


# Citrus: A History

*By Pierre Laszlo*

Download Read Online

**Citrus: A History** By Pierre Laszlo

Walk into your local grocery store and down the produce aisle, and you'll find a dazzling array of citrus, from navel oranges and clementines to grapefruit and key limes—and sometimes even more exotic fare like the Japanese yuzu or the baboon lemon. Nearly 100 million tons of citrus are produced globally every year, but where did these fruits first come from? How did they find their way into the Western world? And how did they become both a culinary and cultural phenomenon?

Pierre Laszlo here traces the spectacular rise and spread of citrus across the globe: from Southeast Asia in 4000 BC through North Africa and the Roman Empire to early modern Spain and Portugal, whose explorers introduced the fruits to the Americas during the 1500s. Blending scientific rigor with personal curiosity, *Citrus* ransacks over two millennia of world history, exploring the numerous roles that citrus has played in agriculture, horticulture, cooking, nutrition, religion, and art—from the Jewish feast of the Tabernacles through the gardens and courts of Versailles to the canvasses of Vincent van Gogh to the orange groves of southern California and the juicing industry of today.

"Laszlo . . . has approached the lore of citrus fruit with the élan of a master chef (the man is French, after all), mixing history, economics, biology and chemistry to produce a book that will bring a smile to readers of every taste."—*Natural History*

"Altogether charming, eccentric, erudite, and definitely worth the price."—*Times Higher Education Supplement*

"Stimulating. . . . Laszlo shows that the citrus fruit 'is a treasure trove of chemicals that are highly useful to humankind'—which also happens to taste wonderful."—*Sunday Times* (UK)

"A short but brilliant account of 6,000 years of citrus fruits that should be devoured with fervor."—*Financial Times*

"Did you know there are a billion citrus trees under cultivation, or that grapefruit juice may potentiate the effects of Viagra? *Citrus* mines over two millennia of history to explore the spread of these fruits out of Asia, their commercialization in the United States, and enduring symbolism the world over."—*New Scientist*

**Download** Citrus: A History ...pdf

**Read Online** Citrus: A History ...pdf

# Citrus: A History

*By Pierre Laszlo*

**Citrus: A History** By Pierre Laszlo

Walk into your local grocery store and down the produce aisle, and you'll find a dazzling array of citrus, from navel oranges and clementines to grapefruit and key limes—and sometimes even more exotic fare like the Japanese yuzu or the baboon lemon. Nearly 100 million tons of citrus are produced globally every year, but where did these fruits first come from? How did they find their way into the Western world? And how did they become both a culinary and cultural phenomenon?

Pierre Laszlo here traces the spectacular rise and spread of citrus across the globe: from Southeast Asia in 4000 BC through North Africa and the Roman Empire to early modern Spain and Portugal, whose explorers introduced the fruits to the Americas during the 1500s. Blending scientific rigor with personal curiosity, *Citrus* ransacks over two millennia of world history, exploring the numerous roles that citrus has played in agriculture, horticulture, cooking, nutrition, religion, and art—from the Jewish feast of the Tabernacles through the gardens and courts of Versailles to the canvasses of Vincent van Gogh to the orange groves of southern California and the juicing industry of today.

"Laszlo . . . has approached the lore of citrus fruit with the élan of a master chef (the man is French, after all), mixing history, economics, biology and chemistry to produce a book that will bring a smile to readers of every taste."—*Natural History*

"Altogether charming, eccentric, erudite, and definitely worth the price."—*Times Higher Education Supplement*

"Stimulating. . . . Laszlo shows that the citrus fruit 'is a treasure trove of chemicals that are highly useful to humankind'—which also happens to taste wonderful."—*Sunday Times* (UK)

"A short but brilliant account of 6,000 years of citrus fruits that should be devoured with fervor."—*Financial Times*

"Did you know there are a billion citrus trees under cultivation, or that grapefruit juice may potentiate the effects of Viagra? *Citrus* mines over two millennia of history to explore the spread of these fruits out of Asia, their commercialization in the United States, and enduring symbolism the world over."—*New Scientist*

**Citrus: A History By Pierre Laszlo Bibliography**

- Sales Rank: #1074120 in Books
- Published on: 2008-10-01
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 9.00" h x .60" w x 6.00" l, .90 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 288 pages

