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**Jane Fearnley-Whittingstall : Peonies** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Peonies:

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. DisappointingBy JenI'm what I call an in-between gardner, neither expert nor novice. So, when I started my search for peonies, I wanted a book that offered both good botanical information as well as really good photographs. After all, it would be difficult to find a local source to view all the myriad different peonies in person. Given that Jane Fearnley-Whittingstall was repeatedly referred to as the expert on peonies, I chose her book. Sadly, I was very disappointed that there seemed to be more reproductions of artwork (not necessarily of peonies) than there were of actual plants, and the photos themselves were rather drab and uninspiring. In fact, on page 94 there was a black and white drawing of a semi-nude Clara Maria Pope, a botanical artist in the early 1800s, lying in bed. Really??? This book has a lot of historical information about peonies, which is interesting, but I

was expecting many more photos. In fairness, she includes a fairly extensive list of the various peonies currently available, but a written description of color and habit is simply inadequate up against a photo. This book was published in 1999 so there's no excuse for not having included lots of good quality photos. Therefore, I would not recommend this book except, perhaps, to die-hard peony lovers, who already know a lot but are looking for more historical information.<sup>2</sup> of 2 people found the following review helpful. This book is a treasure for lovers of Peonies!By E. A. SchimmelpfennigFor any lover of peonies, this a heavenly book. I am thrilled to have discovered it and to have it in my library.<sup>1</sup> of 1 people found the following review helpful. Broad overview guideBy Heather GladneyNice pictures and information on some of the classic varieties, which stay in commerce much longer than with some other kinds of plants.

The ultimate study of the peony: a celebration of its place in art and in history as well as a practical guide to its cultivation.

.com Jane Fearnley-Whittingstall's *Peonies* is a ravishing book--the sort of book that you covet from the moment you see it--but it isn't just lovely to look at, it is also a wonderful read. It tells the long and fascinating history of this most beautiful of flowers, tracing its origins in the wild to its cultivation in the Imperial gardens of China and Japan and its journey to the West. The characters encountered along the way include an empress who arranged for the planting of many thousands of tree peonies, yet murdered her baby daughter and in her 70s took two brothers half her age as lovers, and a French missionary who spent most of his life in China collecting over 1,500 species of peony, most of which were sent back to France. As befits its subject, the book is lavishly illustrated with paintings and photographs that are both informative and appealing. But this is not just a wonderful story well told. It is also a serious work of reference giving comprehensive information on peony varieties, how to grow them, where to find them, and where to see them. It's written with the international reader in mind, so references include information relevant to the U.S., Australia, and New Zealand as well as Great Britain and Europe. --Stephanie DonaldsonFrom the PublisherWith their dramatically showy flowers, peonies are among the most sumptuous blooms in the garden. These lush perennials work their enchantment every day of the year in this gorgeous-and practical-full-color gardening book. Award-winning garden designer Jane Fearnley-Whittingstall provides advice on planting 200 varieties of peonies; extensive lists detailing size, flower shape, and color of both tree and herbaceous peonies; garden plans; and a Top Ten list selecting peonies for fragrance, cut flowers, autumn color, early, late, and long flowering, robustness, and much more. With stunning illustrations and information on peonies' history around the world, their depiction in fine and decorative art, and their use in 20th-century gardens created by Gertrude Jekyll, William Robinson, and other notable designers, *Peonies* will delight gardeners everywhere. 200 photographs in full color 7 3/8 x 9 3/4" Jane Fearnley-Whittingstall's garden designs have won awards at England's renowned Chelsea Flower Show. Author of several garden -ing books, she lives in Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, England.About the AuthorJane Fearnley-Whittingstall works as a landscape and garden designer creating or restoring period gardens, uncovering the contribution of previous generations and understanding how it reflects the garden maker's love affair with his or her plot. Recent restoration projects include an 18th century town garden in The Circus, Bath, the early 19th century garden at Cliveden, and the famous rose garden at Sudeley Castle. She is the author of *PEONIES, THE IMPERIAL FLOWER*, *GARDENING MADE EASY* and *GARDEN PLANTS MADE EASY*.