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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

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.

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.

I'm stuck using this book in my Plant Propagation class. I'm appalled by the price - and for a paperback book. I really hate having to do that to my students. I'm hoping they've cleaned up the text since the 7th edition. In the 7th edition I found repeated text. The book was obviously edited and reedited and in the process text was duplicated. I felt like I was reading in circles. The book is a bit over the top for undergraduate studies. I'm using it for community college work.

Buy this book only if you are really into plant propagation. This is not a book on plant science or plant biology, it is on horticultural practices. You will learn how to graft, plant, prepare soils, how to identify the best greenhouse structures, etc. I feel they put way too much information in this textbook, but I guess Landscape or Environmental Science managers will benefit more than a Genetics and Biotech major. I took this class as an elective and was not expecting to only learn how to graft plants. Cool experience though!

This is "the" plant propagation book. Informative. Up-to-date. Scientific. If you just want 'hands on' you'll be overwhelmed, but if you're a serious student of propagation, I highly recommend this book.

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

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 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.

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