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This concise book introduces the many essential facts in deciduous fruit production in warm climates. It is supposed to prepare users to read, master and apply the facts and also to discover relevance to plant or research topics of interest. The book begins with general principles, physiology, strategies and tactics followed by case studies of grapes, apples, pears, peaches, plums and strawberries. Each case study addresses simplified taxonomy, economic importance, botany, ecology, propagation, field establishment, cultural practices, protection, harvesting and handling of the fruits. The selected fruits have proven commercial value in temperate-zones and great potential in the tropics. Sources of information are cited in chapters and bibliography to assist in further reading. Illustrations are used to augment theoretical facts. A glossary of technical terms is given at the end of the book. Tutors, students and growers in colleges, universities, and elsewhere should find this simplified, applied, illustrated and logically organized book a must-have reference to facilitate and ease learning, training and application of the subject matter, plus growing of the fruits in the tropics