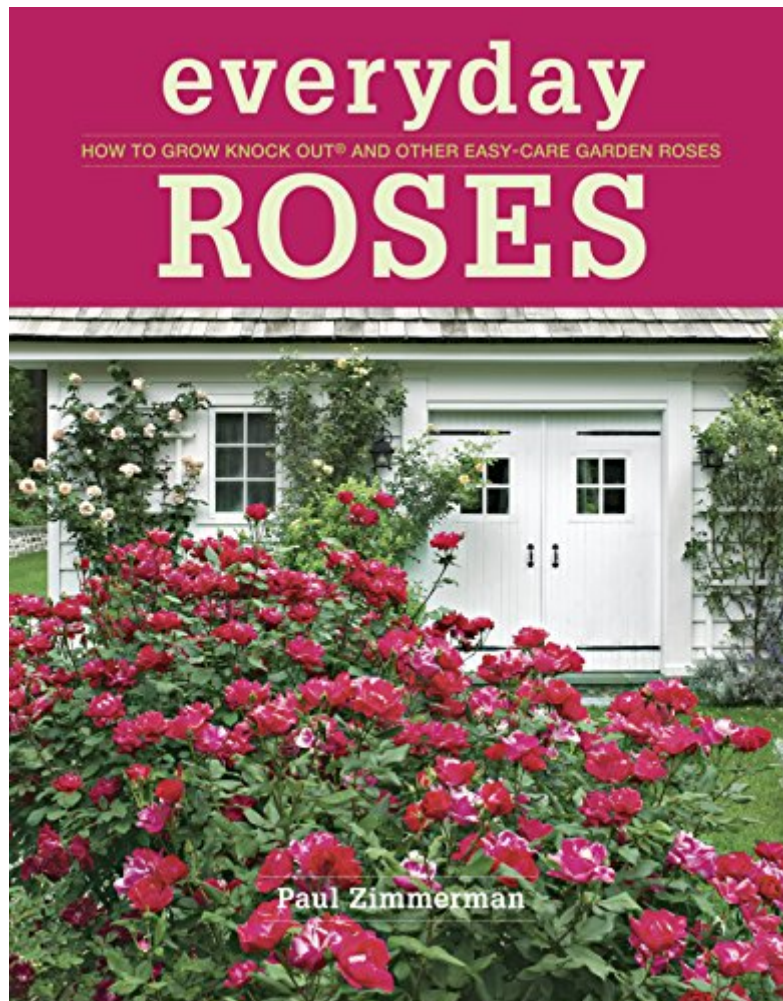


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Everyday Roses: How To Grow Knock Out® And Other Easy-Care Garden Roses



Synopsis

More and more homeowners are adding easy-care roses to their gardens after discovering their versatility, range of color, and season-long foliage and bloom cycle. In this book, rose expert Paul Zimmerman debunks common rose myths and outdated care instructions, and instead imparts practical rose care advice in a fun and accessible voice. Readers will find helpful suggestions for choosing roses based on landscape need, tips on what to look for when buying roses, new techniques for the best way to plant roses, and sensible time-saving methods to maintain their roses throughout the year. Aimed at gardeners who want the beauty of roses without the fuss, this book offers an approach that is more accessible and environmentally friendly than competing volumes--and no other book in the current market focuses exclusively on modern roses and getting the most out of them.

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Customer Reviews

In the Manichean world of dedicated rosarians, on one side you have those who believe that they are servants to the rose and dedicated to ensuring that it is shown in its most nearly perfect stage of existence; on the other, you have those who consider the rose to be a useful adjunct in the garden

so long as it does not require a great deal of fuss and fidget on the part of the gardener. In that great division, Paul Zimmerman clearly opts for the latter position and humorously and definitively sets about the demolition through skepticism of the other side. The sections on pruning and pesticides alone would set a traditional exhibitor's molars at def con 5 teeth grind, resulting in calcium dust. Zimmerman discards the older notions about at an angle above the bud line, searching for a five-leaflet set, and never even mentions the concept of disbudding. The reason that he does so is because none of these activities contributes to prolific bloom; the Leninist notion of 'fewer (blooms) but better' gets short shrift in a volume dedicated to garden roses as opposed to 'divas' with high maintenance and fussy requirements. This approach is also indicated in the Chapter on 'Suggested Roses' which focuses on the high disease resistance and cluster blooms to be found in the 'Knock Out' series of Conard-Pyle, or the Drift series from Meiland, the East Elegance roses of Bailey and the Oso Easy and Oso Happy series of roses from Spring Meadow Nursery. In fact, the only picture of a Hybrid Tea rose that I can recall is one of 'Memorial Day,' hardly in the tradition of award winning Hybrid Teas at rose shows. The emphasis here is on methods of gardening with roses so as to minimize any necessity for preventative spraying for fungicides or pests.

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