


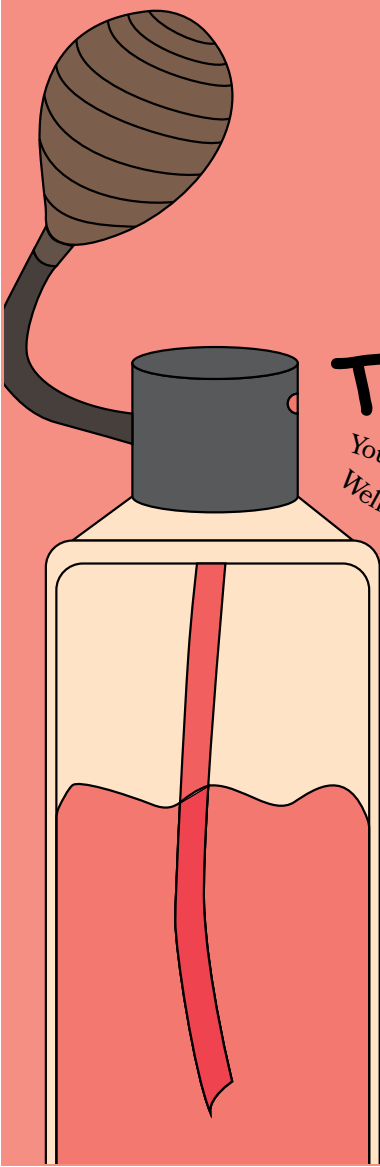
A BOOK ABOUT ROSES



ROSES ARE ONE OF THE OLDEST FLOWERS

It's no wonder that roses have been referenced in literature and music for centuries.

Archaeologists have discovered rose fossils that date back 35 million years. Even more shocking, the oldest living rose is 1,000 years old. This impressively enduring rose grows on a wall on the Hildesheim Cathedral in Germany.

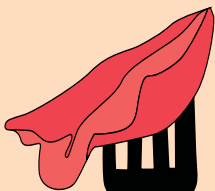
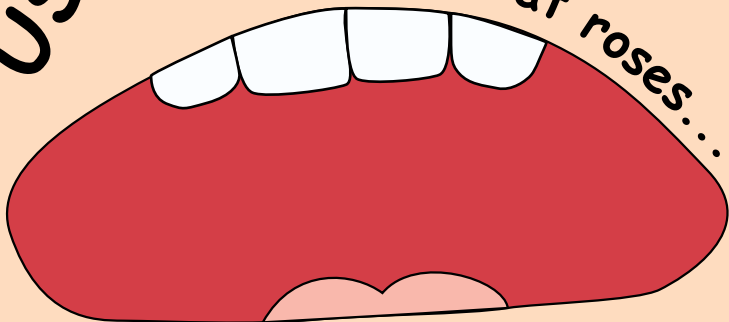


THEIR FRAGRANCE

You know the saying: Stop and smell the roses.
Well, roses weren't chosen for this phrase by chance;
their lovely aroma is a popular
floral scent, and is even used in many women's
perfumes. Specifically, rose oil has
been an important ingredient in the perfume
industry for centuries. The process of extracting
rose oil from flowers
requires a huge amount
of roses; just one gram of
oil is produced from two
thousand roses.

