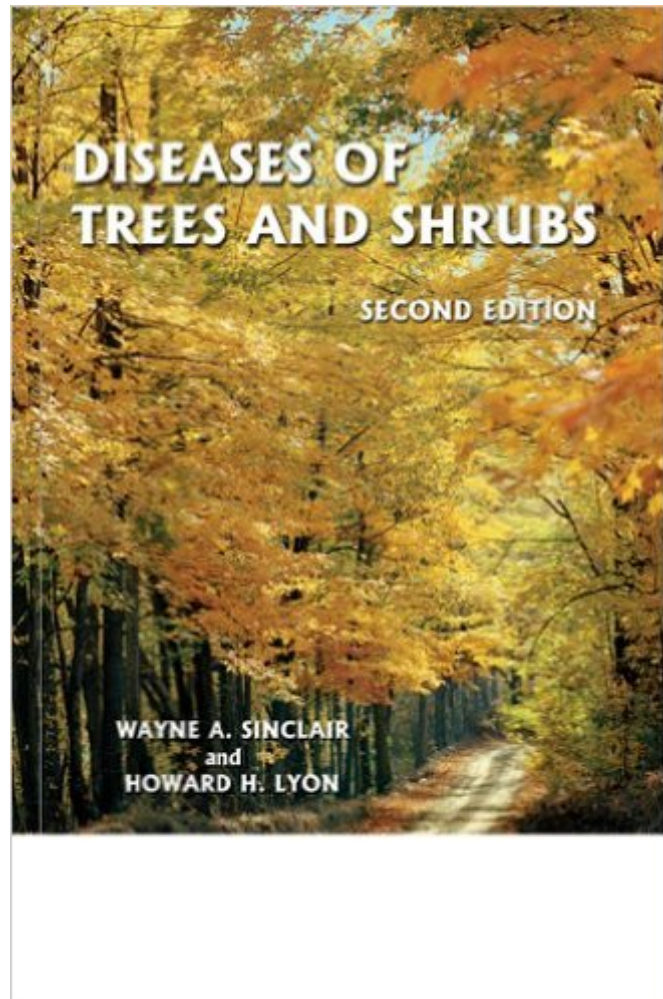


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This book compiles a GREAT deal of useful information about plant pathology. It covers, as any good work about plant disease should, fertilization, nutritional deficiencies, and environmental factors such as drought, freezing, lightning, air pollution, water contamination etc. before attempting to fix the problem, the work stresses the causal effects and, similarly, the visual pitfalls that may provide evidence of an unseen insect symptom (galling, nematodes, etc.) The work was written mainly for the temperate zone, but using it in my home sub-tropics was an eye-opener!

Recommened reading for Horticulturalists in the upper echelon, or for Pathologists as a reference, and a reminder to look to the outlying areas for an answer, It's always there!

Here is another one for my short list of horticulture references. As someone who makes a living looking at these diseases, let me tell you: The photos are top notch! The pictures alone tell the bulk of the story and really make this book worth it. All the latest diseases are here including Sudden Oak Death. A text like this could easily be beyond the understanding of most gardeners, but the authors use an excellent mix of common and scientific names and a wealth of descriptive text to bring things back to earth. Be a little careful making a field diagnosis from just the photos. A quick look through the book, especially the last section on physical and environmental damage, will demonstrate that a lot of things look alike. An included CD contains a complete reference list in a 333 page Word document, but nothing else. This is very useful if you are looking for more information or a specific cross-reference. My ONLY complaint is that the plants and diseases are combined into one index rather than two like the similar book "Insects that feed on Trees and Shrubs".

If you want to do research into what is effecting your trees, this book is a great place to start. Once it gives you some idea as to what it going on, you can get up-to-date information using the internet. I use this book quite often and I highly recommend it.

The color plates are VERY high quality. The text is clear, concise and informative. Not too much fluff. Much better organized than the previous edition as far as the order the diseases are in. I'm quite pleased with this book. Worth the money.

Anybody in the plant diagnostics or pathology field must have this book on their shelf.

This book was easily as good as I'd hoped. Photos on every page, and descriptions easy enough for a beginner to understand, but also helpful enough for a novice.

A must have book if you are interested in the subject. Text has excellent information and there are great photographs as well.

This book is chock full of disease data and many photographs. It is a trade/educational resource more than a layperson's book. There is so much info that you have to have a level of knowledge to locate the particular tree and/or disease.

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