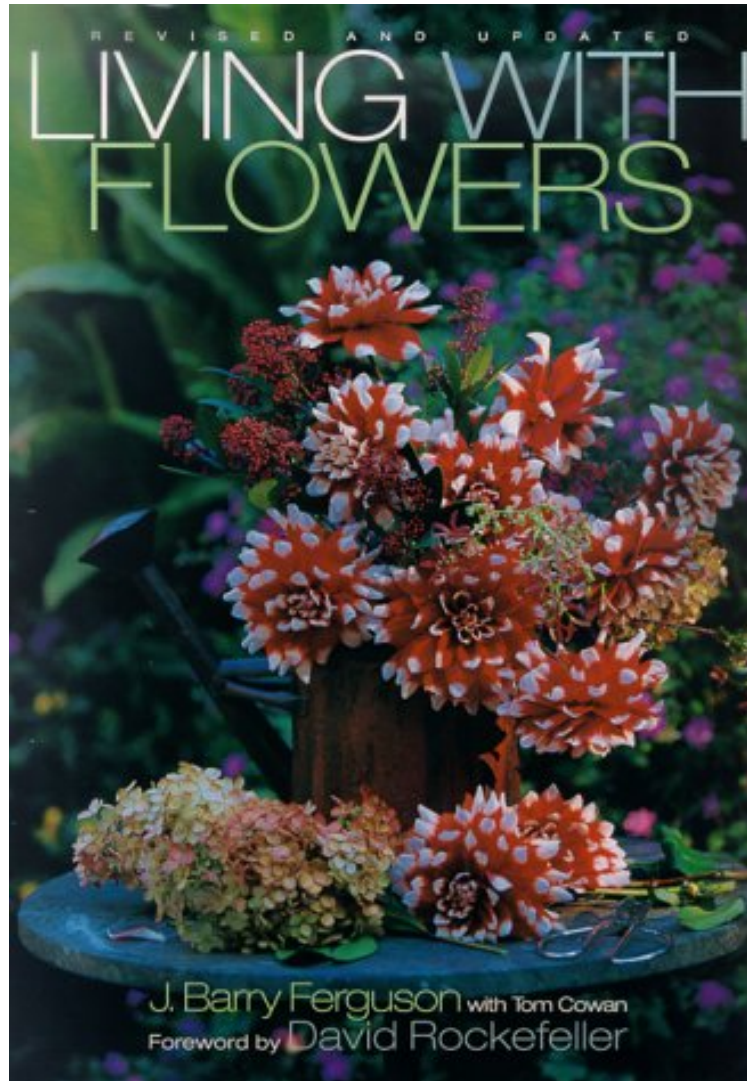


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.com Flowers, says author/florist/designer J. Barry Ferguson, "feed our minds and imaginations with new possibilities." Each season has its own unique blooms which thrive with a little love and attention whether it be green hollies in the winter, bright yellow spring tulips, the heady roses of summer, or the hardy, late-blooming mums of autumn. And with the abundance of cut flowers, you can turn your home into lovely, fragrant bower no matter what the season. Ferguson adores flowers and his passion is evident on every page of *Living with Flowers*. Though at first the language may seem a bit high-faluting, it quickly becomes apparent that he speaks with reverence of nature's wonders and considers working with flowers a form of worship. As you read on, he draws you in; soon you see how a bouquet of sunflowers could transform your dining room and imagine how tranquil it would be to find a nosegay of posies on your bedside table. Whether you live in a city apartment or on an acre in the country, Ferguson has suggestions on how to integrate flowers into your everyday life. "Flowers do give a room a touch of your own personality," he says, "and speak of what is meaningful to you, no matter if the signal is quiet and modest or loud and clear." He includes sections on special occasions, flowers as gifts, and herbs, followed by where to buy and how to care for your flowers. The photography is inspiring, giving examples of both mammoth displays and simple buds in vases. --Dana Van Nest

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