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Flowers have been given a special significance for centuries. They have long been treasured for their scent and their beauty. Perhaps nobody has esteemed flowers, however, as highly as the people of the Victorian age. For them, flowers were so important they even used them to convey secret messages. Using flowers, gentlemen and ladies became more courageous in expressing their feelings. As the English poet Thomas Hood so eloquently stated, "Sweet flowers alone can say what passion fears revealing."

Here are some special flowers and the sentiments assigned to them in floriography, the floral language of the Victorian era.

Aster: Symbol of Love, Daintiness
Azalea: First Love
Camellia (Pink): Longing For You
Camellia (Red): You're a Flame in My Heart
Camellia (White): You're Adorable
Carnation (Pink): I'll Never Forget You
Carnation (Red): My Heart Aches For You
Carnation (Solid): Yes
Carnation (Striped): No, Refusal, Sorry I Can't Be with You, Wish I Could Be with You
Carnation (White): Innocence, Pure Love
Carnation (Yellow): You Have Disappointed Me, Rejection
Chrysanthemum (Red): I Love You
Chrysanthemum (Yellow): Slighted Love
Daffodil: Unequalled Love, You're the Only One
Daisy: Innocence, Loyal Love
Dogwood: Love Undiminished by Adversity
Fern (Maidenhair): Secret Bond of Love
Forget-Me-Not: True Love, Memories
Gardenia: You're Lovely, Secret Love

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Ivy: Wedded Love, Fidelity
Jonquil: Love Me, Affection Returned, Desire
Lavender: Devoted Love
Lotus: Estranged Love
Moss: Maternal Love, Charity
Orange Blossom: Eternal Love, Marriage and Fruitfulness
Orchid: Love, Beauty, Refinement
Peony: Bashful Love
Primrose: Happy Love
Poppy: Hopeless Love
Rose (Pink): Perfect Happiness, Please Believe Me
Rose (Red): Love, I Love You

Rose (Thornless): Love at First Sight
Rose (White): Innocence and Purity, I am Worthy of You
Rose (Yellow): Decrease of Love, Jealousy
Rosebud (Red): Pure and Lovely
Spider Flower: Elope with Me
Tulip (General): Perfect Lover
Tulip (Red): Believe Me, Declaration of Love
Tulip (Variegated): Beautiful Eyes
Zinnia: Absent Love

Revive the romance of times gone by. Give a bouquet of flowers that not only has a special scent or special beauty, but a special meaning. Share the secret language of flowers.

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A Beautiful Rose Is Nature's Gift

By Mike Yeager

Roses are one of nature's most beautiful and splendid gifts. Roses come in a variety of colors and scents, from deep, deep red to the brightest yellow. The many petals on roses offer a texture and fullness to roses that far outshine any other flowers. Black roses, red roses and white roses have all been used in historical writings. Even Sherlock Holmes paused from his busy work while solving the case of "The Naval Treaty" and said, "All other things ...are really necessary for our existence...But this rose is an extra. Its smell and its color are an embellishment of life, not a condition of it. It is only goodness which gives extras, and so I say again that we have much to hope from the flowers.

It's interesting that something as beautiful as roses are also equipped with sharp thorns. An interesting play on our concept of taking the good with the bad from nature. The most esteemed of all cultivated

plants, are the true roses. Rosa occurs indigenously in the north temperate zone and in tropical mountain areas, usually as erect or climbing shrubs with five-petaled fragrant flowers. The rose has been a favorite flower in many lands since prehistoric times. It appears in the earliest art, poetry, and tradition. It has been used in innumerable ways in decoration. In ancient times it was used medically. But, for many gardeners just being able to grow beautiful roses is reward enough.

You can search all over the web to find some great resources to help. Yellow roses, blue roses or climbing roses can all be found on the internet. Take your time to look around and consider what kind of roses you would like to have blooming in your garden.

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