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Jackson & Perkins Rose Companions
(Jackson & Perkin's Gardening Guides)

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Synopsis

Rose Companions will give gardeners of all levels the information they need to create a beautiful landscape, whether they already have an established garden and want to add roses and other plants to it, or if they are growing roses and want to enhance them with companion plants, or if they are starting from scratch and have always dreamed of a garden lush with flowers-including roses.

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Customer Reviews

This is an excellent guide to integrating roses into a garden with other plants instead of keeping them in a separate location in a bare, mulched rose bed. Well written text and good pictures. Shame on the publisher, though, for such poor copyediting! Next time pay a good copyeditor or proofreader and spare yourself the embarrassment of roses "baring their hips" (bearing, perhaps?) and "while your nose is ravaging the blooms" (really? RAVAGING?) and miscellaneous omitted words.

The author's rose experience gives the knowledgeable rosarian broader understanding and the novice rich new territory to discover. Roses become assets for gardens rather than specimens separated from the whole. If I had this book when I first began my rose adventures it would have been a constant source of help and inspiration.

I was very happy to find that a professional okays the planting of other flowers around roses rather than just having them sitting in lonely positions surrounded by bare dirt in formal rose garden. The
author did, however, spend more time talking about individual roses than he did about the mechanics/care needed for success in the garden beds in mixing the plantings. I'm glad I read the book.

If I could give zero stars I would. I purchased bare root rose bush earlier this year. Planted per instructions and it sprout only few leaves. Eventually it lost all of its leaves turned totally brown and died. Jackson and Perkins refused to replace the rose bush. Big mistake buying bare roots from them and I will never buy from them again. Best bet is to buy potted roses from a local nursery or home depot which offer a replacement and avoid Jackson and Perkins.