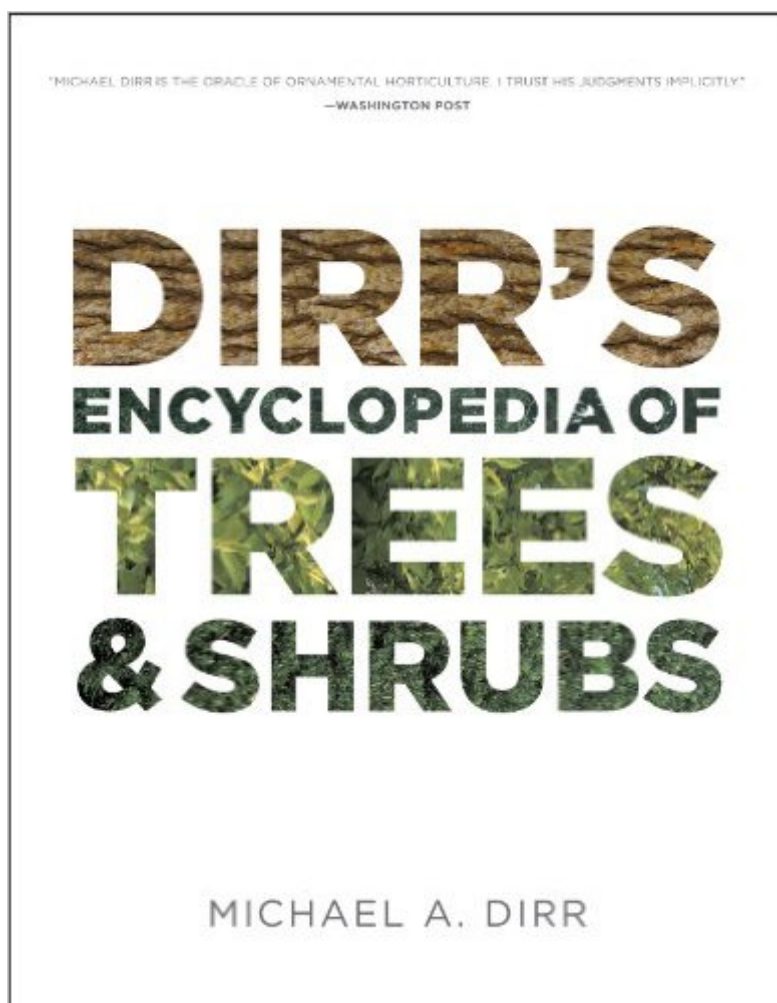


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# Dirr's Encyclopedia Of Trees And Shrubs



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## Customer Reviews

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

The internet has removed the need for so many types of book. Between the online nursery

descriptions and search engine image searches, you can find basic information on many types of plant, and that's often good enough. However, things become tricky when you're trying to compare plants. For example, recently I wanted to plant a Spirea 'Neon Flash', but all the nursery had was 'Anthony Waterer'. Using the internet, the descriptions looked remarkably similar, to the point where I wondered whether I was dealing with the same plant under two different names (this happens a surprising amount in the plant world). This is where a giant, thorough encyclopedia comes in handy. Dirr's Encyclopedia of Trees and Shrubs is a game-changer. Twice as thick as Dirr's most famous work, Dirr's Hardy Trees and Shrubs, it is crammed full of photos and deliciously blunt descriptions of each of the varieties listed. The book feels like a gift - the essence of Dirr, immortalized - and is clearly going to be the new must-have book for anyone serious about gardening. The benefits of a comprehensive encyclopedia like this are numerous. First, in my Spirea research, I was able to get a clear comparison between 'Neon Flash' and 'Anthony Waterer'. (If you're curious, 'Neon Flash' is slightly shorter, much less wide, and doesn't have the tendency to develop cream-colored foliage reversion as does 'Anthony Waterer' - in short, had I gone with the internet's advice I would have been pruning dear Anthony off his neighbors for years to come.) Second, I trust Dirr. He's brutally sarcastic, thoughtful, and has no motive to make a plant sound better than it is (hello, nursery catalogs!).

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