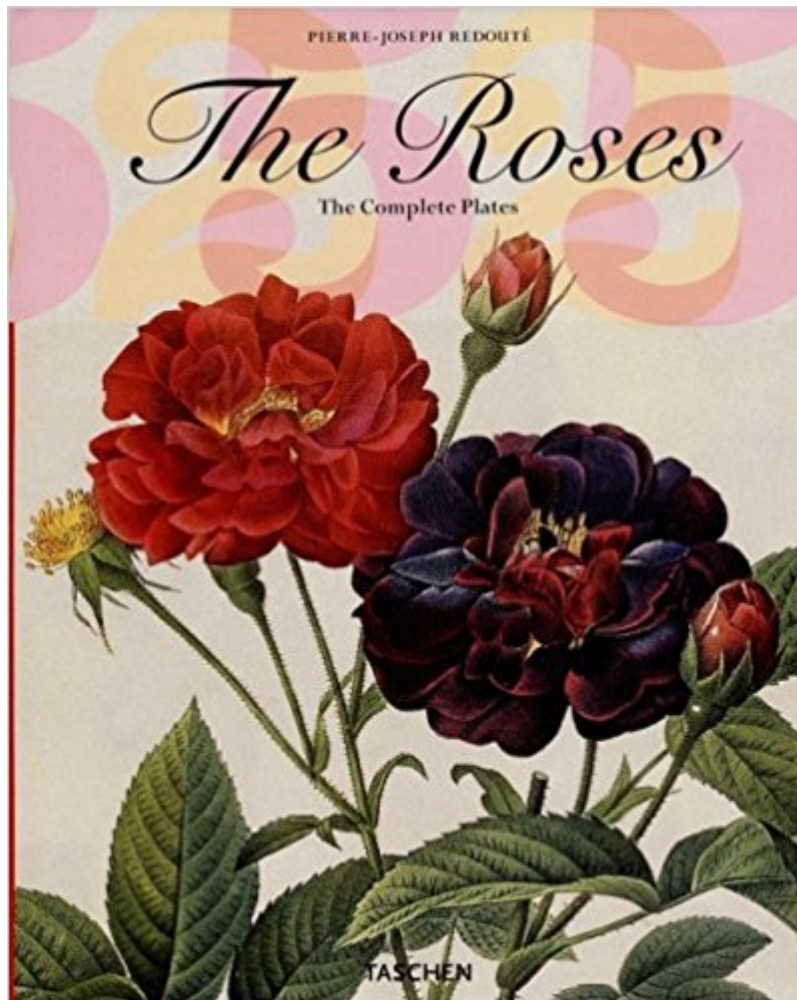




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Petra-Andrea Hinz (born 1956) studied biology at the ETH in Zurich, specialising in botany. She

presented her doctorate on Systematic Botany to the Conservatoire et Jardin Botaniques in Geneva. She has been involved in a project on the history of botany at the Institute of the History of the Natural Sciences at the Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich since 1992. Barbara Schulz trained as a graphic artist and has since been working as a restorer. She has an excellent knowledge of graphic techniques, and has devoted particular attention to the work of Redoute.

Gorgeous Dahling! plus, it has a section that describes in detail how the printing process of the book was done back in 1800's. Now I want one of those books, an original!

Oh my goodness this ok was worth 100.00 and I'm sure at one time it sold for that. I paid 1 Penney and 3.99 shipping. It was gorgeous.

It is really amazing that this book is so inexpensive. When I got it it seemed like it would easily cost 40 dollars. There is about 20 pages of introduction and then about 180 pages of plates, all of them in color and completely framable. They are large, too. I haven't measured yet but they look like they'll need 11x14 frames. They are really going to look great. And the intro has some interesting info, about the artist and about roses.

This is a huge book. I bought it purposely to cut it up and frame the pictures, which I did. They are quite lovely. It's cheaper to buy a used book from for this purpose than to buy the prints themselves.

Love it

I really appreciate the quality and affordability of this Taschen book of Pierre-Joseph Redoute's Roses. If you are a collector of art books, whether botanical in nature or not, you will know that such a collection is not often available at a price that anyone and everyone can buy. I am not a fan or an advocate of destroying books, but at this price even I am tempted to buy a copy to use for framing and decorating around the house, and have another copy to enjoy, collect, and keep. It is rare to find an affordable complete plate collection, let alone one that I am really excited about, but as Redoute is widely known as the definitive rose artist of botany's golden age of observation and exploration, I believe this is a must have for lovers of botanical art, natural history prints, or roses in general. It is a good sized book, but not so large that it wouldn't fit in a standard bookshelf like some folio print

books. Just another way of making this book appealing to anyone and everyone in addition to its egalitarian price.

Ohmygosh! This book is far nicer than I had expected. Because the reviews posted on gave the book such glowing testimonials, I decided to purchase one as a gift for a rose-loving friend and one for myself. I wasn't disappointed. Gorgeous prints. Interesting reading. And a wonderful glossary at the back. This book definitely rates 5 stars!

Excellent source for Redoute's floral prints.

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