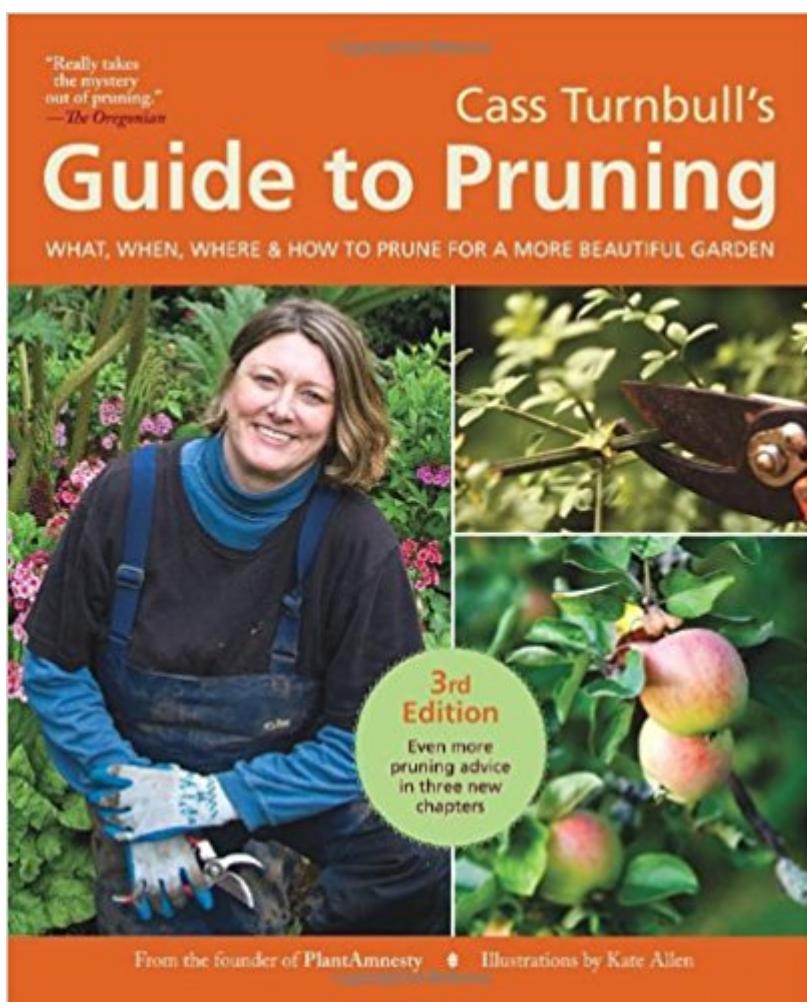


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# Cass Turnbull's Guide To Pruning, 3rd Edition: What, When, Where, And How To Prune For A More Beautiful Garden



## Synopsis

Prune trees, shrubs, and other plants with the knowledge that will make your plants grow in healthy and aesthetic ways. Covering 160 plants with clear instructions and illustrations, Cass Turnbull will show you exactly how to prune any plant in your garden. This 3rd Edition of Cass Turnbull's Guide to Pruning covers more than twenty additional plants in three new chapters. The result is the new definitive guide for the home gardener with friendly, expert advice from Cass Turnbull, founder of Seattle's PlantAmnesty, whose mission is "to end the senseless torture and mutilation of trees and shrubs caused by mal-pruning." Here are ten commandments for preventing mal-pruning and other gardening sins:

**The Ten Gardener Commandments**

1. Thou shalt not shear thy bush.
2. Thou shalt not top thy tree.
3. Thou shalt not plant thy sun-lover in the shade, nor thy shade-lover in the sun.
4. Thou shalt mulch.
5. Thou shalt not leave stubs.
6. Thou shalt not flush cut, neither shalt thou paint wounds.
7. Thou shalt not cover up the base of thy plant, or thy tree, or thy shrub. Neither with mulch, nor with soil, nor with any landscape material.
8. Thou shalt cut circling/girdling roots.
9. Thou shalt not compact the root zone of thy tree, nor trench near the trunk of thy tree.
10. Thou shalt not weed-whip the trunk of thy tree, nor bash it with thine mower, nor leave anything tied on thy tree or the branches of thy tree, as is done in the land of the philistines.

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## Customer Reviews

"Finally, the book has arrived that demystifies pruning for even the most apprehensive gardener. Unlike most encyclopedic pruning books that offer formulaic across-the-board adviceâ |Cass

Turnbull has written a useful pruning guide that clearly and simply describes how to prune commonly used garden plants to enhance both aesthetics and plant health."Pacific Horticulture" Really takes the mystery out of pruning."The Oregonian" If you've ever been to a Cass Turnbull class, you'll never forget the lessons you learned there. If you can't make her classes, or want a deeper, fuller, more explicit understanding of how to prune plants for optimal health, this book is for you."Ann Lovejoy, author of The Ann Lovejoy Book of Northwest Gardening

Cass Turnbull has been a professional gardener for 20 years. After seeing so many ruined trees and shrubs in her clients' gardens, she founded PlantAmnesty with the mission to teach gardeners (and so-called professional arborists) about the particulars of proper pruning. She has long been the humorous voice of PlantAmnesty through their regular newsletter. She lives in Seattle and lectures around the country on pruning.

Turnbull's book provides precise instructions for many plants, as well as guidance on pruning the rest. This could be a very dry read, but instead, her great humor shines through and will keep you reading far past the plant you originally looked up. If you've ever been to one of her talks, or have otherwise met her in person, that same cheeriness will meet you in these pages.

I went to a Cass Turnbull lecture given by a Master Gardeners group in our area. I couldn't take notes fast enough, so I ended up ordering the book when I got home. I've referred to it many times when I needed to prune something challenging. We have 5 acres - 3 acres in gardens - and we'd be overgrown without diligent pruning. This book is a cherished guide, and it reflects her personality, which is very engaging.

I'd be hard pressed to find a better guide to pruning almost everything than Cass's book. It's easy to read, and humorous too. I've taken classes from her and found the book so useful, I'm giving them out as Christmas presents.

Love all the helpful guides by this author. Very sad to hear she passed away recently.

may be my favorite pruning book

Organized book of info. Easy to follow instructions with a sense of humor and helpful illustrations.

Good information and in an an easy to read and follow format

The information within this book is top of the line, but, I'd have prefered a hardcopy. Currently, I'm seeking ways to print this out. Perhaps in the end it will be better as this book tends to get dirty and well worn with use, and I'll have the digital for late night study and reprinting when needed.

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