



Trees of Power

Ten Essential Arboreal Allies

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“Trees connect us to forever. We seem to understand that on the deepest of levels, but our timing is off. We need to understand it on the shallow level, too, and redeem the offer while it’s still valid. That’s what this book is about.”

—**SAMUEL THAYER**, from the foreword

T*rees of Power* fills an urgent need for up-to-date information on some of our most important tree species. Each chapter focuses on the specific ecology, culture, and uses of ten “power trees” common to North America and in other temperate parts of the world: Chestnut, Apple, Poplar, Ash, Mulberry, Elderberry, Hickory, Hazelnut, Black Locust, and Beech.

In addition to propagation techniques, Akiva Silver’s comprehensive guide shares the multiple benefits these arboreal allies offer humans, animals, and nature. For example:

- **Chestnuts** can live for thousands of years and rain down dependable annual crops. They are magnets for wildlife, staples in several cultures, provide quality, durable timber, and are real epicenters of life.
- **Poplars** produce tremendous amounts of biomass, feed numerous insects, birds, and mammals, and suck tons of carbon out of the sky.
- **Mulberry** trees can grow just about anywhere. They can tolerate flooding, drought, and unreasonable pH levels at either end of the spectrum. They are the epitome of a resilient ally, a tree that will provide despite the worst conditions.
- **Beech** trees provide a never-ending supply of dense hardwood. A person could be kept busy their entire life tending to a beech grove while gathering an income.

Trees of Power provides inspiration for a new generation of tree stewards and caretakers. “We live at a time where there is widespread disturbance all around us,” Silver writes. “We can bemoan the tragedies that nature has endured or we can cast seeds and plant a future.”

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Akiva Silver owns and operates Twisted Tree Farm, a homestead, nut orchard, and nursery near the Finger Lakes Region of New York. There he grows around 20,000 trees per year that are raised naturally without synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, or herbicides.

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