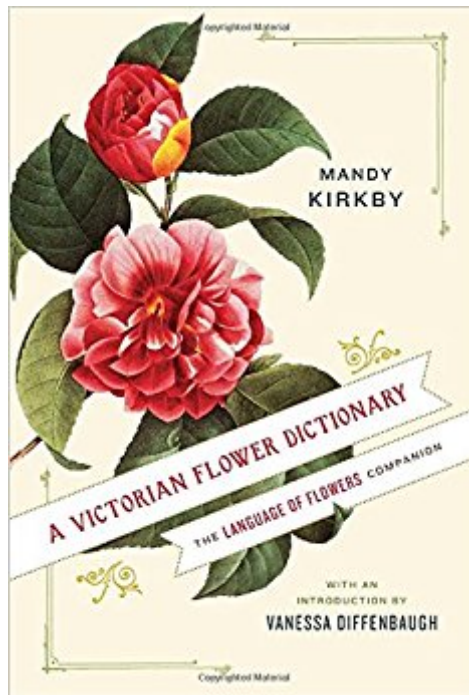




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A Victorian Flower Dictionary: The Language Of Flowers Companion



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“A flower is not a flower alone; a thousand thoughts invest it.” Daffodils signal new beginnings, daisies innocence. Lilacs mean the first emotions of love, periwinkles tender recollection. Early Victorians used flowers as a way to express their feelings—love or grief, jealousy or devotion. Now, modern-day romantics are enjoying a resurgence of this bygone custom, and this book will share the historical, literary, and cultural significance of flowers with a whole new generation. With lavish illustrations, a dual dictionary of flora and meanings, and suggestions for creating expressive arrangements, this keepsake is the perfect compendium for everyone who has ever given or received a bouquet.

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Customer Reviews

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Having read and enjoyed the novel "The Language of Flowers," I wanted to know more about the meanings assigned to flowers, so ordered this companion book. The Victorians "communicated" many emotional messages through the flowers they chose to give to others. I think it's a wonderful idea that can be used today. I'll never send anyone a bouquet again without looking up the flowers' meanings so that my "message" will be appropriate.

So, I got this in the mail today and was pleasantly surprised. The book was brand new -- the spine

made that delightful cracking noise when I opened it. I rather like the drawings that accompany the 50 featured flowers, they were rather pretty and I know some reviews have made the point that they didn't like the drawings -- but I think they're nice. Is it a bummer that all the flowers in the list in the back are not themselves featured? Yeah, definitely. It would have been nice if they had entries for acacias, almond blossoms, birds of paradise, hazel but the list itself and a section that follows that details flowers for the appropriate situation is useful (like not bringing flowers that mean 'happiness' to a funeral). Overall, I am quite pleased with this book and glad I decided to purchase it.

A beautiful little hard cover book with illustrations of fifty flowers and over fifty meanings. It describes the history behind the meaning of each illustrated flower along with a piece of poetry. It also contains guides to purposeful flower arrangements. This is a beautiful gift for gardeners, florists and romantics alike! I bought it for myself as I enjoy gardening and have an appreciation for the Victorian Era. I could not be more pleased! I keep it displayed in my home surrounded by indoor plants.

I was very disappointed in the floral illustrations in this book. They must have been done by a different artist than the cover artist. While the cover illustration is a lovely botanical rendering, the illustrations in the book are very basic and elementary. As an artist, I was disappointed. The text is interesting, however.

I ended up giving to a friend as I wasn't as interested in it as I thought I would be. More on me than the author I would say.

Such a nice little book. Strange that they wanted so much for it originally, but I got it for a more reasonable price in the end. It is very informative with lots of nice drawings of the flowers. It arrived on time and in perfect condition.

Such a great reference book for flower arranging/gift giving! I'm very excited to use this for handing out bouquets gifts to friends w/ special meaning! This book is pretty small and most definitely fits in my purse; I love it because I can take it with me everywhere--like the florist! However, I'm unsure if this contains every flora that exist, but for a starter's guide, this does an excellent job!

i was looking for a book that would give a detailed description of what a flower/plant meant. I was

delighted to see that it was just that, and even gave a beautiful drawn image of the flower i was reading about. not to mention in the end of the book it had a small dictionary of flowers (not all in the book) with a or a few words of a description. If your looking for some information on plants to get you started i would definitely recommend this.

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