**Download** Citrus: A History ...pdf

**Read Online** Citrus: A History ...pdf

**Download and Read Free Online Citrus: A History By Pierre Laszlo**

## Editorial Review

Review
"Altogether charming, eccentric, erudite, and definitely worth the price."--"Times Higher Education Supplement"

"A short but brilliant account of 6,000 years of citrus fruits that should be devoured with fervour."--"Financial Times"

"Looks at the widespread availability of citrus fruits as an example of how foodstuffs have been propagated around the world. . . . Should help any experimental scientist to become a better cook."--"Nature"

"A nicely produced hardback with colour plates, which will entertain foodies and culturally replete retirees with time on their hands. Laszlo . . . provides a colorful global history of citrus and citriculture as well as presenting a variety of delicious recipes."--"The Age"

"Did you know there are a billion citrus trees under cultivation, or that grapefruit juice may potentiate the effects of Viagra? "Citrus" mines over two millennia of history to explore the spread of these fruits out of Asia, their commercialisation in the United States, and [their] enduring symbolism the world over."--"New Scientist"

"Stimulating. . . . Laszlo, a retired French chemist, takes us on a journey from the orangeries of Versailles, via the limes of the Royal Navy to the citriculture of modern Florida. It was only in the 1920s, he tells us, that orange juice became 'an integral part of the American breakfast', after the great flu epidemic of 1918-19. Laszlo shows that the citrus fruit 'is a treasure trove of chemicals that are highly useful to humankind'--which also happens to taste wonderful."--"Sunday Times "(UK)

About the Author

**Pierre Laszlo** is professor emeritus of chemistry at the University of Liège and the École Polytechnique. He is the author of numerous works, among them *Salt: Grain of Life*.

## Users Review

**From reader reviews:**

**Linda Yohe:**

The ability that you get from Citrus: A History is a more deep you digging the information that hide inside the words the more you get interested in reading it. It doesn't mean that this book is hard to understand but Citrus: A History giving you enjoyment feeling of reading. The article author conveys their point in a number of way that can be understood by simply anyone who read it because the author of this guide is well-known enough. That book also makes your current vocabulary increase well. Making it easy to understand then can go along, both in printed or e-book style are available. We recommend you for having this Citrus: A History instantly.

**Yadira Singh:**

The book untitled Citrus: A History contain a lot of information on the item. The writer explains your girlfriend idea with easy means. The language is very straightforward all the people, so do not necessarily worry, you can easy to read the item. The book was compiled by famous author. The author will bring you in the new period of time of literary works. You can actually read this book because you can keep reading your smart phone, or gadget, so you can read the book throughout anywhere and anytime. In a situation you wish to purchase the e-book, you can start their official web-site along with order it. Have a nice learn.

**Barbara Jackson:**

As a university student exactly feel bored in order to reading. If their teacher requested them to go to the library as well as to make summary for some reserve, they are complained. Just tiny students that has reading's internal or real their pastime. They just do what the professor want, like asked to the library. They go to at this time there but nothing reading critically. Any students feel that looking at is not important, boring along with can't see colorful photographs on there. Yeah, it is to become complicated. Book is very important for you. As we know that on this time, many ways to get whatever we really wish for. Likewise word says, many ways to reach Chinese's country. Therefore this Citrus: A History can make you feel more interested to read.

**Felecia Holst:**

A lot of people said that they feel weary when they reading a guide. They are directly felt the idea when they get a half regions of the book. You can choose typically the book Citrus: A History to make your personal reading is interesting. Your own skill of reading proficiency is developing when you similar to reading. Try to choose straightforward book to make you enjoy to see it and mingle the idea about book and examining especially. It is to be initial opinion for you to like to wide open a book and study it. Beside that the book Citrus: A History can to be your brand-new friend when you're feel alone and confuse in doing what must you're doing of that time.

# Download and Read Online Citrus: A History By Pierre Laszlo #SHAFBTZV096

# Read Citrus: A History By Pierre Laszlo for online ebook

Citrus: A History By Pierre Laszlo Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Citrus: A History By Pierre Laszlo books to read online.

## Online Citrus: A History By Pierre Laszlo ebook PDF download

### Citrus: A History By Pierre Laszlo Doc

#### Citrus: A History By Pierre Laszlo Mobipocket

#### Citrus: A History By Pierre Laszlo EPub