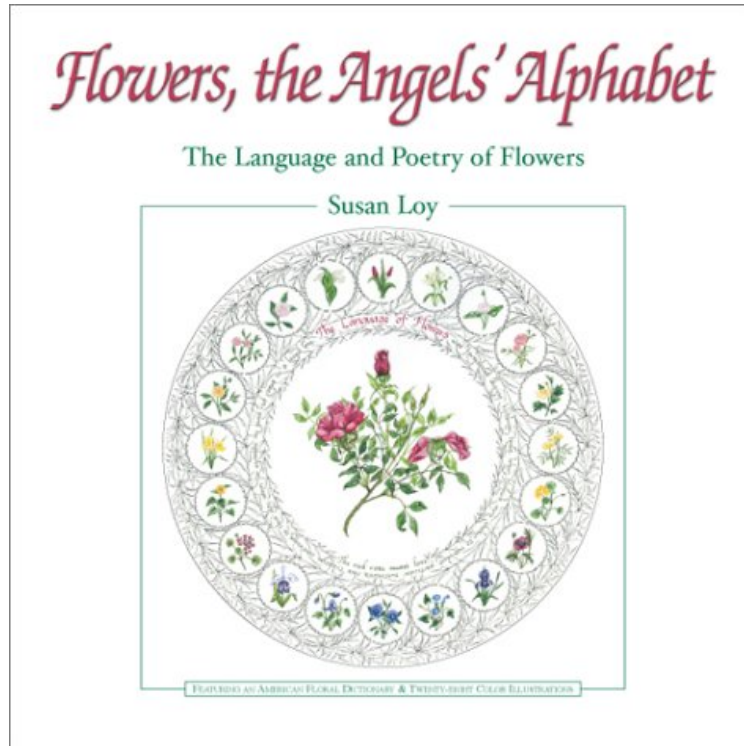


# Flowers, the Angels Alphabet: The Language and Poetry of Flowers

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Shakespeare, and Dickinson, as well as extensive information on flower origins, naming, cultivation, and habitat. Flowers, The Angels' Alphabet is an exhaustive, "reader friendly", floral dictionary with over 2,900 individual entries comprising an American "Language of Flowers" that is as fun as it is informative.

Language of flowers book contains original floral art, classic floral poems and texts, and extensive floral dictionaries. Literary Calligraphy paintings incorporate flowers and hand-lettered poems or texts relating to that flowers origin, name, cultivation, and habitat. Two floral dictionaries (, entries) are organized by flower and sentiment. Appendix includes American, British, and French dictionaries from Victorian-era books. Complete index.

... not only beautiful but a treasury of references, definitions and source material regarding every flower that has ever sprouted. -- The Roanoke Times Sunday, November 25, 2001 The Roanoke Times Sunday, November 25, 2001 The Roanoke Times, November 25, 2001 Susan Loy has created a sumptuous, wonderful book, an important historical study and a delight for gardeners, artists... -- Daniel Lombardo, Former Curator, Emily Dickinson Special Collection Susan's work is just wonderful. I think everyone should have a Susan Loy. -- Nikki Giovanni, Poet From the Publisher Susan Loys Literary Calligraphy art is known worldwide, so that her first book had to meet the high expectations of her thousands of enthusiastic collectors. Flower the Angels Alphabet is a special gift book that is both beautiful and useful. The book and its exquisite illustrations are produced on heavy, acid-free paper with a deluxe cloth binding. Each illustration stands alone to lend an uncluttered feel to the book. The illustrations were produced over a period of 20 years as part of Susan Loys popular Language of Flowers Collection of Literary Calligraphy prints. Scholarship and thoroughness were goals for the text of the book. Each of the 28 individual flower chapters give consistent literary and botanical information about each flower. The 2,900 entries in the floral dictionaries are the most complete and detailed of any historical or contemporary language of flowers book. There is a section on poetry of the language of flowers; poems from Longfellow, Browning and others discuss and/or mention the language of flowers specifically. A 50-page appendix directly links each literary flower to its corresponding botanical classification. A complete bibliography and index are included. From the Inside Flap Discover new significance in your favorite flower. Susan Loy has compiled a unique American floral dictionary based on the historic language of flowers. The dictionary includes a vocabulary of 1,400 flowers with their associated sentiments as well as 1,500 sentiments with their associated flowers. The tradition of attaching flowers with sentiments or virtues is ancient and universal. It was formalized in Victorian England, France, and America with the publication of books containing a dictionary of flowers with their corresponding meanings. In the language of flowers, the red rose means love while the lily of the valley signifies the return of happiness. Every flower symbolizes a trait drawn from life and nature. This book grew out of the Susan Loys use of this tradition to create a series of Literary Calligraphy watercolor paintings called The Language of Flowers Series. The book includes twenty-eight color reproductions of these exquisitely detailed paintings, which contain a total of 139 individual flower drawings. Each painting incorporates hand-lettered poems or texts expressing meanings related to love, nature, peace, serenity, friendship, and many more. Flowers, the Angels Alphabet will be of interest to gardeners and flower lovers wanting to know the meanings of the flowers around them. The comprehensive dictionary listings and extensive cross references will delight artists, designers, florists, gardeners, writers, and anyone who appreciates a lovely flower..