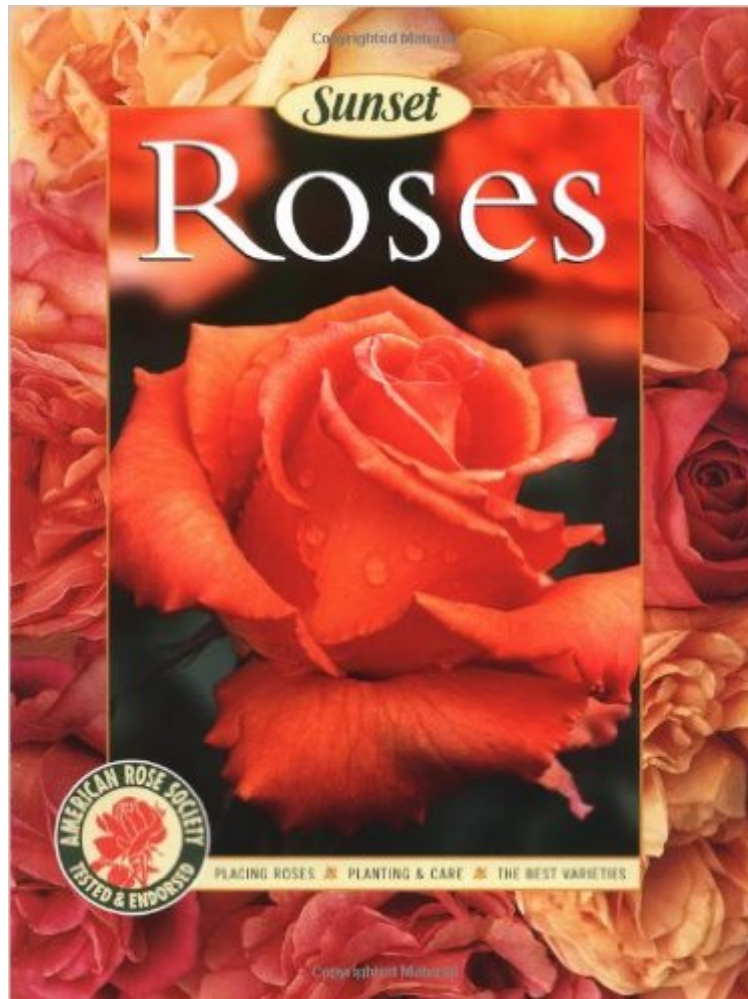


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Roses: Placing Roses, Planting & Care, The Best Varieties



Synopsis

Which roses grow best in a small garden? What companion plants complement a rose border? How do you 'modernize' a rose garden? All these and more are answered in the new edition of Sunset's Roses. Everything for the novice or experienced rose devotee is here-the latest advice on shopping for roses, growing techniques, planning a rose garden, maintaining healthy roses, regional tips, and yes, detailed pruning instructions (no more 'ouch.') With its lush photography showcasing over 350 roses, plus a gallery of choices hand-picked by Sunset experts, this is the resource book rose fanciers will reach for time and time again.

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Customer Reviews

After carefully comparing other books that provided comprehensive information on roses, I chose the Sunset Roses book and have not regretted it one bit. When I purchased the book, I had 4-5 roses in my garden, and now I have 52 (at the time of this writing ;-). I still refer to this book as a reference for pruning techniques, disease, planting and placement, and just as a wonderful review of the next rose I must have! The roses covered are certainly the most popular and easy to grow, and there is a section in the back that lists specific roses that are favorites of regional rosarians. So, for instance, if you are in zone 5-6 in Ohio, you can find best roses for the midwest/great lakes area, and so on. This is really valuable because a rose that will be a star for one gardener (such as Mr. Lincoln), might not perform well in another garden in a different part of the country.

I carry it with me to the nursery to make my selections. I'm a novice antique rose fancier with some particular geographic/climate needs, and this book makes it easy to determine what will thrive in my

yard. There is a picture and detailed description of every rose in the book. The charts also make it easy to search for the right plant by color, flowering frequency, light needs, size, etc. I never shop for roses without carrying along this book.

Along with Ortho's "All About Roses", and HP Books' Roses, How To Select, Grow and Enjoy", this is the backbone of the easy way to learn about roses. As an introduction to some or the "mysteries" about growing roses, this book and the other two mentioned have no equals. The illustrations are great and there are a lot of color photos of rose varieties, making a good picture book as well as a good "How To" book. I think everyone who has an interest in roses will enjoy this book and also the other two mentioned.

I checked this book out of the library along with about 25 other rose books, and although it's a smaller book than most, it's better. It's easy to find the information I want, which makes it a good reference book, and it's also easy to read through, which I've done. It starts off like a magazine, with lovely pictures to whet one's appetite and captions (as a former newspaper editor, I know that captions are some of the most read pieces of text on any page). Then the book moves into technical information (in the form of body copy) about selecting, planting, pruning, disease and pest control, recommended varieties, etc. I especially like the illustrations of pests, diseases, and nutrient deficiencies. It's important to diagnose rose problems correctly, and this book is the only one I've seen that has the right illustrations for doing that. It's obvious that this book was created by people who know how to explain things thoroughly, and know the value of good illustrations. The only problem I have with this book is the same problem I have with most rose books: there's not enough discussion of disease resistance in the description of each variety. I imagine that's difficult in a book that covers the whole country (I live in Seattle, where black spot is the biggest problem.) So to find out if a particular rose I want is susceptible to certain diseases in the Northwest, I go online. Doing this, I learned that a Northwest-recommended variety, Iceberg, is particularly prone to black spot here, so I took it off my list, and added other white roses that appear to be more bullet proof. All in all, I think very highly of this book, and it has passed the test, and I'll buy my own copy.

As a quick reference and general overview of the basics, this book is hard to beat. If you need help figuring out how to care for your current roses, this book can definitely help you identify the cause of various problems (the illustrated pages showing how to identify various pests/diseases/growth issues are particularly useful) as well as basic treatment. As I haven't tried to plant any new roses

(though I have had to transplant a few), I can't speak to the usefulness or accuracy of the final section detailing different recommended roses, but the rest of the book definitely makes up for this.

I bought this book because I am a rookie when it comes to Roses. I am only doing roses because my five year old daughter loves roses. I found online that certain types of roses that are beautiful only come in seeds. However seeds take care and time to Grow. This book is a great help and I do love Roses. I am going to try and start roses inside and out by seed and have my daughter help me and hopefully we will be able to see something grow strong after a few years. a great time and patience excersise my daughter is only five now but this should be a nice long project for both of us. If all else fails at least we have a great book to read and look at roses together. I do like this book and feel it is helpful. great pictures, great descriptions of common and over all problems.

I must say, this book was well worth the money. The information provided was very descriptive and the up-to-date pictures and reviews on the most current quality roses out there were beautiful! I highly recommend this book for any new rose growers out there and for the more hardened, the gallery of roses is a must!

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