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Trees For All Seasons: Broadleaved Evergreens For Temperate Climates



Synopsis

It's simple: broadleaved evergreens are trees that don't lose their leaves. And despite their versatility and beauty, they are often underused. Why? Most people, including knowledgeable gardeners, equate evergreens with conifers and Christmas trees rather than broadleaved plants. And many of the most attractive broadleaved evergreens have only recently become commercially available. Sean Hogan—one of America's most respected and well-known horticulturists—aims to correct the problem with this groundbreaking title. Ten years of research has gone into the detailed descriptions and photographs of more than 300 choice trees. Hogan opens our eyes to a largely unexplored world of foliar beauty—from China, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan to Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand; from Chile and Argentina to Mexico and the western United States. Among the profiled plants are the drought-tolerant, russetbarked manzanitas; the finely textured, glossy-leaved azaras; and the exquisitely fragrant michelias. Also included are little-known gems from such well-known genera as the hollies and oaks. Hogan has filled an obvious gap in horticultural literature. By bringing to light hundreds of exciting plants that have the potential to transform gardens, he also performs an outstanding service.

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Customer Reviews

Broadleaved evergreens, attractive in all seasons, have great potential as landscaping plants. The majority of trees in this volume, which is authored by an experienced horticulturalist, are best

suited to the USDA Hardiness Zone 7 and warmer (lowest winter temperatures of 0° to 10 degrees Fahrenheit or 12° to 18 degrees Celsius). Written at a level accessible to the layperson, the volume would also be of great interest to landscaping professionals. Criteria for the trees that are covered include attractive leaves year-round, suitability for garden situations, and frequency of use in temperate gardens. Overviews of genera are followed by narratives on individual species, which give the common name; native land; hardiness; soil preferences; mature height; physical description (leaves, flowers, trunk, bark, and scent); horticultural applications; nutritional requirements; propagation methods; and other relevant highlights of interest to gardeners. The alphabetically arranged articles range in length from a single paragraph to several pages. Some 370 excellent color photographs of broadleaved evergreens supplement the text. In addition, black-and-white line drawings give an indication of the mature size of the plant relative to a person. A useful addition is a listing of trees with specific characteristics such as toleration to drought, light preferences, temperature requirements, soil preferences, cold hardiness, and size. A 10-page index provides subject access to the contents. The strength of this volume lies in the inclusion of many relatively unknown species of horticultural interest. This information could be extremely useful in the quest to grow plants that are ecologically appropriate for an area. *Trees for All Seasons* is highly recommended for gardening sections of public, academic, and special libraries in temperate climates. --Nancy Cannon

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•Booklist “If global warming is inevitable, as it seems, this book may provide the proverbial silver lining for cool-climate gardeners.”

•American Gardener “This book could qualify as a coffee-table book; the layout and the photographs are lush enough. But there is a lot of information there. I know, because I have just read every word.”

•Washington Gardener “Timber Press and Sean are to be congratulated for producing another handsome, engaging, and beautifully photographed book for our garden libraries.”

•Pacific Horticulture “Sean Hogan is brought to long-overdue British attention by this publication. . . . Introduces us to a swathe of underused plants that, in a climate-change world, will become increasingly important.”

•Daily Telegraph “At last here is a book that will help gardeners of all abilities to choose a broadleaved evergreen that will be much more than background plant.”

•Gardens Illustrated “Whether you still have room to

plant a tree and need a reliable guide, or if you just like deepening your knowledge of trees, this book will inform, reward and entertain. Hardy Plant Society of Oregon Bulletin
“I am a sucker for tree books, so I cannot resist Sean Hogan’s *Trees for All Seasons*. . . . Most people, including knowledgeable gardeners, equate evergreens with conifers and Christmas trees rather than broadleaved plants,” says Hogan. He aims to correct that with this guide to more than 300 small choice trees. Vancouver Sun

I have known Sean and he is a brilliant man, one of the most revered experts in his field. This lovely book was produced with vibrant color plantings and easy to find stands of trees and clear information on any conceivable types of seasonal plantings you are seeking to achieve. Sean is right there with you every step of the way with many years and travels in different parts of the world that have garnered his ability to delight and inform you with tips and tricks to capture our natural world and bring more of it closer to you and yours. Thank you, Sean for all your experience and knowledge and you reading this Must go visit his Cistus Nursery and have a real thrill. Chris Bryan

By far, this is the best book on broadleaf evergreen trees I’ve ever owned. Detailed descriptions and frost tolerances are given alongside beautiful pictures of hundreds of the most exotic trees for temperate climates. Some of them have been around for a while but most of them are relatively new to cultivation and fun to seek out. It makes a pretty good complement to Dan Hinkley’s *Explorer’s Garden* book series since he has left out trees for some reason.

Sean Hogan’s book, *Trees for All Seasons: Broadleaved Evergreens for Temperate Climates*, is a detailed book for people that enjoy planting a garden with the year round beauty of evergreen trees and shrubs. The emphasis is on the Pacific Northwest but Sean’s book also covers broadleaf evergreen trees that can be grown elsewhere in the warm climates of zone 7, as well as some zone 6 and 5 evergreen trees as well. This is an informative book listing many species new to the market that are just becoming available to gardeners.

Better than expected...purchased used, listed as 'acceptable', but really in perfect condition! Very pleased. A great book, especially if you live in the Pacific Northwest.

Not so great pictures, difficult to tell much about evergreens in full bloom, fall color, etc. May return

for refund. Very good details about each plant.

Wonderful reference and idea book. Sean is an expert, informative and humorous writer. Fun to read.

Except for perhaps Hawaii and the most southerly points in the southernmost states, winter in America is harsh and long and dreary. Evergreen trees make a huge impact on a garden and the landscape...Sean Hogan does a magnificent job of trotting out the most ornamental and interesting trees that thrive in his Zone 7-8 mecca, but he does a GREAT job of holding out promise to those of us who live in colder zones (I am a denizen of Zone fivish). Who would have imagined there might be so many evergreen oaks, so many magnolias with wide latitude! I can't WAIT to find cold tolerant forms of *Quercus chrysolepis* and a bevy of Mahonias I never suspected might pass muster: every page is a revelation and full of hard data and promise. It makes sense that most plants have a wide latitude in nature, and many have high elevation forms that make it possible to grow them far beyond their native ranges. Great pictures throughout, and wonderful layout: this is a book designed to last. Sean has obviously been seeking these forms out for years, and his hard earned experience in Portland, California and Christmas Valley (a god forsaken spot I believe) makes this book invaluable. Not another one of those compendiums of hearsay, this is a treasure trove of hard data from a great designer and plant collector. Sean is a national treasure: buy and share this book!

This is a must have book if you have a yard with or without trees. Clearly written with terrific photographs and tree-scale diagrams, it serves not only as an idea book for those in the temperate zone, but also as an identification guide for those 'unknowns' that are often encountered. What a terrific work, a mater piece, actually, destined to be a classic. Get it! Enjoy it! Treasure it.

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