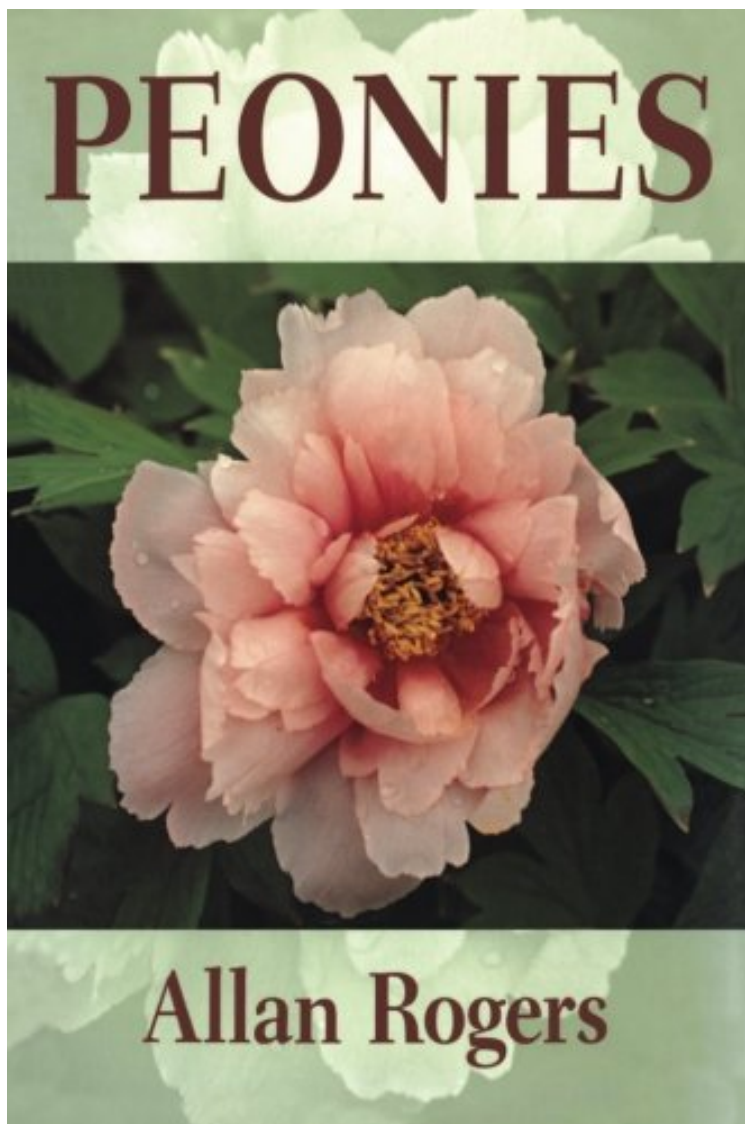


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Al Rogers has been growing peonies since childhood, and this book represents more than 60 years' experience. Peonies are treasured by gardeners for their longevity, lush foliage, rich fragrance, and landscape uses. Captured within these pages are not only the flavor, charm, and history of the peony and its hybridizers but also expert information about the genus *Paeonia* and its many cultivars. The species are discussed, and from the thousand-odd listed cultivars of both tree and herbaceous peonies, Rogers singles out the truly superior for recommendation, along with some introductions that show great promise. Enthusiastic amateurs and professionals alike will be thrilled with the complete and detailed information supplied in *Peonies* an important book for any gardener's library.

From Booklist 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 Neither merely for the home gardener nor strictly for professionals, [this] clearly and astutely written book is for all plant lovers. Booklist Besides botanical information there is peony history, lore, people, identification, propagation, hybridizing and cultivation to make this a fascinating book. National Gardener His writing is authoritative and scholarly. Pacific Horticulture Numerous color photos whet the appetite for a wide range of material; a source for many outstanding cultivars is laid out in an appendix which in and of itself is worth the price of the book. American Rhododendron Society Journal The amateur is well served here, but so too is the would-be commercial grower. Rogers offers the equivalent of a full course in every aspect of peony raising, from culture to propagation. Horticulture The first comprehensive peony treatise in several decades. . . . Breeders, propagators, and home gardeners alike will enjoy the very readable text. . . . a valuable reference for all peony lovers. Highly recommended. Choice An important book for any gardeners library. American Peony Society Bulletin Rogers love affair with peonies shows through his book, introducing a new generation to another flower out of our grandmothers gardens, guaranteeing perpetuity. Pacific Northwest Gardener It combines obvious passion for peonies. . . with meticulous historical and scientific research. Homeground Anyone who loves peonies will be delighted with this new book. Saskatchewan Gardener He has packed this book with a wealth of detailed information about these magnificent, old-time favorites, and included an impressive listing of all species and cultivars currently available. Manchester (CT) Journal Inquirer