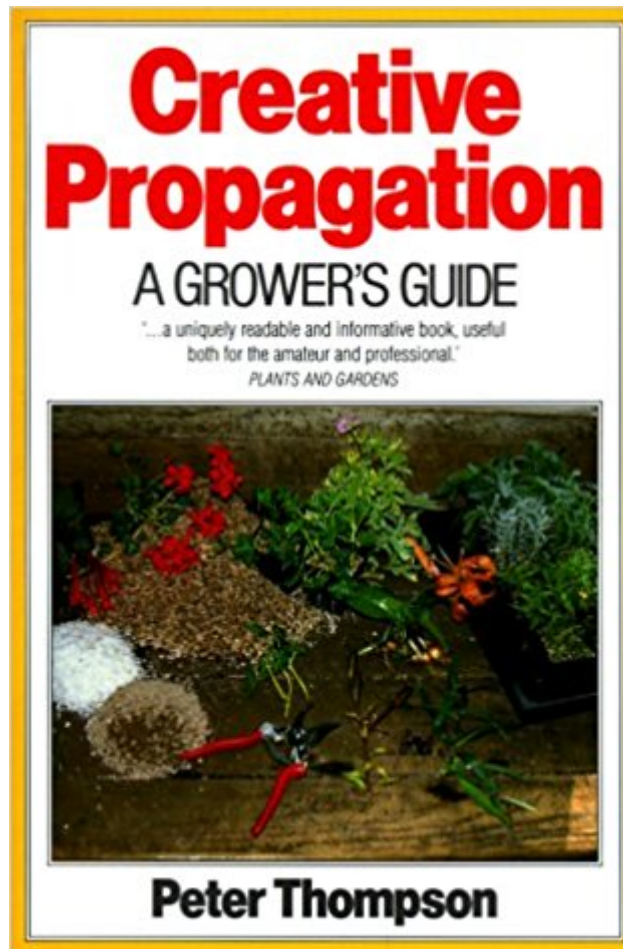




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# Creative Propagation: A Grower's Guide



## Synopsis

This comprehensive book covers annuals, perennials, bulbs, trees, shrubs, and conifers, and seems to be as popular among plant enthusiasts as among growers. The author stresses that the key to propagating is understanding how plants behave and then providing optimum conditions.

## Book Information

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Arrived on time--just what I wanted.

Great book about propagation. Deals with all kinds of plants.

Great book!

This text should not be purchased by someone who has never done any plant propagation before. It is too general in its explanations and very vague as to specific plant propagation. Wish I hadn't purchased this book.

i was hoping for more creative ways to grow things. i like to experiment and thought this would spur more creativity. it's a good basic book

This book is a lot of writing and not a whole lot of pictures, and a little complicated and outdated in its material

I rated this book as four-star for these two reasons: First, because I cannot understand why this book is printed in special glossy paper, if 80% of it is mostly text. And we know how special paper adds to price and that must be the reason why this book is quite expensive for my taste. The second reason is that for a book with this price tag, I'd expect a lot more illustrations and maybe some real pictures, instead of drawings. Now onto the good aspects! This book is solidly written and covers all aspects of plant propagation. From trees to flowers and bulbs, etc... There is a good section on propagation from cuttings and all the info you need to start growing plants from seeds, which were my main objectives when I bought this book. The stratification process of seeds in the refrigerator is also covered, as well as there are some very useful instructions about how should we properly long-term store our own seeds. As someone said before, there is a very handy chart by the end of the book, with plenty of useful information on the propagation of most of the plants you'd ever think of propagating. As I said before, I think this book is a bit expensive and not as illustrated as I wish it was, but overall I think it is a good investment for people interested in propagating plants. It is the kind of complete book that you will keep in your shelf and go search for answers when more doubts arise, as you get more experienced in this loving art. If you just want to propagate some plants or maybe grow some seeds, I'd also suggest Alan Toogood's book on growing, which is more simple than this one, but on the other hand has plenty of pictures and may be easier for a beginner to follow.

I am a gardener of many years who has tried propagating plants with some luck. This book is

wonderful. On my first try last August (1999) I took about 30 azalea cuttings and every one of them "took". My problem now is what do I do with all of them. :) The propagation table at the end of the book (that lists plants alphabetically) is one of the best I've ever seen. It tells if a plant can be started by seed, cutting or divisions and what time of the year is best. I also did some hydrangeas (100% success) and some crepe myrtle (75%). I have already recommended this book to all my gardening friends and I recommend it to anyone who likes to be surrounded with lots of "plant babies". :)

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