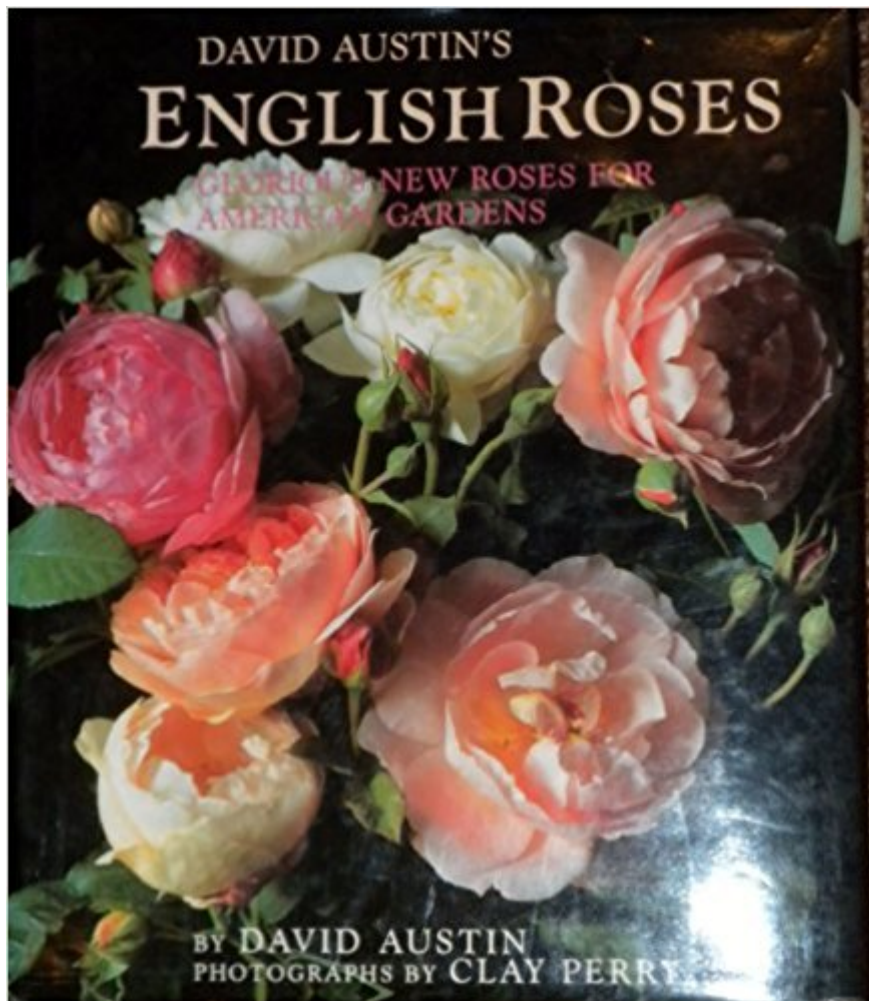




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David Austin's English Roses: Glorious New Roses For American Gardens



Synopsis

A unique celebration of a superb new class of rose specially bred to combine the best attributes of both traditional and modern roses. This book showcases 80 of these new garden favorites and provides practical growing tips and garden-planning advice from the man who developed the breed. 200 color photos. 15 drawings.

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Customer Reviews

Developed since 1969 by the author, English Roses are hybrids of Old Roses with present-day Hybrid Teas and Floribundas. They generally retain the shape and fragrance of the Old Roses, while keeping the disease resistance and perpetual bloom of the Moderns, although as the illustrations show, there is considerable divergence among individual varieties. Austin tells how he began creating English Roses, describes their characteristics, and suggests how best to use and care for them. The book is rounded off by individual portraits of each variety with specifics of size, fragrance, hardiness, and parentage. A list of suppliers follows. This will probably not be the last word on English Roses, especially on their care, but it is an excellent introduction to this new group of roses, beautifully presented in Perry's photographs. Recommended for larger public libraries and academic collections serving agriculture departments.- Molly Newling, Piscataway P.L., N.J.Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc.

