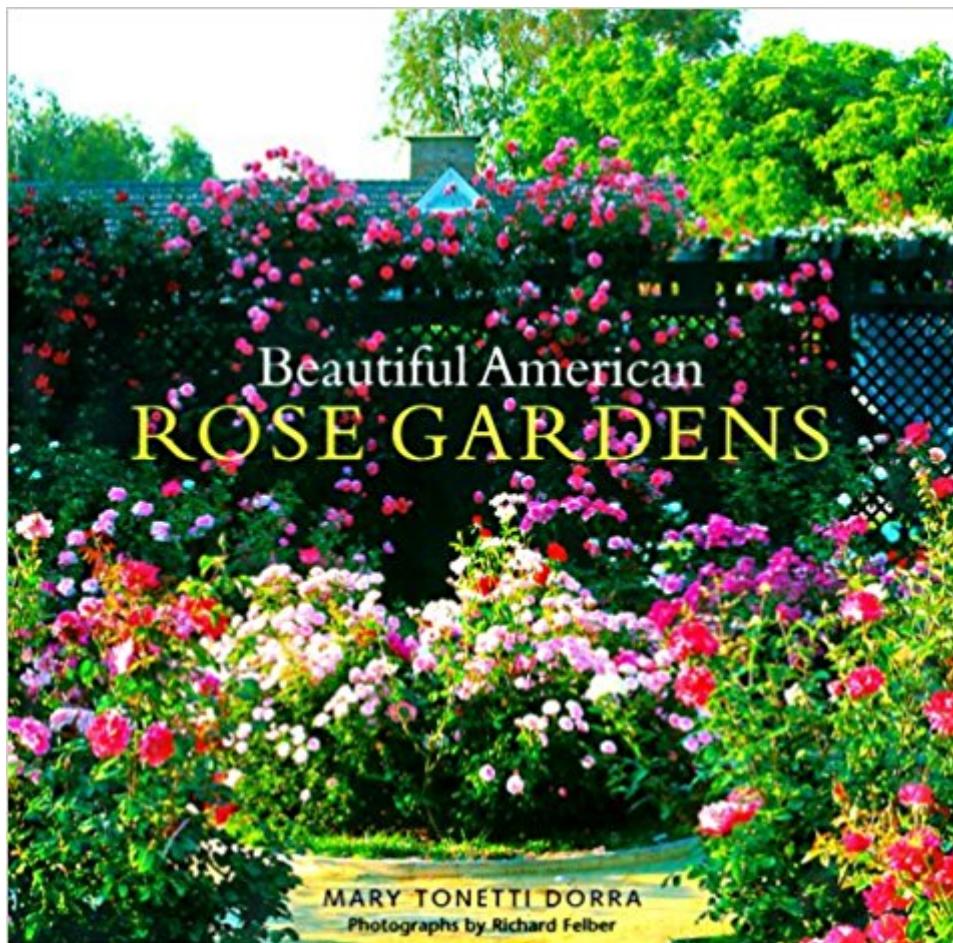


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Beautiful American Rose Gardens



Synopsis

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My family recently bought a large house on an even larger corner lot in a beautiful neighborhood. Purchased this book to give me some landscaping ideas for the front garden. It is great!

A great resource for anyone planning or already tending a single rose bush or rose garden from small and simple to large and elaborate. Beautiful photos, stories and plans of each garden featured and tips from the experts that tend them. This book inspired me to finally install my 50 bush rose garden!

Rose gardens are a real specialty type garden that not all people know about. As a landscape architect, I know design, and most plant requirements, however roses were not covered at university. This is a great book that goes beyond beginner gardens and serves as a great reference for professionals and advanced gardeners. A great addition to our library.

Fabulous well written book in excellent condition

I was drawn to this book by the stunning pictures of roses and rose gardens. However, it is the wealth of valuable information on EVERY aspect of roses that make this one of my all-time favorite gardening books. This book would make an excellent present for the neophyte and expert gardener alike. The author's passion is contagious. A great read and highly recommended

Beautiful American Rose Gardens is a good but not a great book because too many of the rose gardens discussed in this book are too large (acres and acres). The pictures are wonderful and descriptions are well written and I recommend that rose lovers read this book. However, the book doesn't give enough detail into how a reader can create their own rose gardens, especially if they are not professional rosarians or wealthy enough to afford professional gardeners. Most of the gardens in this book are owned by rose retailers or rich or famous people like Bob Hope.

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