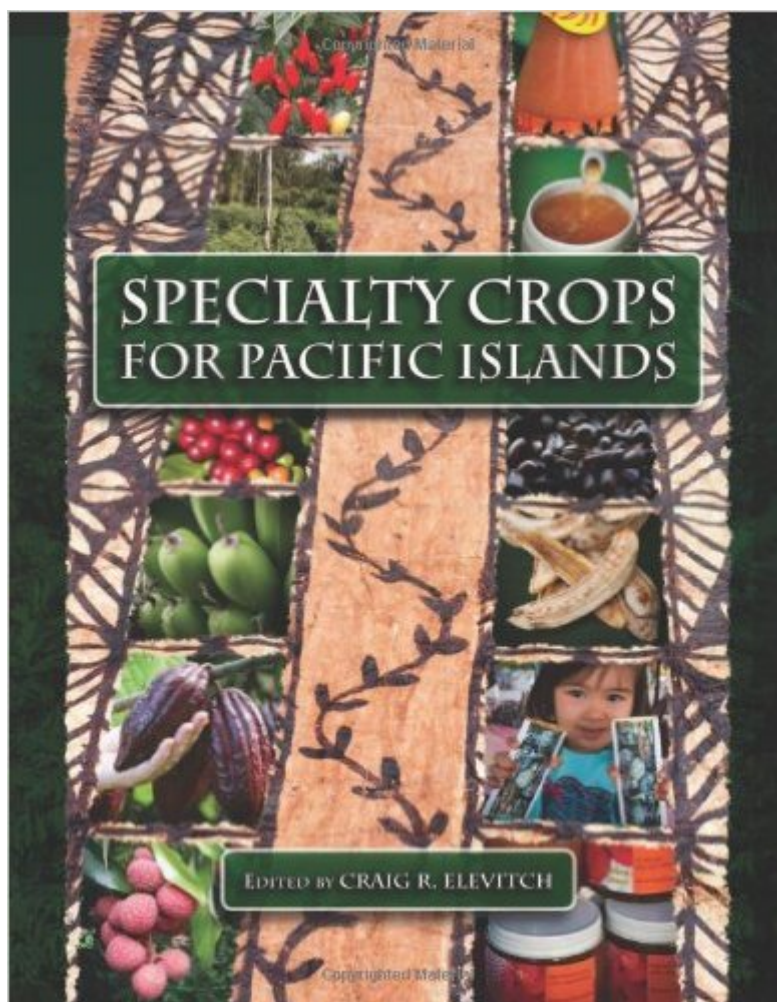


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It is a very thick book that includes lots of color photographs, which are worth the money, but the book is of limited use if you are outside of the tropics. Many of these fruit trees will not fruit outside

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Craig Elevich has once again given us a tremendous tool for tropical agroforestry and permaculture. This manual reviews marketable products for both sunny areas and, importantly, products that can be raised in the shade of productive trees. If you are serious about regenerative enterprise in tropical climates this book is a must have. It offers incredible details on production, marketing, processing, and budgeting for a range of crops from moringa to black pepper to honeybees.

Excellent overview to many crops. Very useful information.

Very thorough explanations giving the reader much to ponder if they're planning to grow any of these crops.

Another very useful book

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