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## **LETICIA HARDY**

**Creation, Care and Enjoyment** Tuttle Publishing

Covers all aspects of bonsai design

[Literati Style Penjing](#) Shanghai Press

This book tells the awe-inspiring stories of bonsai and penjing trees in the collection of the National Arboretum in Washington D.C. It details their valuable role in international diplomacy and as instruments of American presidential influence. It also describes their inclusion in world's fair exhibitions, in Asian-inspired gardens around the country, and as a window onto the extensive cultivation of bonsai in North America today. An extensive first-hand account by Dr. John L. Creech is included about the first extraordinary gift of 53 bonsai from Japan to the U.S. in 1976 which prompted the founding of the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum. *Bonsai & Penjing, Ambassadors of Beauty and Peace* describes how Chinese penjing and North American bonsai were later added

to the Museum, making its collection the most comprehensive in the world. Stories of individual trees and forest plantings are featured, as are the roles played by the skilled and talented creators of these living art forms—people such as John Naka, Saburo Kato, Yuji Yoshimura, Harry Hirao, and Dr. Yee-Sun Wu. Armchair travelers can experience what a visit to the Museum is like, including the discovery of its remarkable viewing stones. *Bonsai & Penjing, Ambassadors of Beauty and Peace* will delight anyone intrigued by these living works of art and curious about the stories they bring to life.

[Bountiful Bonsai](#) Hardie Grant Books

Deborah Koreshoff examines various aspects of the bonsai, concentrating on the artistic and horticultural. After reviewing the history of the art, she details propagation methods and the tools needed to grow bonsai plants

[Bonsai Basics](#) Dennis Landman Pub

Growing bonsai is a beautiful art that inspires tranquility and peace, yet requires precision and patience. Comprehensive profiles on each major species used in bonsai design include information

on natural habitat and plant description, soil preferences, watering instructions, transplanting tips, containers, feeding, pests and diseases, and what to expect each year in terms of structure and form. Each section is completed with a summary chart of the species' individual development, month-by-month, year-by-year. Specific styles are studied in a "case history" manner from stage one -- development of mass -- to stage two -- structure and form -- through stage three -- refinement of image.

*Bonsai Deadwood* Reader's Digest Association

The practice of bonsai (a potted tree or shrub that possesses the natural beauty of the larger tree in the wild) in Hawaii and throughout history is handsomely depicted in this informative, well-illustrated book. It includes an overview of the basic elements of composition, plus stunning photography and in-depth descriptions of each of the 13 bonsai styles and specific techniques such as pruning and choosing the right tree or shrub. An essential reference for all bonsai enthusiasts, it celebrates this ancient art form's physical and metaphysical beauty as well as its ability to enhance one's spiritual appreciation of the natural world.

**The Living Art of Bonsai** Mitchell Beazley

Learn the ins and outs of proper bonsai design and care with this comprehensive Japanese gardening book. Japanese bonsai have long been admired throughout the world while their care and preservation have seemed shrouded in mystery. The Art of Bonsai is, however, a comparatively simple art to learn. Anyone with a love a plants, a little patience and this eminently practical book can create bonsai and keep a finished plant healthy and vigorous for generations. Included in this definitive volume are: Detailed, illustrated instructions on propagation and training Hints for those growing bonsai in a hurry and apartment dwellers Daily and seasonal bonsai care practices Dealing with pests and bonsai troubleshooting How to judge, select and exhibit bonsai Detailed appendices on tools, equipment, soil analyses Data on more than 300 species of plants used in making bonsai This classic work remains an eminently practical book and is the classic guide to bonsai care. It contains the essentials of an art that is one of Japan's most treasured traditions—sculpting beauty in living wood.

**Miniscapes** Tuttle Publishing

Provides detailed information about growing bonsai from seedlings or beginner plants and advice on shaping, pruning, training, grafting and re-potting trees. This book shows gardeners how to improvise with any readily-accessible bonsai tools, as well as gardening or even simple workshop tools. Japan's leading bonsai experts offer not only the basics for creating perfect bonsai, but also secret techniques the family has developed over generations of careful work and observation.

*Classic Bonsai of Japan* Tuttle Publishing

Gathers information on how to produce and maintain your bonsai, including shaping, feeding, pruning, watering, and tips on what to look for when purchasing a bonsai

**Majesty in Miniature** Sterling Publishing Company, Inc.

"The perfect gift for any new bonsai owner, this charming, compact, beautifully photographed beginner's guide to bonsai from expert Jonas Dupuich covers all the basics to keep your bonsai alive and happy"--

**Bonsai Basics - A Comprehensive Guide to Care and Cultivation** Thunder Bay Press

Dave Joyce devoted his life to growing, researching, and photographing natural bonsai-trees that bear no trace of man-made manipulation. His unequalled wisdom and artistry are showcased in this full-color volume packed with advice and breathtaking images of trees as they matured. Illustrated case histories displaying exquisite natural bonsai offer details on the preferences and requirements of various species. Every task and technique is explained, with tips on bonsai photography and bonsai garden ideas.

