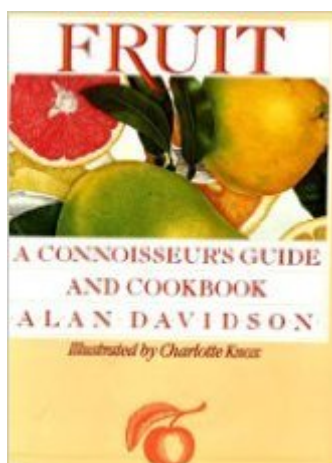


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My primary reason for buying this book was for the pictures of fruit and I am 100% pleased with pictures. The book also contains detailed info about a multitude of individual fruits and fair number of recipes.

i needed another few copies of this book; they make very useful gifts for food aficionados i meet who don't know Davidson's work. i was very surprised to see that ONLY TWO readers had reviewed the book over the years it's been available. poor Alan! Like Jane Grigson, Prof Davidson was very underappreciated in our country, despite the fact that most of his books had well produced US editions, and with respectable American publishers. Go figure. I don't have much to add to the first reviewer's comments. the reviewer states it all. i just have to add that all of Alan's wit and erudition are in abundant evidence in this title, and his collaboration with Ms. Knox was a wonder (see their other collaboration, "Seafood"). I knew Alan Davidson over a number of years and I can't overstate his profound contribution to food and gastronomy writing and scholarship. my advice: snatch up several copies of this book while it's still available, and at 's great price.

I bought this book many years ago, for a very cheap price on sale. Guess I was lucky. The

illustrations are gorgeous and the information extensive and wonderfully organized. Odd as it sounds, it is one of my more frequently referenced books - my husband and I pull it out all the time to check out unusual fruits that are now appearing in supermarkets, to see how to choose and prepare them.

This book is an illustrated dictionary of just about all of the fruits and nuts in the world. Each entry covers a family of closely related fruits, such as grapes, raisins, white raisins and currants. The entry includes a full page color illustration of the fruits in the family. The illustrations are tremendously useful for identifying less familiar fruits such as cape gooseberries or langsat. Many of the illustrations also include foliage or peels to help with identification. The illustrations are so well done that each one is worthy of framing as art. The written article for each entry includes information about where and how the fruit is cultivated or consumed. In the margin are the Latin scientific names for the fruits and common names for the fruits in just about any language that has a name for the fruit, including in most cases French, German, and Spanish, but also less widely known languages where the fruit is eaten or grown, such as Japanese, Hebrew, Turkish, Hindi, Indonesian, or Thai. At the end of the book are about 40 pages of recipes for fruits and nuts, which are also noted in the margins for each individual entry. The book includes an extensive bibliography and index with scientific names, common names, and recipes. I would recommend this book as an essential reference for libraries. But it's useful for anyone who wants to know about fruits, where they came from, and what they look like.

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