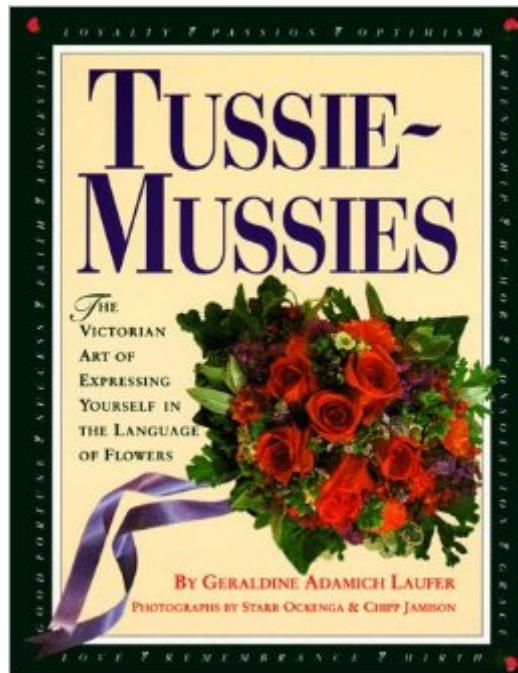


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# Tussie-Mussies: The Victorian Art Of Expressing Yourself In The Language Of Flowers



## Synopsis

Rediscover the language of flowers, and the art of sending floral messages. A celebration of craft, lore, and language, *Tussie Mussies* is a stunning, full-color guide to tussie mussies, how to make them, and how the symbolic meanings of flowers and herbs have developed over centuries. Dubbed a Floral Poet, Geri Laufer shows how to make 60 bouquets--tussie mussies to declare Ardent Love, say Happy Birthday, wish Congratulations, express Sympathy, celebrate a Newborn, mark an Anniversary, or honor a Mentor. Selection of the Book-of-the-Month Club, Newbridge Book Club, and the Garden Book Club. Photographs by Starr Ockenga and Chipp Jamison

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## Customer Reviews

My friend and I used this book as a source for a program for my garden club. We did this in January when our gardens were bare, or so we thought. After looking, we were able to find lots of things that were useful as well as meaningful. With a few dollars worth of flowers from the grocery store we made several examples from the book (with a few substitutions). We were delighted at how beautifully they turned out. I talked about the language of flowers and then showed everybody our samples. We had assembled a variety of ingredients and then each of our 15 members created her own Tussie Mussie. Each one turned out differently and each was charming. I cannot wait for a reason to make another one. We had a hoot of a time. My only complaint with the book was that there were not enough sources of materials such as holders, etc. Thank you for such a beautiful

book.

I have used this delightful book for reference and inspiration countless times since buying it several years ago. It's paid for itself and then some! Tussie-mussies never fail to provide a gracious touch to the giving of flowers. Anyone can merely present flowers, but to customize the bouquet to the recipient or occasion? Truly impressive and touching! I once attended a luncheon honoring a well-known philanthropist. The hostess spent a fortune on catering for the event and decorated the banquet table with an enormous [\$] floral arrangement of spring flowers. The well-traveled multimillionairess was cordial but a trifle bored (been there/done that) until I presented my tussie-mussie, assembled just for her, with a hand-lettered scroll listing the flowers and their definitions. She was astonished and fascinated. That's all she talked about afterwards--the table arrangement could have been dandelions and crab grass. Even if you don't actually make up a tussie-mussie from real flowers, Laufer's book has other terrific uses. I used it to design a bouquet in watercolors for my aunt's memorial service program. You will relish this book!

I have read this book and use it as a ref guide in our work shop. We manufacture tussies. The only wrong thing about this book is it does not have a glossary of where one can purchase the things they would need to make these wonderful tussies. As in WHERE could you purchase the holders? or who makes holders like this? Also where can you purchase special ribbons. and so on. We make these as our job, but for the home garden person who perhaps would like to dabble into this as a gift making idea will not find much in the way of suppliers. Anyone can use lace and doilies, but the real EYECATCHERS are the hand casted resin containers! Too bad they didnt say or give a list of suppliers. Other Than that.... it is a well photographed book.

The language and symbolism of flowers has been in use for centuries and yet has been all but lost in recent times. This book is nicely illustrated and sets out both the history and the symbolism of the subject clearly and in simple language that we can all relate to. It also demonstrates the practicalities of constructing a bouquet or tussie mussie of flowers for yourself.

I've loved gardening and flower arranging all my life and just purchased a copy of this masterpiece, "Tussie-Mussies: The Victorian Art of Expressing Yourself in the Language of Flowers." I am simply entranced by the idea that individual flowers have unique meaning and that grouping them together can convey an entire story. The 60 examples outlined in the book are intriguing and compelling such

as, congratulations on acceptance to college and support during a bitter divorce. The gorgeous full-color photo illustrations and nosegay maps make it very easy to identify flowers that are new to me. The introductory history of the language of flowers is both informative and entertaining. I appreciate the steadfast dedication to the topic it took to bring this incredible publication to life. It will be my cherished reference and a pleasurable read for many years!

Got this book to help plan our wedding and the flower arrangements to choose the right flowers for the event. Wow, it has a lot of information and is great for making a statement in flowers. It gives you the Victorian meaning and the present day use of each flower along with some history. Good choice.

I ordered both books that the author had published with two different year dates. Naturally you would think that it was two different books. NOT. It is the very same book. It just has a different publishing date and front cover. To me that is not right. Also it is very little in it about making the tussie mussies and more about the flowers and what they mean. I returned one of the books and thinking about returning the other one.

Geraldine Laufer's book on Tuissie-Mussies answered all my questions about these custom bouquets. It not only gave a detailed history but also offered over 50 modern day applications.

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