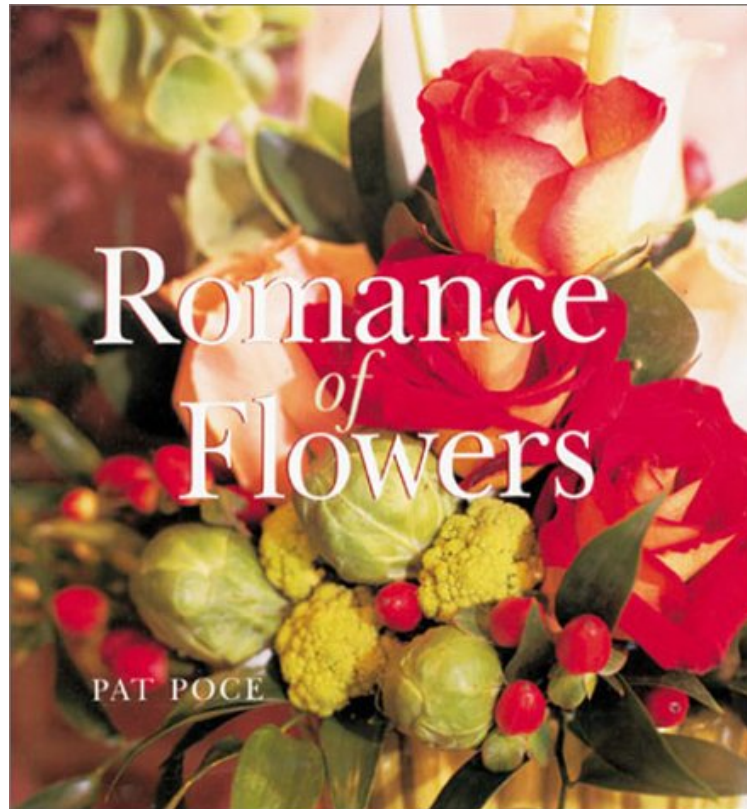


## Romance of Flowers

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Have a passion for flowers? Create the absolutely perfect present. Make any occasion truly unforgettable. Make the ideal decoration for any celebration? Month by month, from summer party days to merry Christmases, mark every holiday with these blossom-rich, extravagant ideas (accompanied by lyrical photo essays) for unusual bouquets, surprising arrangements, and exquisite presentations. With information on selecting, mixing, and preserving your flowers, too!

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