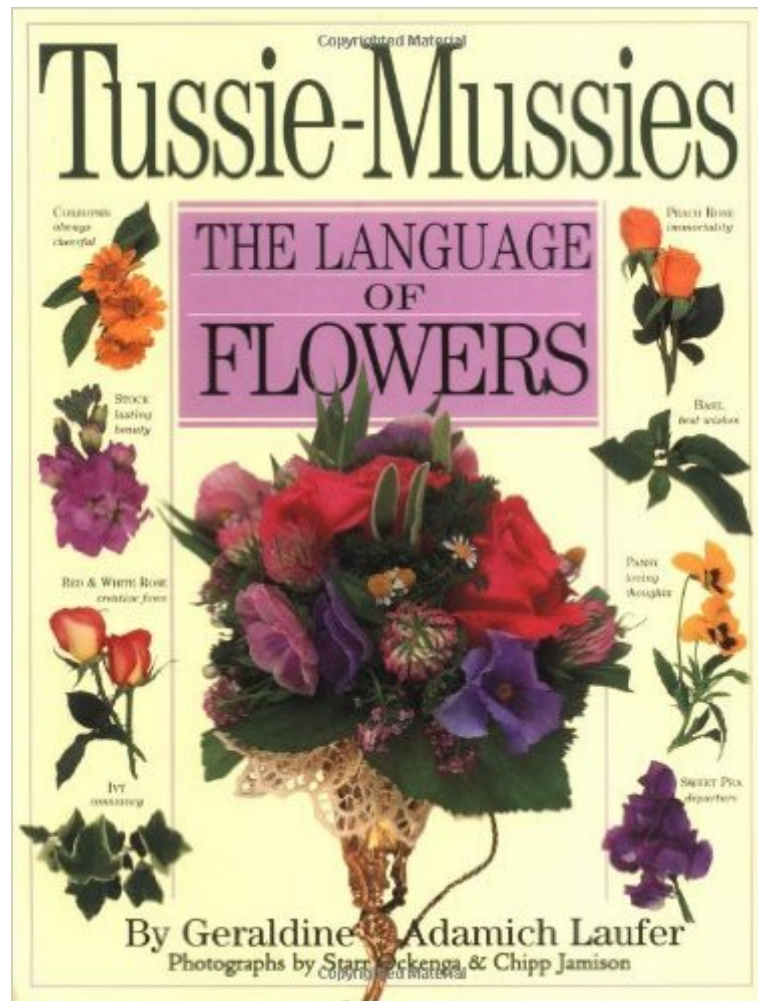


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# Tussie-Mussies: The Language Of Flowers



## Synopsis

Tussie-Mussies reacquaints readers with the complex and delightful language of flowers, and the art of making them speak through Victorian "talking bouquets" called tussie-mussies. Now Tussie-Mussies is available in a stunning paperback edition. A celebration of craft, lore, and language, Tussie-Mussies is a full-color guide to tussie-mussies, how to make them, and how the symbolic meanings of flowers and herbs have developed over the centuries. Roses that are red mean only one thing-Love-while a yellow rose may range from Friendship to Jealousy. Daisies are for Innocence, ivy for Fidelity, rosemary for Remembrance. Then comes the delightful task of arranging individual flowers and herbs together to compose a specific message to a friend or loved one. A floral poet, Geraldine Laufer shows how to make 60 bouquets-tussie-mussies to declare Ardent Love, say Happy Birthday, celebrate a Newborn, mark an Anniversary, honor a Mentor, admit an Infatuation, or even announce a Bitter Rivalry. Indeed, any sentiment can be crafted with a few blooms, woolen yarn, and scissors.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is chock full of photographs not only of the gorgeous tussies it teaches you how to make, but of the actual process of making them. Very clear and concise directions that are easy to follow for the beginner and give the experienced flower lover something to build on. I hope this book brings back a bit of the romance of tussies from bygone days - every man who has a woman in his life should surprise her with flowers with meaning and not more insipid scentless hothouse roses. This

is a great guide.

This is a very charming book with lots of historical facts as well as beautiful pictures and drawings. The history of the talking bouquet is quite interesting, being influenced from several different countries. Lots of specific bouquets are pictured and labeled, including bouquet examples for "Admiring a Creative Talent", "Embarking on a New Adventure", "First Day in a New School/Job/City", and "Support During a Difficult Divorce" to name a few. There are several dozen more. The step-by-step guide to making these bouquets were easy to follow. A wonderful gift book.

This is a delightful book for anyone who loves flowers! It defines what each flower represents, and, of old, a Tussie-Mussie was created to express either sorrow, joy, new baby, new love, old love, and well, I could go on! Makes a charming gift - I have given it several times and got major accolades for my random wisdom - you do the same.

A great little reference book for all professional florists; there is always that customer who wants to know the history or meaning of a certain flower, this is a great book to have on hand. Magnolia Village Florist, Inc. Seattle, WA

Its basically what I was wanting. It has little snippets of history in it and it does describe what certain plants mean but its not in as much detail as i had been hopping for. So if i want like..a starter book this is good. Plus...you really can't complain too much because of how cheep it is.:P So this is quite good, the paperback is of good quality so you dont have to worry about it ripping with the slittest uh oh.

Flowers can say all kinds of things: "I love you"; "How could you?!"; "Let's get married"; "Happy Birthday"; just about anything. I orginally got this book for some research on Victorian customs and realized it can still be used today. This book goes way past just pretty pictures, though there are dozens of ideas for Tussie Mussies to give to friends and family. There is a history of Tussie Mussies and a Step by Step guide to making a Tussie Mussie in the front, and -- my personal favourite -- TWO glossaries, a Vocabulary of Flowers and an Index of Sentiments. For research or fun, this is definitely the book to have.

Excellent book and very easy to use as reference. My old copy of this got loaned out & lost track of

"where & who", will not let this one out of my sight, amazing how many times I use it through the year.

I ordered 2 paper back versions. One came boxed and in excellent condition; the other one was in a manilla envelope rolled up in my mail box. When I opened it, it had bad water damage, and looked too bad to give a friend. Unfortunately, I don't recall which sender sent that one. I usually have very good success with used books from ..So, one was excellent, the other very bad.

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