



was able within minutes to identify the separate problems appearing on their leaves. I then checked the plants section and there were the same diseases/pests listed. I cross-referenced with the other plants that had problems (some already dead and gone) and sure enough they matched up to the apple tree problems. The cures for my multiple problems seem to be solved by some Horticultural Oil that is recommended in the book. (Luckily I ordered some Monterey Horticultural Oil in a panic before I got the book - based on good old reviews again :) So yes, they lean towards organic remedies in the book, but really, spraying some of this Horticultural Oil on seems like not such a bad deal. In fact, it seems like more of the miracle spray for all of my problems than other avenues. I am definitely one of those that wants the miracle in the bottle. You should definitely buy the book before you buy another plant. Nurseries are generally great about listing any pest problems, but when you look up a specific plant or tree in this book, and then you look at the list of problems, it becomes very obvious what you are really getting yourself into with a new plant or tree. It might not be a bad idea to pick up some of the Horticultural Oil they recommend and do every living thing in your yard. Get the problems before they get the plants.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Get answers for your plant problems. By quicksdrawHard to navigate in the book to figure out the problem with various plants. Did get answers in part going through several words in index. Do like that the book does have lots of pictures. Liked the Ortho Home Gardeners Problem Solver better.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. It's okay. By JT This is a book for a more experienced gardener. You almost need to be able to look at a plant and know what the disease/infestation might be before finding it in this book. It would be more helpful to have a section with a listing of plants/trees and their susceptibilities. I actually had to look up the plant in another reference book to find out what disease/infestation a certain plant may be susceptible to, then I was able to look that up in this book.

The unrivaled practical handbook for the identification, treatment and prevention of plant problems. Guidance from the experts in the Identification, treatment, and prevention of plant pests, diseases, and disorders. Whether you need to identify a pest, want to know how to prevent plant problems, or are looking for alternatives to pesticides, you will find the answers in AHS Pests Diseases. How do you know if an insect is beneficial or destructive? AHS Pests Diseases identifies valuable insects and pest predators as well as the troublemakers. Can you identify a problem if you don't know the name of a plant? The illustrated catalog of plant problems is grouped according to whether leaves, stems, flowers, roots, or fruits are attacked. Simply compare the photographs with the affected part of your plant to find out what is wrong. Is a particular plant susceptible to disease? The A-Z, plant-by-plant listing tells you which particular ailments individual plants are most likely to suffer from. Are pesticides always necessary? Many common problems can be controlled by good gardening practice and simple preventive measures. AHS Pests and Diseases provides authoritative advice on pesticide-free solutions wherever appropriate. AHS Pests Diseases is the practical handbook gardeners have been waiting for.

.com Is your garden troubled by cutworms or aphids? Need to know the best method for preventing the spread of viruses among your houseplants? Look no further than Pests and Diseases, the informative guide to the downside of gardening. Sooner or later, everyone's roses are troubled by black spot. Or maybe you haven't been having success treating known problems with chemical solutions. Pests and Diseases will answer all your questions, from prevention methods to lasting damage repair. The close-up photos in the "identifying" area are certainly helpful, but are not for the squeamish. And it's not just the creepy crawlies that are a little discomfoting--shots of full-blown bacterial infections on tree trunks aren't exactly a welcome sight, either. But to ensure healthy lives for their plants, responsible gardeners need to be as familiar with ladybug larvae as they are with lavender. It's better to recognize these problems in the early stages. Treatments discussed focus on organic and biological methods whenever possible. Beer-traps, barriers, and beneficial bugs are all explained in detail, along with reminders that regular weeding and cleanliness aren't just for looks, but for health as well. When chemical solutions are recommended, proper care is emphasized--not just for you, but for the other plants and animals in your garden. Proper techniques for preparation, treatment, storage, and disposal are gone over at length, as well as stern advice to only use these in moderation, and correctly--if they won't solve the problem thoroughly, then they're not worth the risks involved. Thorough and straightforwardly technical, even beginning gardeners will find it possible to tackle tough problems with this intelligent aid. --Jill Lightner

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