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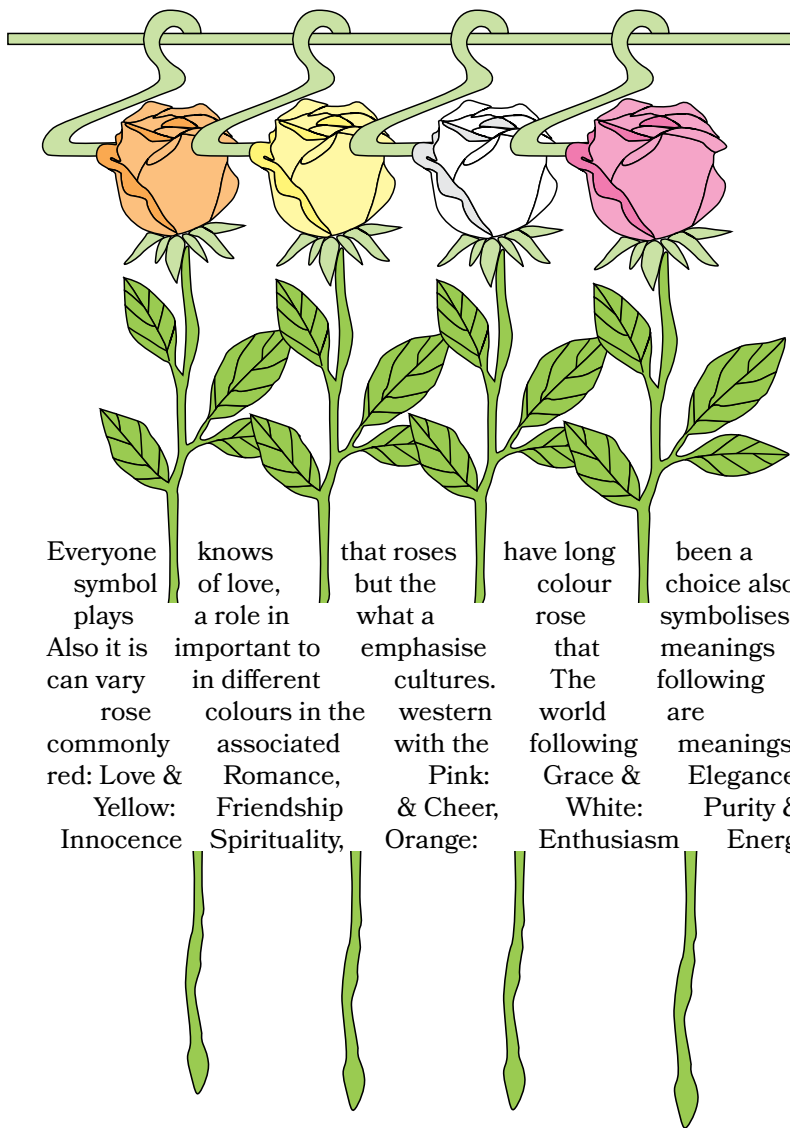
You can eat roses...



Who knew looking pretty in a vase wasn't the only way to use roses in the kitchen? Their petals are edible and rose water (made from soaking the petals in water) is often added to jellies or jams, or is used as flavoring in Indian and Chinese dishes.

Roses also grow a berry-shaped fruit called rose hips. The fruit can be orange, red, dark purple, or even black. Rose hips are packed with vitamin C and can be used in cocktails or dried to create a refreshing tea.

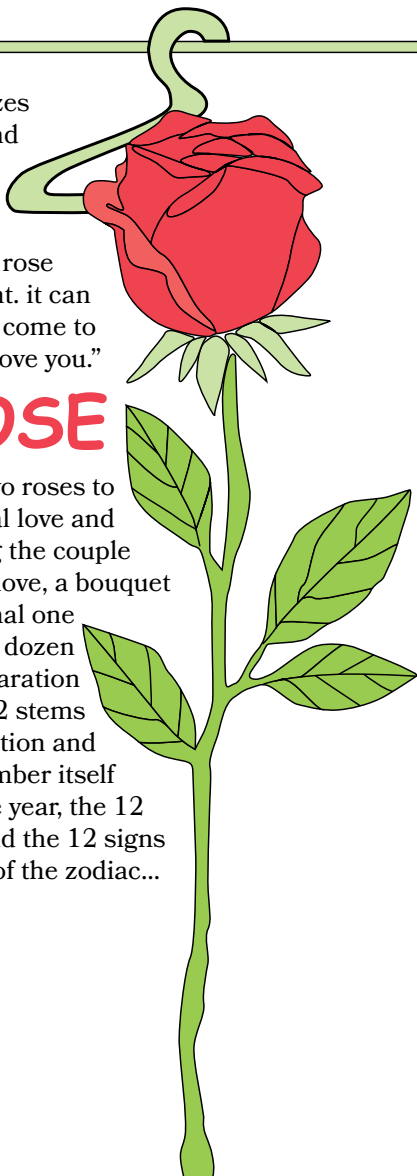
Rose Colors and their Meanings



The red rose symbolizes romance, love, beauty, and courage. A red rosebud signifies beauty and purity... A thornless red rose means love at first sight... A single rose symbolises love at first sight. it can also be given in years to come to say, "I still love you."

