



51 Royal Roses

The History and Symbolism
of Royal Roses

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Foreword

It is my great pleasure to introduce this exquisite book, "51 Royal Roses," which has been written to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III. As a keen gardener and admirer of roses, I thought it would be a fitting tribute to the Royal Family and a wonderful addition to the Reading Room 51 series following my previous book on "51 Gardening Tips" and my passion for roses.

"51 Royal Roses," explores the fascinating world of roses and delves into the rich history, symbolism, and significance of these majestic flowers in the context of the British and European monarchy.

The book explores the symbolism and significance of roses in the British monarchy. From the Tudors to the current royal family, roses have played an important role in royal ceremonies, heraldry, and even in matters of the heart.

But what sets "51 Royal Roses" apart is the unique perspective it offers on the intersection of horticulture and history. Roses have long been associated with royalty, and for good reason. Their beauty, fragrance, and symbolism make them the perfect flower for celebrating significant occasions, such as a coronation and the book explores the fascinating world of royal roses, delving into the history of these majestic flowers.

As we approach the coronation of King Charles III, "51 Royal Roses" is a timely and fitting tribute to the rich history and traditions of the British monarchy. It is also a celebration of the enduring beauty and significance of roses in our culture and our gardens. Whether you are an experienced gardener or a novice, this book is sure to inspire you to explore the world of royal roses and to incorporate these beautiful flowers into your garden.

1. Queen Elizabeth - named after Queen Elizabeth II of England

Queen Elizabeth Rose: A Symbol of Majesty and Grace

The Queen Elizabeth Rose, also known as the Grandiflora Queen Elizabeth, is a beautiful and elegant rose variety named Queen Elizabeth II. This stunning rose has become a symbol of royalty and is a favourite among gardeners and rose enthusiasts around the world.

The Queen Elizabeth Rose was first introduced in 1954 by the American rose breeder, Dr. Walter Lammerts. The rose is a hybrid of two rose varieties, the Charlotte Armstrong and Floradora, and was named after Queen Elizabeth II to commemorate her coronation in 1953.

This rose is known for its large, soft pink blooms that are borne on long, sturdy stems. The blooms are full and double, with a classic rose shape and a sweet, delicate fragrance. The foliage of the Queen Elizabeth Rose is dark green and glossy, providing a beautiful backdrop to the stunning blooms.

The Queen Elizabeth Rose is a hardy and disease-resistant variety that thrives in full sun and well-drained soil. It is a tall rose, growing up to six feet in height, and requires support to prevent the stems from bending or breaking under the weight of the heavy blooms.

The Queen Elizabeth Rose is a popular choice for gardens, especially those with a traditional or formal design. It is often used in mass plantings or as a specimen plant, providing a stunning focal point in any garden. The rose is also a popular choice for cut flower arrangements, with the long stems and large blooms making a dramatic statement in any floral display.

In addition to its beauty, the Queen Elizabeth Rose has become a symbol of majesty and grace. The rose has been planted in many royal gardens around the world, and has been presented as a gift to visiting dignitaries and heads of state. It has become a beloved flower among gardeners and rose enthusiasts, and its popularity shows no signs of waning.

The Queen Elizabeth Rose is a beautiful and elegant rose variety that has become a symbol of royalty and grace. Its stunning blooms, sweet fragrance, and hardy nature make it a favourite among gardeners and rose enthusiasts around the world. Whether planted in a garden or used in a floral display, the Queen Elizabeth Rose is sure to make a stunning and memorable statement.



2. Princess Diana - named after Princess Diana of Wales

Princess Diana Rose: A Symbol of Beauty and Grace

The Princess Diana Rose, also known as the Princesse de Galles Rose, is a stunning rose variety named after the beloved Princess Diana. This beautiful and elegant rose has become a symbol of beauty and grace, and is a favourite among gardeners and rose enthusiasts around the world.

The Princess Diana Rose was first introduced in 1998 by the British rose breeder, David Austin. The rose is a hybrid of two rose varieties, the Tamora and The Fairy, and was named after Princess Diana to honour her memory and legacy.

This rose is known for its soft pink blooms that are borne on long, slender stems. The blooms are full and double, with a classic rose shape and a delicate fragrance. The foliage of the Princess Diana Rose is dark green and glossy, providing a beautiful backdrop to the stunning blooms.

The Princess Diana Rose is a hardy and disease-resistant variety that thrives in full sun and well-drained soil. It is a medium-sized rose, growing up to three feet in height, and is suitable for planting in borders, containers, or as a specimen plant.

The Princess Diana Rose is a popular choice for gardens, especially those with a romantic or feminine design. It is often used in mixed borders or as a hedge, providing a stunning backdrop to other flowering plants. The rose is also a popular choice for cut flower arrangements, with the long stems and delicate blooms making a beautiful addition to any floral display.

In addition to its beauty, the Princess Diana Rose has become a symbol of love and remembrance. The rose has been planted in many gardens and public spaces around the world, and has been used to honour Princess Diana's memory and charitable work. It has become a beloved flower among gardeners and rose enthusiasts, and its popularity continues to grow.

The Princess Diana Rose is a stunning and elegant rose variety that has become a symbol of beauty and grace. Its delicate blooms, sweet fragrance, and hardy nature make it a favourite among gardeners and rose enthusiasts around the world. Whether planted in a garden or used in a floral display, the Princess Diana Rose is sure to make a beautiful and memorable statement.



3. Prince Charles - named after Prince Charles of Wales

Prince Charles Rose: A Royal Tribute to the Future King (before he became the Monarch)

The Prince Charles Rose, also known as the Rosa 'AUSbreeze', is a beautiful rose variety named after the heir to the British throne, Prince Charles of Wales. This stunning rose has become a symbol of royalty and is a favourite among gardeners and rose enthusiasts around the world.

The Prince Charles Rose was first introduced in 1991 by the British rose breeder, David Austin. The rose is a hybrid of two rose varieties, the Abraham Darby and the Tamora, and was named after Prince Charles to honour his passion for gardening and his commitment to environmental sustainability.

This rose is known for its delicate blooms that are borne on long, elegant stems. The blooms are full and double, with a classic rose shape and a sweet, fruity fragrance. The foliage of the Prince Charles Rose is dark green and glossy, providing a beautiful backdrop to the stunning blooms.

The Prince Charles Rose is a hardy and disease-resistant variety that thrives in full sun and well-drained soil. It is a medium-sized rose, growing up to four feet in height, and is suitable for planting in borders, containers, or as a specimen plant.

The Prince Charles Rose is a popular choice for gardens with a classic or traditional design. It is often used in mixed borders or as a hedge, providing a stunning backdrop to other flowering plants. The rose is also a popular choice for cut flower arrangements, with the long stems and delicate blooms making a beautiful addition to any floral display.

In addition to its beauty, the Prince Charles Rose has become a symbol of the prince's passion for gardening and environmental sustainability. The prince has long been an advocate for organic farming and sustainable gardening practices, and has even established his own organic farm at his Highgrove estate in Gloucestershire. The Prince Charles Rose is a tribute to his commitment to these values, and has been used to raise awareness about sustainable gardening and environmental conservation.

The Prince Charles Rose is a beautiful and meaningful rose variety that has become a symbol of royalty and environmental sustainability. Its delicate blooms, sweet fragrance, and hardy nature make it a favourite among gardeners and rose enthusiasts around the world. Whether planted in a garden or used in a floral display, the Prince Charles Rose is sure to make a beautiful and memorable statement.

