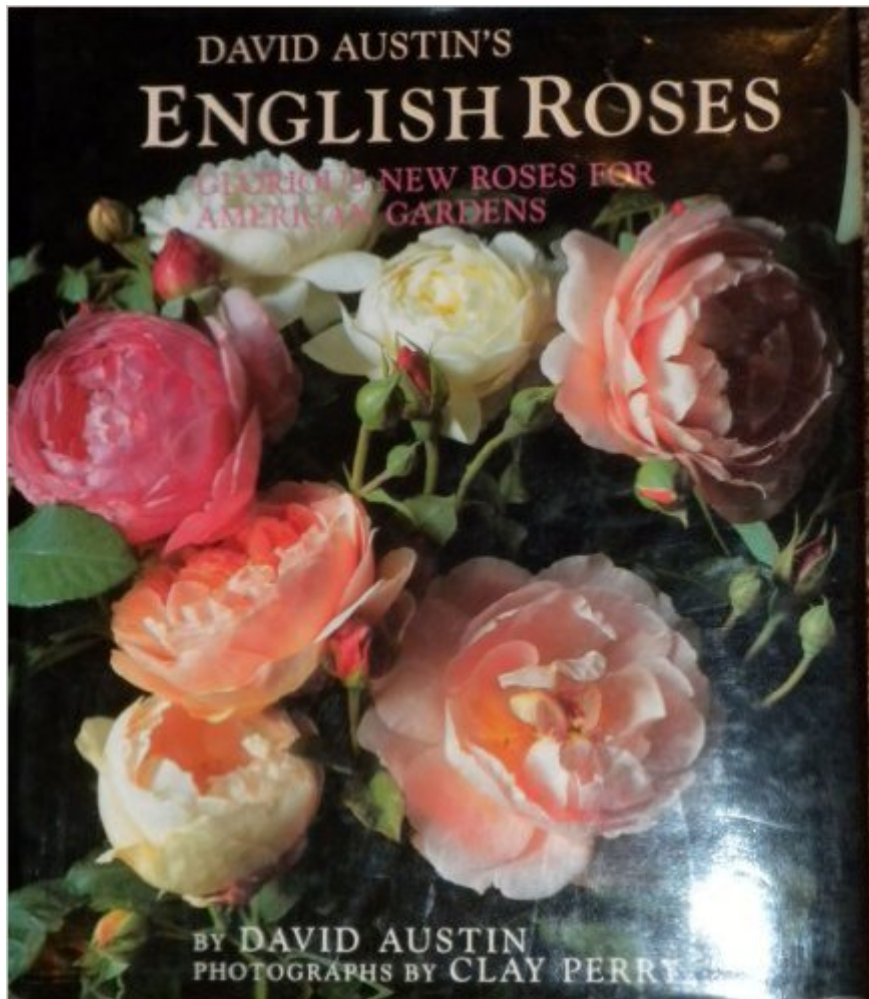


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David Austin's English Roses: Glorious New Roses For American Gardens



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

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...

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.

WOW!!! The pictures of the roses in this book are unmatched by any other publication. I have for many years been a Hybrid Tea Rose fan, but after reading this book and after visiting several gardens with Austin's roses in them, I have been converted. I just ordered over 20 bushes and I cannot wait for their arrival next spring. I agree with a previous reviewer who commented that the writing is self serving at times, but Austin's passion for his plants can be understood. Austin's comments about group plantings and his recommendations concerning minimums for plantings of each species, I found invaluable. I believe this book is well worth the price and will win you over to a relatively new breed of rose.

This book is what started my passion for roses and transformed me into a true gardener. I carried the book around with me for days, amazed that nature could create such beautiful flowers. Within two months I was watering my new English Rose garden comprised of 16 roses from the pages of this beautiful book! If you even think you love roses, you must get this book!

The photographs alone make this book beautiful enough to keep on the coffee table, but you won't want to leave it there. The text is informative and should be of value to beginners and serious rose gardeners alike.

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