RED ROSE

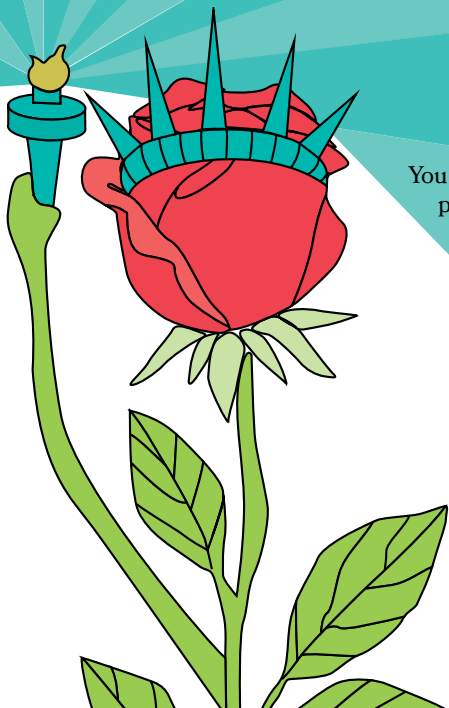
Give someone two roses to represent your mutual love and affection... Representing the couple and their shared love, a bouquet of three roses is traditional one month anniversary gift... A dozen red roses conveys a declaration of love and passion. 12 stems also communicates perfection and completeness, because the number itself is associated with an entire year, the 12 hours of a day, and the 12 signs of the zodiac...



THE ROSE IS THE U.S. NATIONAL FLOWER

Ronald Reagan

"More often than any other flower, we hold the rose dear as the symbol of life and love and devotion, of beauty and eternity"



You

probably could name

the U.S. national bird (hint: It's on the back of the quarter), but you might not know the national flower:

The rose. In 1986, President Ronald Reagan declared the rose the national flower emblem of the U.S. He even did so while standing in the famous White House Rose Garden.

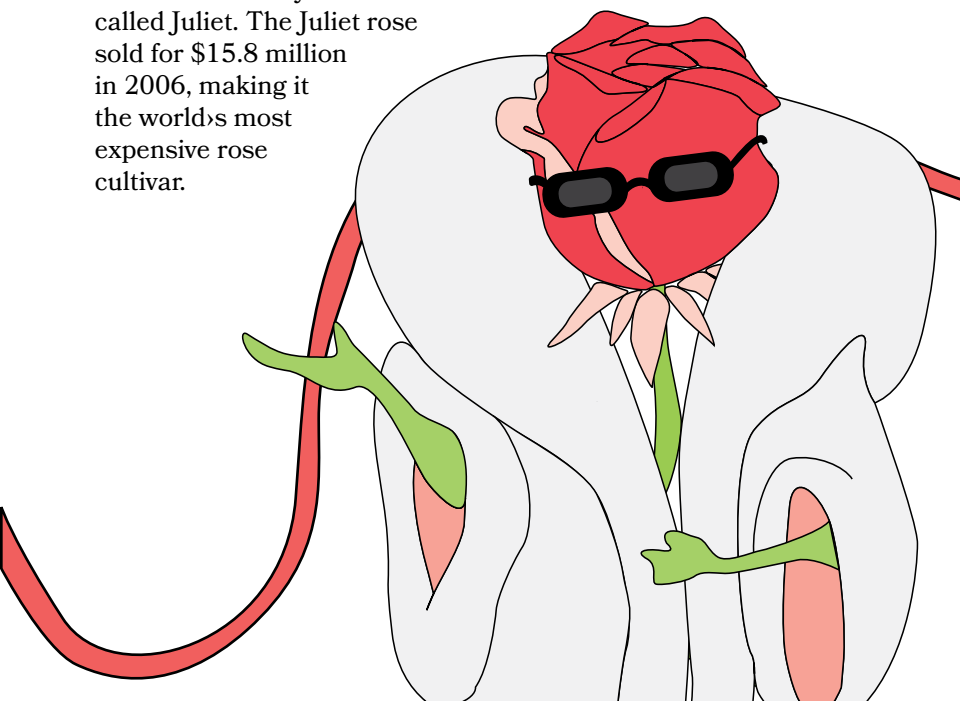


ROSES FOR FULL SUN

Roses thrive in full sun. When they get anywhere from 6 to 8 hours of sun a day, they bloom vibrantly and to their fullest. Any variety will be spectacular when grown in these conditions. They are hardy in zones 4-9 and with the right care, can come back to thrive year after year. Feed your roses monthly with Espoma's Organic Rose-tone to ensure proper growth.

THE MOST EXPENSIVE ROSE SOLD FOR MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

A rose by any other name would smell as sweet, but would have a much lower price tag. Famous rose breeder David Austin spent 15 years and \$5 million breeding a rare rose variety that he called Juliet. The Juliet rose sold for \$15.8 million in 2006, making it the world's most expensive rose cultivar.





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**"The fragrance always stands in the
hand that gives the rose".
-Hada Bejar**