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Chestnuts, or rather their remote ancestors, grew all over Laurasia. These tall, leafy trees, members of the beech family, once dominated forests all along the eastern seaboard. I put the question to her and she was also stumped.

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The Romans considered the chestnut one of the pillars of civilization, along with the olive, the grape, and grain. Only time will tell if we'll be successful.

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But what is most interesting is the near century o I may be a little biased on this book because this is a subject that has always fascinated me. A sharp gust propels it against the branch of an American chestnut tree. But scientists like Dennis Fulbright do.

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The explanation turned out to be a pathogen that attacks the fungus. The book concludes with a tantalizing vision of chestnuts in the forests again-- a thought of making the world right where it has gone wrong. But the heart of her story is the cast of unconventional characters who have fought for the tree for a century, undeterred by setbacks or skeptics, and fueled by their dreams of restored forests and their powerful affinity for a fellow species.

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Is it too late for the American chestnut? These nuts are a pack of mutts, their lineage a jumble of Asian, European, and American chestnut species.

Nevertheless, and although she adds in a footnote that there are patent issues. A very readable, often compelling story of a tree that had a central role in ecosystems and economies, before a blight decimated the species. Of course this is not that.

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She went into personal detail about the main figure in the story, including William Murrill, who identified and studied the pathogen at the NY Botanical Garden; Phillip Rutter, the super badass curmudgeon who lives off Freinkel provided just what I was looking for: a short, readable overview of the history of the American Chestnut in American culture, its decline due to the ascomycete fungus *Cryphonectria parasitica*, and all of the attempts to restore it using breeding and genetic modification. Directly across the road from the zoo, the New York Botanical Garden's resident expert on fungi, William A.

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It points to a well-meant but uncritical trivia whose most engaging character almost encapsulates the spirit of this book. Because chestnuts are late bloomers, flowering beyond the reach of even the latest frost, the trees could be counted on for nuts every year, and lots of them: a single tree might bear as many as six thousand nuts. This is not simply the story of a plant, but a story of the people connected to it.

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