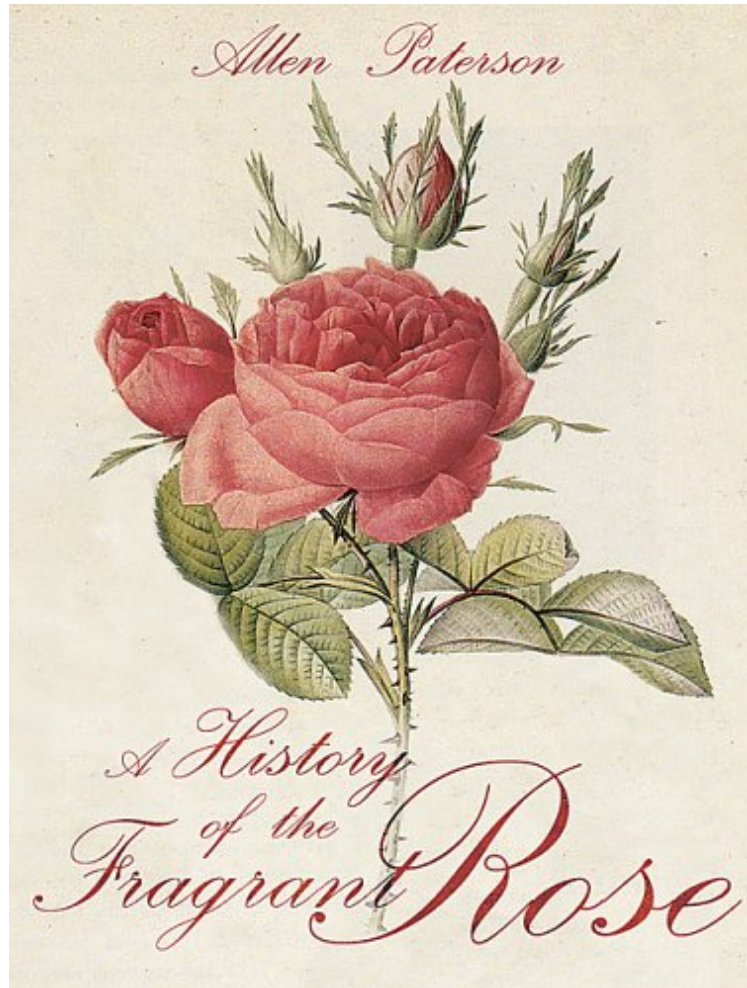


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The rose has been held in special and sacred regard for thousands of years and has been associated with heraldry, painting, music, myth, and religion across the ages. Grown for its medicinal and culinary properties as well as for perfumery, the rose in ancient times formed an integral part of carnivals, festivals, and the cosmetic industry. From the rose gardens of Malmaison belonging to Napoleon's Empress Josephine, to the Wars of the Roses, the rose has a fascinating history. Since the few known roses of the Middle Ages, the curiosity of travellers, the patience of plantsmen, and the dilligence of botanists all contributed to bring together roses from every part of the globe, crossing and developing them to produce the thousands of different varieties seen today.

From Booklist The rose has a history and pedigree as lustrous as its blossoms and as vibrant as its fragrance. An inspiration to artists and writers, its iconic images have adorned royal tapestries, graced religious pageantry, and infused fable and myth with halcyon notions and portentous omens from the dawn of civilization. The director of Ontario's Royal Botanical Gardens, Paterson keenly combines archaeology with art history, horticulture with literary criticism, as he traces the lineage of the rose genus and showcases renowned specimens from antiquity to contemporary times. There is an eclectic range of fact and lore as Paterson delves into the intricacies of nomenclature, the mysteries behind hybridization, and the distinctive characteristics that have made the rose revered by royalty, venerated by botanists, and enjoyed by gardeners around the world. Lushly illustrated, Paterson's potpourri of rose fact and fiction is a delectable addition to the garden library. Carol Haggas Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved "Lushly illustrated, Paterson's potpourri of rose fact and fiction is a delectable addition to the garden library." Booklist