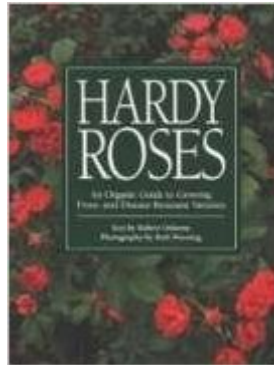


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# Hardy Roses: An Organic Guide To Growing Frost- And Disease-Resistant Varieties



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Although the book features 49 roses (large photos, for the most part, and explicit detail), a list of more than 220 varieties with their attributes and information rounds out an extensive guide to growing roses in places with extreme winter weather. The photos and large explanatory drawings make this reference stand out from others. The photos are large enough to drool over and the drawings actually serve as a teaching tool, rather than simple decoration. Want a visual reference to siting roses in the most favorable microclimate on your property? A nearly half-page drawing and its caption should do it for you. Would you like a clear and authoritative examination of the various pests who might take interest in roses? They are drawn at many times their size and labeled; the accompanying text will help you learn quickly how (and how hard) to fight back. This is an ORGANIC guide, so the recommendations are effective without being terribly dangerous. The first section of the book, Flowering of a Dream, addresses landscaping, caring for roses (also known as keeping them alive) over winters, nurturing, the dread diseases and creepy crawlers, and propagation. The detail is sufficient without drowning in verbosity people who would be out in the garden. And the writing, itself, compares favorably with other fine garden writing, which makes the reading enjoyable as well as useful. The second section, The Varieties: Petals of Light, offers photos and detailed assessment of 49 roses, sorted by type. Here is a reality check for the catalogs we all like to peruse. Lists of hardy varieties and additional lists of nurseries, rose organizations, and other sources complete the section. Finally, there is an entirely adequate table of contents and a very

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