

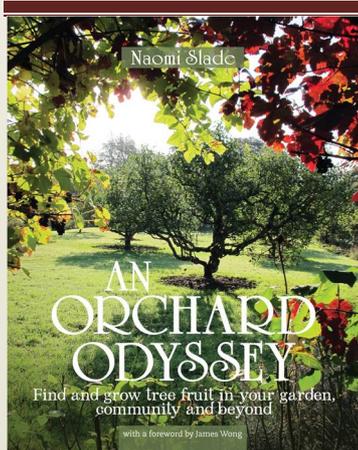


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"From scrumping, hedgerow fruits and King Henry VIII to the random seedling cider orchards of New America, this is a major contribution to pomology, offering education, history and entertainment."

– Tom Burford, author of **Apples of North America: Exceptional Varieties for Growers, Gardeners and Cooks**

"This delightful book takes us on a sensual stroll through the orchard landscape, conveying both the romance and the practicalities of growing fruit trees."

– Ben Pike, author of **The Fruit Tree Handbook**

"For over 30 years I have grown ornamentals with never a thought for planting fruit trees, until now. Naomi combines a dream of yore with a challenge for the future. Count me in."

– Roy Lancaster, broadcaster, plantsman, gardener and author

An Orchard Odyssey: *Finding and growing tree fruit in your garden, community and beyond*

by **Naomi Slade** (with a foreword by **James Wong**) published 1st November 2016

For gardening personality [Naomi Slade](#), stories and journeys are of the essence. And with her new book [An Orchard Odyssey](#), she sweeps us up and takes us along for the ride.

For Naomi, fruit is a passion and her aim is to engage and enthuse her audience. *"I feel there is a nostalgia about orchards,"* she says, *"That people love them but have a sense that they are something that is gone, out of reach – yet if you think about orchards in the right way, and extend the definition of what an orchard is – 5 trees less than 20m apart, anyone can have an orchard of their own, or access to one."*

"If every garden in the street has a single fruit tree, that will make up an extended orchard. If we include trained and dwarf fruit, the smallest courtyard or patio has space for an orchard of our very own - supporting wildlife, keeping alive a sense of place, exploring exquisite and unusual flavours."

This is a book for everyone who dreams of orchards, who will grasp the chance to bring the idea a little closer - to plant trees in containers, to start a community orchard, to scour the river banks for sloes and wild damsons, to forage in rough parkland. Ripe with inspiration, this book will fill you with both confidence and ideas!

Naomi started gardening young, nurturing a deep love of natural history and the environment as well as the written word. Following a degree in Biology, a right-angle-turn in her career path saw her managing rock bands and organising gigs for several years. A natural entrepreneur, Naomi is a writer, photographer, and award-winning show garden designer and runs a successful business producing top-quality apple juice from orchards she revitalised in the beautiful Welsh countryside.

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