**Chinese Bonsai Masterworks** Fox Chapel Publishing

Learn all about bonsai tree design and care with this comprehensive Japanese bonsai gardening book. Japanese miniature landscapes and, particularly, dwarf trees-"bonsai," as they are frequently called even in the West-have long been admired throughout the world. It may come as a surprise to inexperienced gardeners but the creation and care of bonsai is a comparatively simple art which can actually be systematically taught rather than, as in earlier books on the subject, just talked about vaguely. Now, given a reasonably green thumb and a modicum of patience, anyone in any country can create his own bonsai. The Japanese art of Miniature Trees and Landscapes contains detailed instructions, together with many helpful diagrams and charts and a treasury of photographs, on every phase of the art: propagation and training, with hints for those in a hurry and for small-apartment dwellers; daily and seasonal care, and treatment of pests; how to judge, select, and exhibit bonsai, with emphasis always upon the untold enjoyment they can provide. Included also, for those who want still more detailed information, are invaluable appendices concerning tools and equipment, soil analyses, and precise data on the more than three hundred species of plants used in making bonsai.

*Bonsai* Bounty Books

"The complete course in care, training & maintenance"--Cover.

**A Pyramid Paperback** Sterling Publishing Company, Inc.

The art of bonsai is widely known in the West: from the Karate Kid to the American Bonsai Association and even local grocery stores, bonsai has become a common sight in the States. But

bonsai, the Japanese art of creating miniature trees, actually originated in China, where it's called penjing. Penjing, meaning "tray scenery," is a traditional Chinese art of creating miniature potted landscapes including trees and other plants. Brought from China to Japan in ancient times before spreading to the West, bonsai/penjing is now popular throughout the world. In China, the art of creating miniature landscapes has evolved in several different ways. Literati Style Penjing: Chinese Bonsai Masterworks focuses on a special category of penjing associated with traditional Chinese culture, such as the painting of the literati, or elite scholar-bureaucrats, of imperial China. Like literati ink paintings, this style of penjing has a subtle elegance distinguished by a lone, lean trunk with sparse foliage exhibiting distinct lines and simplicity. The term "literati style penjing" has been widely accepted by the bonsai community and is becoming more common within the bonsai world. It is well suited to melding concepts from Chinese painting, poetry and Zen into a stunning bonsai work, making it of interest to a wide variety of gardening styles. Literati Style Penjing; Chinese Bonsai Masterworks explains the concept of penjing with a literati bent, exploring its rich history and aesthetics, as well as cultivation techniques, and care and maintenance. It includes 12 examples of literati style penjing creations, which incorporate a deep knowledge of the art form together with practical creativity and artistic beauty. Lovers of bonsai will find much to inspire and delight within these pages.

**Principles of Bonsai Design** Hamlyn

The exquisite art of bonsai is beautifully demonstrated in this authoritative, practical handbook, which takes the reader from a first foray into the world of miniature trees to a level of considerable expertise. The book covers both indoor and outdoor varieties and is full of practical information about cultivation, propagation and pruning. It is a guide both for newcomers to the art as well as for bonsai gardeners with some knowledge of the subject. The handbook describes, in clear text, step-by-step illustrations, and finely detailed photographs, the anatomy and the art of this classic hobby. It describes the rules -- and also describes how they can be broken. It will enable beginners to start their own bonsai collection, whether of home grown or bought trees, and to keep their bonsai healthy and in good shape. It will answer questions for those who already have some experience with bonsai. All the tools and the skills needed are described, and a beautiful photographic compendium displays the top 24 species, both outdoor and indoor. Written by a master of the art, this how-to book is the perfect reference for bonsai owners at many levels of expertise.

*Its Art, Science, History and Philosophy* Dennis Landman Pub

With hundreds of color photographs and illustrations, this Chinese gardening book is a wonderful introduction to penjing—China's treasured bonsai art. Although most people thing bonsai is a Japanese invention, the art originated in ancient China where it is called penjing. The two Chinese characters for penjing ("pot" and "landscape") capture the essence of this art: sculpting microcosms of the beauty of the natural world from plants, rocks, soil, and water, both as an artistic process and as horticultural cultivation. Both penjing and bonsai are art forms that express the beauty of nature. In China, bonsai, as a part of penjing, is often called "tree penjing," or "tree in a pot." The Chinese divide penjing into three categories: tree penjing, rock penjing, and water-and-land penjing. This Chinese gardening book showcases the Chinese art of penjing in all its aspects for the benefit of penjing aficionados and all other readers interested in Chinese culture. It covers the concept, history, categories, aesthetic features, techniques, display, appreciation, and preservation of penjing. It is a feast for the eyes while providing a wealth of information for the academically inclined as well as the practically minded. There are more than 300 lavish illustrations grouped into three different categories of penjing. The reader will not only be awed by the beautiful compositions of penjing, but will also learn about the Chinese approach to nature and to life.