For decades, Austin has devoted his life to the development of exquisite new rose varieties he designates English roses. In a stunning presentation that includes a brief history of roses through

the centuries, Austin reveals his process of hybridizing these exciting new plants. Now widely available in the U.S., these are the roses creating real excitement among gardeners looking for superior specimens possessing sublime scent, many-petaled form, and color tempered by subtlety. Austin's beautifully photographed, clearly written guide--offering cultivation requirements, pruning instructions, an extensive portfolio assessing the habit of each English rose type--provides information indispensable to gardeners in general and rose connoisseurs in particular. Alice Joyce

David Austin lives and hybridizes his own roses in England. He has written several books and I recommend them all. But this book is full of pictures and information about his roses. The reason he calls his roses, English Roses, is because they often have the form of the antique roses, with strong resistance to diseases, repeat bloomers, and best of all with lovely fragrance. He has several test gardens throughout the U.S. so you can be sure that the information in this book will apply to these roses in the U.S. As you read the book you will have all the information you need to have one or many English roses. You could be the envy of all your friends. Also a perfect gift to give a rosarian (a rose lover).

Nice book and I am happy with the purchase

Great book.

Amazing book, perfect look.

I do not see the point of this book.

This book contains an encyclopedia of English roses with descriptions, photos and a line drawing (depicting the shape of the shrub) for each rose. It is a great book for professionals interested in learning more about the different types of English roses available in the trade. The book begins with the history and details of the various classifications of roses (ie, floribunda, tea, shrub, etc.) that will help you distinguish between and select varieties more wisely.

Similar to another reviewer, this book started my passion for gardening. I never cared to spend much time outdoors but this book got me into my garden and to experience the wealth that gardening has to offer. Thank you, David Austin for the English Roses that you've developed!!! Prior

to reading this book and planting English Roses, the only outdoor plant I ever took care of myself was back in college. After purchasing this book about 6 years ago I planted 13 varieties of David Austin's roses and eventually planted over 20 varieties. This book was the first book I ever read on roses, or anything related to gardening for that matter, and the beginning of a collection of rose books and other gardening books. I still don't have any other books about roses that I would consider to rival this one when it comes to the beauty portrayed on the pages of the book, the quality of the photographs and the fact that it's hardback. Maybe some of his more recent books would be as good as this one but I haven't purchased them yet. The text in this book is helpful for a beginner but I found other books on roses to be more helpful. This book is a bit more general and isn't intended to be a 'how to' guide. I believe that the main purpose of the publication is to advertise some of the most beautiful roses in the world that David Austin has created. Even if you don't plant any of his roses, it would simply be a beautiful coffee table book. David Austin offers many more roses than are shown in this book and by going to his website you can see the vast array of roses that he offers. I've purchased my David Austin roses by telephone through a seller in Tyler, Texas who publishes a mail order catalog showing beautiful pictures next to the list of roses that they offer. I'm extremely late in reviewing this book but due to my love of this book and these intoxicating beauties I need to share my discovery of the way to conquer nasty Japanese Beetles! I should preface this by stating that I have no connection to the company of Bayer and no reason to promote it other than to help other gardeners. The horrendously little devilish Japanese beetles set me back a couple of years with my rose bushes. I almost gave up on my roses due to the devastating effects that beetles caused to my rose bushes but recently I was told by a landscape architect that everyone she knows is having success with the Bayer Advanced Rose systemic granule product that can actually take care of the problem. She said that you must start using it about 3 months prior to the arrival of the Japanese beetles which is much earlier than I anticipated. I wasn't getting it into the plant soon enough to protect it. I look forward to letting my passion run wild again with these intoxicating beauties next year!

Austin's revised edition is full of beautiful photographs and glowing descriptions of his English roses. In fact, some of his descriptions are a little too glowing, since he fails to acknowledge some of the serious shortcomings these plants can have. In addition, the subtitle "glorious roses for American gardens" is misleading: nowhere does Austin discuss the behavior of his plants in climates warmer than England's. Many, many of the beautiful photos are not labeled, so it's impossible to know what rose you're seeing in what picture, and at least one rose in the field guide is paired with an incorrect

photo. The book is very poorly edited, loaded with typos and missing words and sentences that make little sense because they simply stop without completing thoughts, as though someone forgot to type the rest of them. That being said, it's probably worth it to rose lovers on the basis of its pictures alone, since it does include photos of the flowers with a substantial piece of the lower foliage, and each rose description does come with a line drawing of its growth habit, which can be useful in planning out garden locations. If only the text had been cleaned up a little more...if only Austin had acknowledged the popularity of his roses overseas by presenting some data about the effects of warmer climates...if only this book didn't cost so darn much...

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