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# Ultimate Rose (American Rose Society)



## Synopsis

The American Rose Society's guide to the most beloved flower Roses are the floral embodiment of grace and romance. They express the love that occurs in many forms and between many types of people: lovers, friends, spouses, children, and parents. The many types of rose are as varied as the thoughts and feelings they convey. Ultimate Rose provides insight into all that roses are, both beautiful plants and legendary symbols. The Rose Spectrum: Created by the American Rose Society, the international registrar for the world's favorite flower, Ultimate Rose contains more than 400 photographs, featuring a wide variety of forms and colors. It provides a way for newcomers to understand how rose classes have emerged and evolved to create new ones. More than 60 two--page spreads feature introductory text and several examples of each class, and every flower is accompanied by insightful text on its unique characteristics or unusual origins. Complete Coverage: This gorgeous guide to every rose class is introduced by a general overview of rose history, explaining where roses came from and why they are so popular. The book closes with a concise section covering basic techniques for growing roses, as well as examples of arranging and drying roses, so that everyone can enhance their world by bringing more roses into it. Whether a long--standing fan of roses or a newcomer to the gardening world, Ultimate Rose appeals to any lover of elegance, color, and beauty. It provides the ultimate sense of the ultimate flower.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is a must have for any rose enthusiast. Much will be said about the dazzling color

photography and it is the best I've ever seen. However, its chief virtue is organization and thoroughness. Each classification is represented in order of development, accompanied by its history and tips on care and use. Even half forgotten old timers like Ayrshire and Boursalt get a nod. It concludes with excellent advice from choosing a site to dry arranging. There's only one fault with this book - it's too brief. This is one time when the cliché "If you can have only one book ..." really works.

It is indeed an ultimate pleasure to look at the beautiful pictures of the American Rose Society's book the Ultimate Rose. It is clear looking through the book why the rose throughout the ages has seemed to hook and entice so many individuals into growing and breeding them. The book is well organized with chapters on history, classification, growing, arranging and drying. Each section important and necessary for a book about roses. The largest portion of the book is dedicated to the classification of roses with a description and history of each type of rose as perpetual, Bourbon, hybrid tea or other and numerous pictures of roses representing each type of rose. The pictures are exquisite. I look through the book and dream of more roses I could have and try to imagine where on my tiny plot I could plant one more. With each picture is a brief description as follows for the grandiflora rose "Queen Elizabeth", "The first to be classed as a grandiflora, this rose has won many top awards through the world" As would be expected from a Rose Society book the chapter on growing roses is very useful and informative. Here the pictures help to illustrate techniques as pruning and planting roses. This chapter describes how to choose roses to purchases, proper planting techniques, maintenance, pest control and pruning. For those of us with a rose habit, we not only want to grow them, arrange them, but learn everything we can about them. If you are starting a rose library this is one which should be included. It is simply a nice coffee table book to browse through and admire the photos, rose grower or not, it may induce you to begin planting roses.

This slim volume (160 pages) is filled with gorgeous photos and is a great picture book for people who wish to get acquainted with roses but it is not very helpful for an advanced rose lover seeking information about individual types of roses. Sections are divided by rose classifications (Albas, Bourbons, Gallicas, etc.) and includes a very small listing of roses in each class (usually less than 10) and only offers a brief (usually one sentence) description. Chapters in the back of the book show how to care for roses (planting, pruning, etc.), arrange roses and dry roses. Overall, a good introduction to roses but by no means a guide for selection. I would have left out the "ultimate" in the title!

This book has beautiful full color photographs and discusses roses by species. If I were going to try to create a new cross- this book would be helpful. The chapters go into the histories of the different roses... By far the best part of this book.... Has to be the PICTURES! Not a single source book/ this is a book that should supplement your library of ROSES.

I bought three books on roses, this is the least favorite although I plan to keep it for reference. Nice pictures but it doesn't have a lot of detail on any subject. You get a taste of many things but it left me wanting more.

I gave this as a gift to a lady that was celebrating her 91st birthday. She used to raise many roses and is now thoroughly enjoying this book.

I bought this for ideas about roses for painting and found many beautiful pictures. Learned a few things about roses while I was at it.

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