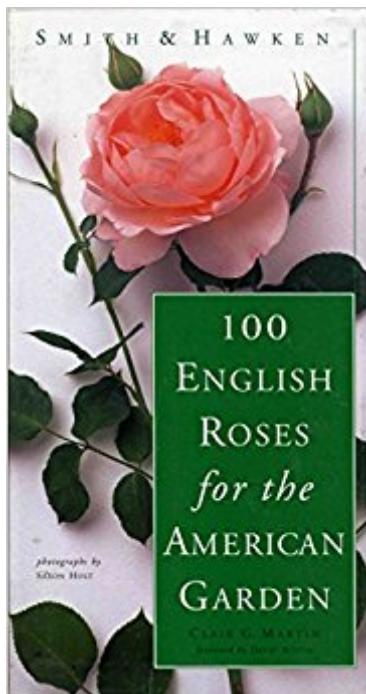


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Growing more popular every year, English Roses (often called David Austin Roses, after the hybridizer who created them) combine the charming, open-flowering habit and deep fragrance of Old Garden Roses with the continuous bloom and color range of Modern Hybrids. Here, in a book focused exclusively on the needs of North American gardeners, is a complete guide to selecting, planting, feeding, pruning, and caring for 100 English Roses. It includes full-color photographs throughout, plus a source guide, a list of public gardens displaying English Roses, and an index of cultivars by color.

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Customer Reviews

I stumbled onto this book because it was featured in the Washington Post in a column written by Adrian Higgins (Henry Mitchell's successor). A photograph of the Austrian Copper rose accompanied the article (the cover), and I'm a sucker for burnt-orange, so I followed up on the book. I am very pleased with it. Although the cover is paper, it's a plasticized paper and a sturdy book. I mention this first, because I will refer to the book often, it feels pleasant to hold in the hand, it's easy to carry, and it can get a little moisture on the outside and not crumble. I'm tired of having my roses eaten alive every spring, so I decided to pull out all the hybrids and fall back and regroup. This book takes me back to the old roses that are a little more hardy and can put up with Washington DC weather patterns. The book is nicely laid out. A front section entitled, "What Makes an Old Rose" describes

how old roses came to be. The next section is a "field guide" to help you distinguish roses at the nursery. This is followed by 168 pages of roses and text from 'Alba Semi-Plena' to 'Zephirine Drouhin.' What makes this book unique as well as useful is the layout. Each rose is covered in a two-page section. A text description is on the right-hand page, and a closeup photograph of a specimen of the rose showing the bloom, buds, and leaf and branch structure is on the left-hand side. Because it's an actual photo, one can identify the rose in question more easily. The text is useful. Not only are you provided a nice historical write-up on the rose, you are given the 'demographics' including the uses, fragrance, and susceptibility to diseases.

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