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Melinda R. Cordell : Rose to the Occasion: An Easy-Growing Guide to Rose Gardening (Easy-Growing Gardening Series) (Volume 2) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Rose to the Occasion: An Easy-Growing Guide to Rose Gardening (Easy-Growing Gardening Series) (Volume 2):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Stop and Smell the Roses By S. Schooler Stop and smell the roses, take time to enjoy them, even if you never thought you could grow a rose. Melissa's Rose book is one I have recommended to visitors at our local Rose Gardens. It is filled with easy to follow tips and ideas. She shares the highs and lows of these garden favorites. [Oh Melinda, I accidentally posted a review to the plagiarist, not you. I will correct as soon as lets me in.] 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Very helpful, informative and comprehensive book on rose gardening, for both novices and more experienced rose gardeners By Lynda New to rose gardening, I was searching for some good books on roses care and rose gardening. I came across this title on and downloaded the 99 cents Kindle version. The book is self-published and the quality of the writing is excellent. There are many beautiful photos of roses throughout the book (although the photos might be more exciting in the paperback version). There are chapters on choosing the best rose variety, shopping for roses, caring for roses, pruning and training, solving growing problems, beneficial insects, propagation, and monthly checklists. As someone new to roses care and rose gardening, I found this book to be more than adequate. I inherited some roses at my house from the previous owner so I was looking to better understand how to take better care of my roses and also learn the differences between hybrid tea, floribunda, grandiflora and polyantha, etc, as I am starting from scratch in learning how to identify my roses (although I would have to consult some of the rose databases on the Internet to better identify the roses, which would still be quite a task). This book includes helpful information on using both inorganic and organic methods of controlling diseases and pests, which I found most helpful as I am also just learning about common rose diseases and pests and insects that are harmful to roses. In the 'Praying Mantis' beneficial insects section, the author writes: "If you put a mantid on your computer screen and start moving the cursor around on the screen, sometimes the mantid will chase it and try to catch it." I thought that was pretty cute. I also learned a new term, 'rose wranglers', apparently these are folks who seek out old roses that still probably grow on old cemeteries or abandoned houses, and the wranglers may sometimes come across old roses/antique roses on private property and talk to the owners to get permission to collect some. So if you already have roses which are pretty established, this book offers great information on how to control rose diseases, how often to fertilize, etc. If you are starting from scratch, then this book will be one of your go-to and must-have books with plenty of good information on how to select, shop and plant roses, and the whole cycle of ongoing care and maintenance. There seems to not be that many comprehensive recent books on the market about roses care and rose gardening, so I was pleased to come across this title. The author also has a humorous tone and will put the novice rose gardener at ease. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Coming up roses By Molly G. Hamblin Rose to the Occasion is a light-hearted approach to your rose garden, it's challenges and charms. Really enjoyed the photos, and the determination to annihilate the rose predators. Grammie would have approved. Appreciate both organic and other approaches, and advice on how various methods work, and how much time and attention they need. Especially fond of the secret weapon's photo. the chicken. Good for disposing of buggies and for making fertilizer. Enjoyed the photos so much, would love to see even more. Going to go search for the If You're a Tomato, I'll Ketchup with You guide on tomatoes!

Roses are the Queen of Flowers. They're beautiful, fragrant, and elegant - and roses require all the pampering of a real Queen, don't they? Actually, they don't! Rose gardening can be easy and pleasant. I've worked 25 years in horticulture and cared for over 300 roses in a public rose garden when I was municipal horticulturist. I found ways to keep rose gardening fussbudgetry to a minimum while growing vigorous roses that bloomed their heads off. Rose to the Occasion: An Easy-Growing Guide to Rose Gardening shares tricks and shortcuts that rosarians use, plus simple ways you can keep up with your to-do list in the rose garden. Gardeners of all skill levels will find this book helpful, whether they be beginning gardeners or old rosarians, whether they have a green thumb or a brown thumb. Rose to the Occasion includes * old illustrations of roses in bloom, plus historical background on each flower* down-to-earth wisdom on how to plant, grow, and prune roses* the in and out of fertilizing roses to get the lushest foliage and best blooms* advice on choosing the right rose for your garden, as well as many easy-growing varieties* the latest on organic pest control and fungicide use in the rose garden* hardy, tough old roses that can take whatever Mother Nature throws at them* and general garden maintenance help that you can use anywhere in the garden. If you love The Rose Bible by Rayford Clayton Reddell, or books by David Austin, or books like Right Rose, Right Place; or Everyday Roses: How to Grow Knock Out and Other Easy-Care Garden Roses; or The Organic Rose Garden, and if you like garden books leavened with humor -- then this book is for you. Rose to the Occasion is the ultimate resource for any rose gardener, or anybody in need of good gardening advice. Roses are filled with romance, history, color, and fragrance. Grow some. It is worth it.

From the Author As city horticulturist with no staff taking care of about 20 gardens, plus a 300+ public rose garden, I was already running like crazy everywhere I went. I wanted roses that wouldn't wilt or croak or wrap themselves in blackspot every time I looked at them cross-eyed. I wanted tough roses, roses that took heat and drought and bug attacks and zombie apocalypses with aplomb and would still come out looking great and covered with scented blossoms. (And the blossoms HAD to be scented -there was no two ways about that.) I started reading rose books. I

talked to Charles some more, which is always fun. Somewhere along the way, I got obsessed. I immersed myself in roses. I read about antique roses, which were making a comeback. Rose breeders, most notably David Austin, were crossing modern varieties with old varieties and to get roses that combined the best of the new and the old. Other breeders were creating roses that were tough and disease-resistant, such as the 'Knock-Out' landscape rose, which now you see everywhere. I planted some antique roses, and they looked great. I planted more. The rose garden was starting to look spiffy, even though I still had to take roses out every year due to the rose rosette virus. I even tucked in some annuals and perennials around the garden to doll up the place when the roses conked out in July and August. And so my obsession began. Roses are amazing plants. Many old roses have a long and storied history. Some species that were growing during the time of the Pyramids are still blooming today. And these roses are attractive and fragrant. History, fragrance, and beauty in one flower. What could be better? From the Inside Flap Grow the best roses in town with the help of a rosarian and horticulturist who took care of 300+ roses in a public rose garden and is now sharing her secrets for growing beautiful, healthy roses through mostly organic means. *Rose to the Occasion: An Easy-Growing Guide to Rose Gardening* will help you grow the best roses around with a minimum of fuss and budget. From the Back Cover The roses that are tops in my book are vigorous, disease-resistant, and sport plenty of scented blossoms. (I don't think I've ever recommended an unscented rose - there's just something wrong with that.) Also to be commended are hardy roses that will take winter's cold, and disease-resistant roses that don't need much spraying. This book contains a bunch of good, no-nonsense roses that can take the worst of what nature dishes out and still look amazing.