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Back in print in a second edition, this beautiful work is notable for its illustrations. The paintings of leaves, barks, flowers, fruits, and seeds are so realistic that they appear almost trompe l'oeil: lying on the pages, ready to pick up. Deciduous trees are sometimes shown in two different seasons—usually summer and winter but also spring or autumn. Some illustrations include animals or people for scale. The trees are mostly Northern Hemisphere species found in Europe, North America, and Northern Asia. The common names that introduce the entries are British, along with spellings. Revisions and updates of genus and species are included in this edition. The entry descriptions qualify as creative nonfiction. Though it's in no means a complete botanical text, facts and figures are inserted in the highly readable, brief stories about each species or hybrid. Trees may be described as somber, vivid, elegant, stout, or other appropriate adjectives. Physical characteristics, origins, hardiness, and suitable garden uses are indicated with codes that are well described in the introduction. The introduction includes advice on selecting and planting trees. The section Trees for Problem Sites or Special Needs has selections for differing soil types, tree and ornamental characteristics, flowers, and urban street placement. Two indexes (scientific and common names) follow the glossary and leaf, bud, and twig example paintings. Recommended for all libraries. --Linda Scarth

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"The very best book I can imagine for identifying trees."--*Seattle Times*

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"If David More and John White were committed to creating one of the most comprehensive tree identification books available, then they certainly have achieved their goal."--**Tchukki Andersen, *Tree Care Industry***

#### About the Author

David More is a trained artist who has always had a passionate interest in trees. He spent countless hours over many years in London's Kew Gardens and other great tree collections, drawing and gathering material for this book. John White is a former research dendrologist at the UK's Forestry Commission, where he worked for more than three decades before his retirement. He is the author of "Forest and Woodland Trees in Britain."

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