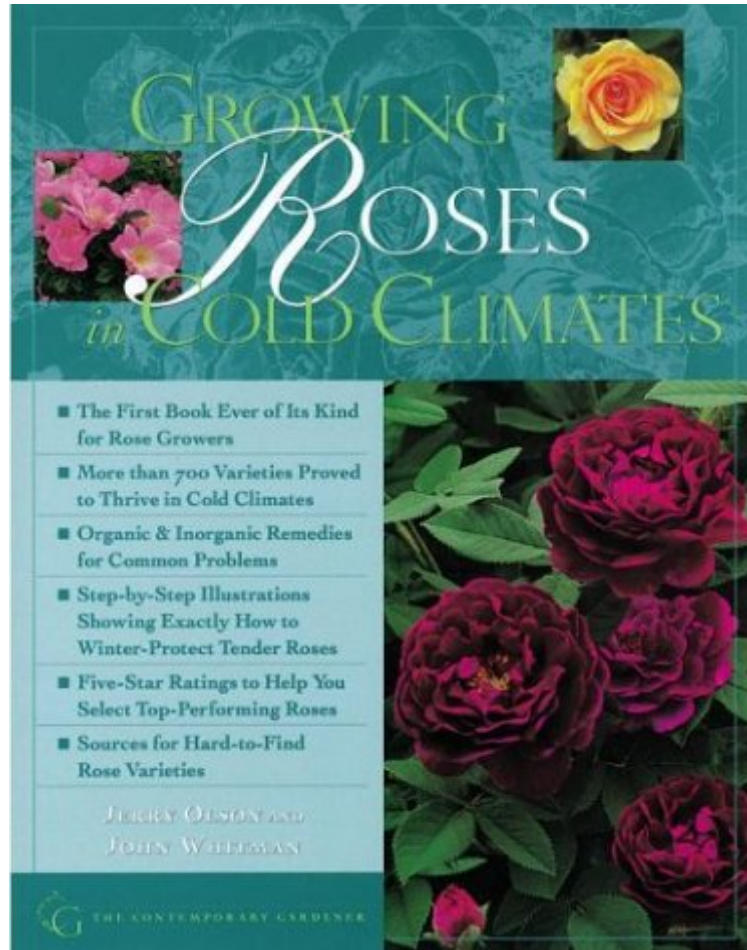


## Growing Roses in Cold Climates

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**Jerry Olson, John Whitman : Growing Roses in Cold Climates** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Growing Roses in Cold Climates:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Very little info about growing in coldBy PaulI have over 30 books about roses and growing roses, but little information on growing them in cold climates - I still don't. I certainly am not a rose expert, but I have grown roses for approximately 45 years in various climatic conditions from cold winters in Ontario Canada, very warm summers mild winters in South Carolina, hot humid summers mild winters in Louisiana, and very hot summers plus winters with extreme temperature fluctuations in Texas. You may wonder why someone living in Texas would purchase this book - I purchased it because of my desire to increase my knowledge about roses, plus I am considering the possibility of moving north again. This book contains a lot of good useful standard information (70-80% of book) about planting roses, fertilizing them, pruning them, etc; however there is liitle real information about growing in cold climates except for the old "Minnesota Tip Method" for winter protection where the rose is tipped over and buried. A significant portion of the varieties types (families) of roses described are not suitable

for the average rose grower to attempt in cold climates. The authors even mention this, but still waste a lot of valuable space describing these roses. I found little that would help me choose suitable rose varieties for cold climates, if I didn't want to bury them for the winter. There is virtually no description of the rose groups specifically bred for northern climates (without burying plant for winter) such as: Griffith Buck Roses (bred to withstand cold winters of north central USA), Explorer Roses (bred to withstand humid, cold winters of eastern Canada northeastern USA) or Parkland Roses (bred to withstand dry cold winters on northern prairies). There is virtually nothing explaining why you should purchase either 'grafted' (growth bud grafted on different variety's roots) roses or 'self rooted' (rose cutting rooted and grown into sellable size) roses. The only reason to buy grafted roses in north is if the desired variety does not grow strongly on its own roots. Some varieties will not survive on their own roots, but this is definitely in the minority. If this grafted rose winter kills to the ground, you have lost your variety and the best that you can hope for is that the difference variety grows from the root stock - in most cases you would not want the variety that would grow from root stock, as root stocks are not chosen for their flowers but for ease of propagation. If the rose survives satisfactory on its own roots, then it definitely makes sense to purchase this type of desired variety. If it winter kills to the ground, there is still a good chance that rose will regenerate from its roots. Almost all rose varieties can be purchased on their own roots, but some nurseries may charge more for them. The main reason that many roses are sold as budded/grafted is that it is more economical for growers. Every growth bud on "mother" plant could be used to graft on root stock to create sellable roses; but there would only be a few shoots on "mother" plant that could be used to root and create sellable roses. I would not recommend this book unless you are looking for the standard rose information, in which case there are more economical alternatives. 32 of 33 people found the following review helpful. If you live in the north you have to have this book! By A Customer The most valuable part of this book is the section that rates each rose. It gives a 1-5 star rating and a detailed description of the characteristics of that plant. It tells you why it deserved 5 stars or what is wrong with the rose so it didn't earn 5 stars! The other part of this book gives detailed and easy to understand tips on how to plant, feed, and protect your roses. The pictures are excellent and this is a hard book to put down. The author is obviously a lover of roses and not just a horticulturist! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I have several varieties that seem to do just fine without any special care in winter. By J. R. Squires According to the authors there are no roses that should survive in winter in Colorado without labor intensive protection. I have several varieties that seem to do just fine without any special care in winter. They list hundreds of varieties of roses but very few of the commercially popular ones. I found this book not too useful.

*Growing Roses in Cold Climates* is also destined to be a landmark in gardening publishing. Providing gardeners with tips and techniques drawn from 60 years of rose-growing experience, this fully illustrated guide to expertly growing roses in cold climate regions includes easily accessible information on more than 700 varieties of roses best suited to cooler climates. Eleven major classes of roses are profiled in detail, complete with photographs and guidance on achieving ideal growing conditions. Step-by-step photos, complete with instructions, show exactly how to protect roses in winter. *Growing Roses in Cold Climates* also illustrates common organic and inorganic rose problems and their remedies. This is the book that rose growers in colder climates have been clamoring for, for years!

From the Publisher The second book in the Cold Climate Gardener's Library, *Growing Roses in Cold Climates* contains everything a gardener needs to know about growing healthy, hardy roses in cold climate conditions. As many as 65 percent of America's gardeners live in colder regions, and based on extensive market research, gardeners in cold climates need, and are willing to pay for, specific information on growing roses under adverse conditions. This handsome, comprehensive, and fully-illustrated volume contains pertinent information for growing 700 varieties of roses; a five-star rating system based on extensive field testing that helps readers select the very best roses for cold climates; organic and inorganic remedies for common rose problems; tip and hints drawn from 60 years of hands-on growing experience; and detailed mail order source lists for each class of rose. From the basics, including step-by-step photos that show exactly how to winter-protect roses to advanced methods of propagation, this growing guide has it all. It is truly the cold climate rose gardener's bible.