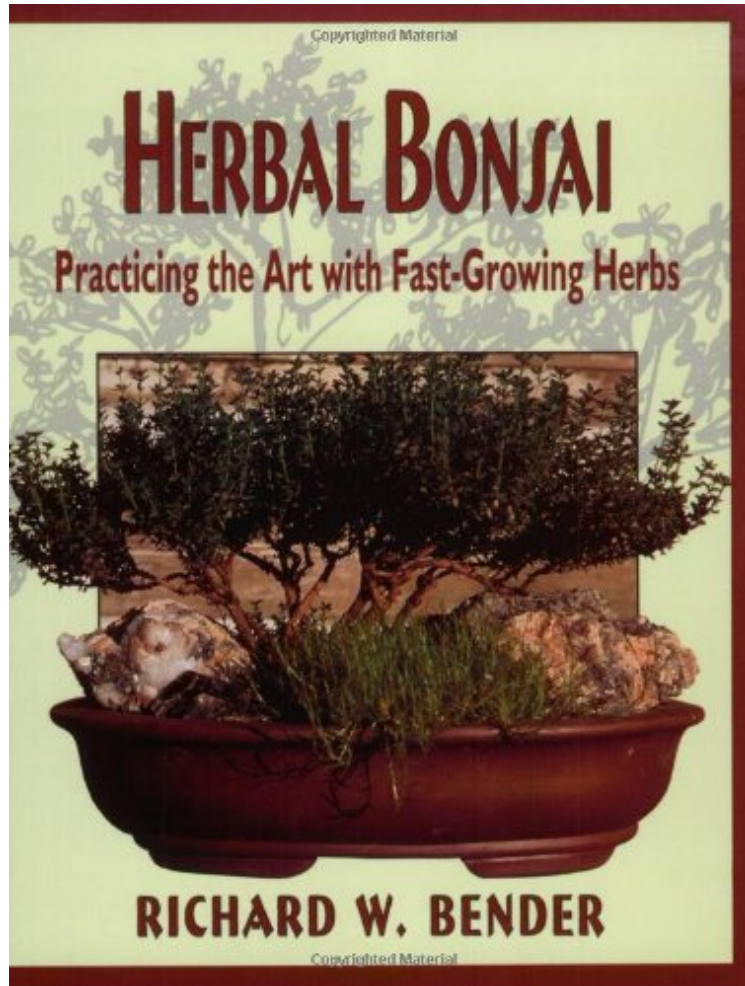


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A basic introduction to the principles of bonsai, marred by poor aestheticsBy Loose MooringsThe main concept of the book--growing bonsai in 6 months to a year from herbs like thyme and rosemary--may appeal to a few novices (and I consider myself a novice) who want instant results. But the results are mostly skinny, scraggly, unattractive plants that can hardly be considered true bonsai. The ugly picture on the cover just about says it all, with its oversized pot heaped with large rocks, totally out of proportion with the mess of twigs that the author wants us to call a bonsai tree. The quality of the book is redeemed somewhat by providing an easy introduction to the basic principles and methods of bonsai creation. It might be worth a look if you know nothing

about bonsai and would like to grow some herbs on your kitchen counter or window sill.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Probably a solid beginner book.By W. EdenI have already read many bonsai books, and this one didn't bring any techniques that I didn't already know. The herbs suggested (though not all herbs, per se) are relatively common plants. If you are a creative thinker and a bonsai enthusiast, you already look at things with an eye towards trying it out.If you're new to bonsai, and looking for inexpensive or quick growing plants to learn with, this book will be helpful. You'll want to find other books to teach the actual techniques though.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very good basic guide to herbal bonsaiBy Lana PetteyVery good basic guide to herbal bonsai. Didn't answer all my questions, but most of them. Feeling a little more confident about my attempts.

In this book, horticulturalist Richard W. Bender shares his innovative technique, providing you with advice on choosing the appropriate herbs for the kinds of bonsai you wish to create. Practical instructions guide you through every step of the process: Training container-grown and field-grown bonsai; shaping, pruning, and wiring; choosing the right pot; dressing with rocks and ground covers; and caring for herbal bonsai.

From BooklistBonsai, the art of training a tree to grow on a small scale in a container (yet to resemble a full-size tree), has a tradition thousands of years old, first in China and then in Japan. Traditional bonsai uses such trees as pine, juniper, maple, elm, and holly, which can survive for hundreds of years and take generations to develop. Bender's method is to use relatively fast-growing woody herbs such as rosemary, scented geraniums, and sweet bay laurel to grow mature specimens in only a year. He describes about 30 herbs that he recommends, dividing them into seven groups based on their growth characteristics and environmental needs. There are chapters on training an herbal bonsai, developing it in one growing season, potting and shaping a field-grown bonsai, training a container-grown bonsai, and caring for and displaying them. Bender also suggests ways to enhance the appearance of a bonsai using rocks, sand, gravel, ground cover, figurines, and the right kind of pot. George Cohen