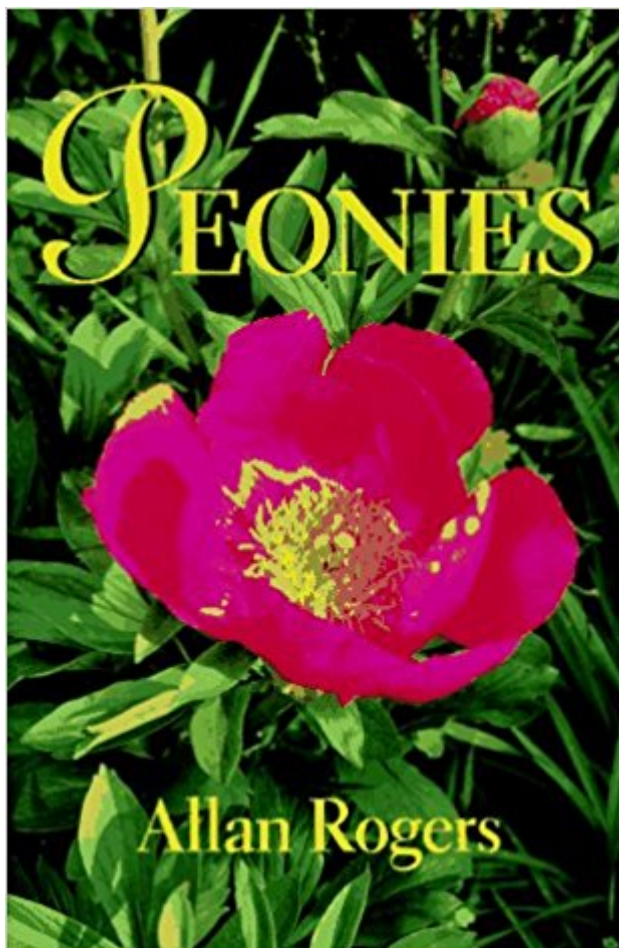




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# Peonies



## Synopsis

Al Rogers has been growing peonies since childhood, and this book represents more than 60 years' experience. The species are discussed, and from the thousand-odd listed cultivars of both tree and herbaceous peonies, Rogers singles out the superior for recommendation, along with some recent introductions.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Rogers has specialized in peonies, from heritage plants to modern hybrids, for more than 20 years at his nursery, Caprice Farm. So it is not surprising that he provides an expansive treatment of the flowers in a guide full of counsel on growing and caring for them. Rogers begins with horticultural history, emphasizing the work of men and women who have hybridized peonies, and then describes different forms and recommends cultivars. In passing, he muses on peony lore, discusses propagation techniques, and advises business-minded readers on how to produce plants as a commercial venture. Neither merely for the home gardener nor strictly for professionals, the clearly and astutely written book is for all plant lovers. Alice Joyce

I would suggest that those gardeners, and even would-be Peony nursery proprietors will find a rich source of sensible practical information that will do much to optimise the chances for success with this beautiful, much admired, greatly desired and often frustrating genus. -- Trevor Nottle "Australian Horticulture" (02/01/2000)

This book was the first of a spate of peony books written over the last few years, and is generally

considered to still be the best and most useful by most folks in the peony growing community. It is a comprehensive overview of history, hybridisers past and present, and current cultivars of interest. England is producing some attractive books, but the truth of the matter is that the United States is where the "action" has been for the last half century as far as peony growing and hybridising is concerned. There has been a spectacular increase in interest in these beautiful flowers over the last decade, and Al Rogers' book will surely be remembered as a classic part of this era of re-discovery in years to come.

I gave this as a gift to my daughter who works at a botanical garden in Northern Virginia. Peonies is a new interest in the garden this year so she asked me to find her a book dealing with some of the nitty gritty of raising peonies. Finally settled on this book because it is referred to in so many places as 'The' book on the growing these flowers. She loves it!

Just opened the paperback version of this and compared it to the Hardback version that I got from our local library. What a disappointment. It is the exact same version as the hardback book only the 2005 pictures of peonies are in black and white. While the information is wonderful I judge what and where I try in our wildlife reserve/park largely by the color. How can you tell what color these peonies are in black and white. Don't waste your money on this bomb. Shame on you Mr. Cheapo publisher!

There is nice colour picture about the book but all pictures inside are black and white, and there is no mention of that. Colour pictures are essential if you want to compare different peonies.

There are few books on peonies, and that is why Allan Rogers' excellent one is such a find. It is written from the perspective of a commercial grower of peonies, but also from the perspective of someone who fell in love with peonies as a child. After borrowing it from the library repeatedly to help me start my own peony collection, I wanted my own copy. The color photography is beautiful, and the information on growing and choosing peonies is excellent.

Sent it back....it had black and white pictures of flowers in it...are you kidding me?....a flower book with black and white? Sent it back and ordered the real deal from Barnes & Noble....really sad

great history- it was fun to discover that the company I buy my peonies from has been in the

business for several generations. an extensive list of recommended cultivars. Unfortunately, the book is old enough that most have been replaced and are no longer available.

I purchased this book a couple years ago when I was getting into peonies. The good news is the information is very useful. The bad news is the photos are not in color as advertised. I've come to find this more frustrating as I get more into peonies.

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