**Bonsai School** HarperCollins

Design, production and maintainance of deadwood in bonsai

*Modern Bonsai Practice* Ward Lock Limited

The art of Bonsai originated in China over 1,000 years ago and has been pursued and developed ever since. Bonsai specimens are ordinary trees and shrubs, crafted by a system of pruning roots

and branches and training branches by tying with wire. A single bonsai may only be a foot tall, but looks identical to a full-grown tree. This book is essential to anyone wishing to pursue the ancient art, with invaluable advice to ensure the trees are kept alive and healthy. Bonsai outlines the constant and proper care that will allow the bonsai to blend with its container in a natural and aesthetically pleasing manner. Everything from watering to wiring, placement to pruning, and specialist advice on individual species such as maples and pines is fully explained. Learn about this special oriental art from an acknowledged expert and discover just what makes it such a rewarding hobby.

**Create Instant Indoor Container Gardens with Edible Fruits, Herbs and Flowers** Sterling Publishing Company Incorporated

This step-by-step bonsai book shows you how to craft super mini bonsai—the smallest form of bonsai! Miniature Bonsai reveals the Japanese art of super-mini bonsai gardening. As rewarding as full-scale bonsai cultivation is, mini bonsai is affordable, straightforward to learn and kind to your busy schedule. It's a complete gardening experience—a plant raised from seed or cutting, carefully potted, grown and maintained over time—a world of green in a pot no bigger than a demitasse or a thimble. From mixing the right growing medium to choosing the perfect pot to displaying your mini bonsai, this Japanese gardening book gives you basic techniques and valuable tips to help you grow miniature: flowering trees pines maples oaks junipers and other varieties of tiny trees and potted plants that are readily available and last for years With Miniature Bonsai you'll learn how to: Select plants that thrive as mini bonsai Work with seeds and small cuttings Match the right plant to the right pot Buy and prepare the growing medium Maintain and drain your miniature bonsai Display and enjoy your prized bonsai plants And much more! A pleasant pastime, a perfect gift, a beautiful addition to spaces small and large—Miniature Bonsai will show you how to make it happen.

**Quick Bibliography Series** Shanghai Press

"A profound meditation on the human need for connection with nature, as one man seeks solace beneath the bows of an ancient oak tree."—Peter Wohlleben, author of *The Hidden Life of Trees*  
 "James Canton knows so much, writes so well and understands so deeply about the true forest magic and the important place these trees have in it. Knowledge and joy."— Sara Maitland, author of *How to Be Alone* Joining the ranks of *The Hidden Life of Trees* and *H is for Hawk*, an evocative memoir and ode to one of the most majestic living things on earth—the oak tree—probing the mysteries of nature and the healing role it plays in our lives. Thrown into turmoil by the end of his long-term relationship, Professor James Canton spent two years meditating [PA1]beneath the welcoming shelter of the massive 800-year-old Honeywood Oak tree in North Essex, England. While considering the direction of his own life, he began to contemplate the existence of this colossus tree. Standing in England for centuries, the oak would have been a sapling when the Magna Carta was signed in 1215. In this beautiful, transportive book, Canton tells the story of this tree in its ecological, spiritual, literary, and historical contexts, using it as a prism to see his own life and human history. *The Oak Papers* is a reflection on change and transformation, and the role nature has played in sustaining and redeeming us. Canton examines our long-standing dependency on the oak, and how that has developed and morphed into myth and legend. We no longer need these sturdy trees to build our houses and boats, to fuel our fires, or to grind their acorns into flour in times of famine. What purpose, then, do they serve in our world today? Are these miracles of nature no longer necessary to our lives? What can they offer us? Taking inspiration from the literary world—Henry David Thoreau, Leo Tolstoy, Katherine Basford's *Green Man*, Thomas Hardy, William Shakespeare, and others—Canton ponders the wondrous magic of nature and the threats its faces, from human development to climate change, implores us to act as responsible stewards to conserve what is precious, and reminds us of the lessons we can learn from the world around us, if only we slow down enough to listen.

*Some Things I Learned Along the Way* Tuttle Publishing

Herb Gustafson is one of the world's leading authorities on bonsai growing. In *Bonsai Workshop*, he provides a step-by-step guide to dwarfing a tree, extensively illustrated with colour photographs and line drawings.

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