

PRESS & MEDIA KIT · 2026

Catherine Horwood

Author & Historian · Horticultural & Social History
Biographies of Women Gardeners

BOOKS

6 books published

AWARD

European Garden Book of the Year 2020

ACADEMIC

PhD — Royal Holloway, University of London

FORTHCOMING

Penelope Hobhouse: A Life in Gardens (2026)

WRITTEN FOR

BBC Radio 4 · Gardens Illustrated · Daily Telegraph · The English Garden



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02 ABOUT CATHERINE

QUICK BIO

Quick Bio.

Catherine Horwood is an author and historian specialising in horticultural and social history, with a particular focus on pioneering women gardeners. Her books include the European Garden Book of the Year winner *Beth Chatto: A Life with Plants*. She has written for the *Daily Telegraph*, *Gardens Illustrated*.

★ EUROPEAN GARDEN BOOK OF THE YEAR 2020 — *BETH CHATTO: A LIFE WITH PLANTS*

MEDIUM BIO

Medium Bio.

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AUTHOR, HISTORIAN & BROADCASTER

Full Biography.

FULL BIOGRAPHY — FOR EDITORIAL USE

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She writes at the intersection of horticulture, biography, and social history, asking how gardens and the people who made them have reflected — and challenged — the societies of their times. She is particularly drawn to the women who drove forward horticultural knowledge and taste, often working against the grain of convention. Her biography *Beth Chatto: A Life with Plants* (Pimpernel Press, 2019) won the European Garden Book of the Year 2020. Her other books include *Potted History: How Houseplants Took Over Our Homes* (revised edition) and *Roses: A Cultural History of the World's Favourite Flower*. She is currently completing a biography of the celebrated garden designer and author Penelope Hobhouse.

Catherine has written for the *Daily Telegraph*, *Gardens Illustrated*, and *The English Garden*, and has contributed to exhibitions and broadcasts on the history of women in horticulture. Her broadcast appearances include BBC Radio 4 Extra, the RHS podcast, Gimlet's *Every Little Thing*, Daniel Glenn's podcast, and *Mic the Gardener*. A trustee of the Camden Highline, she is a popular speaker at gardening clubs and horticultural societies across the UK.

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04 — BOOKS

Books.

Six books across horticultural and social history.

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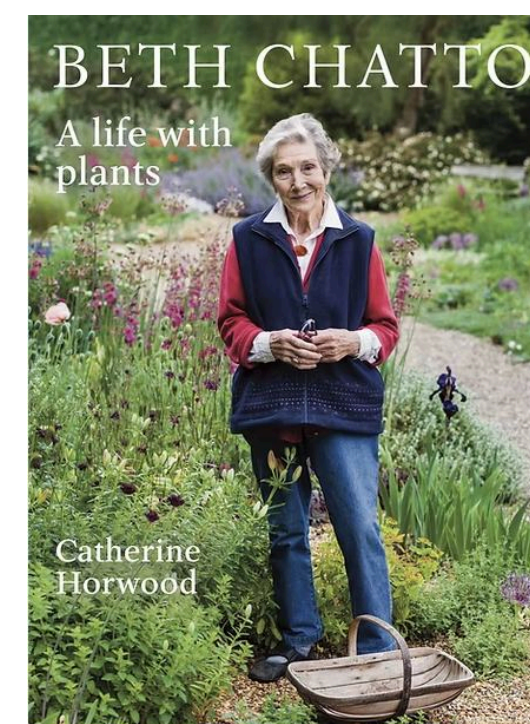
COMING SOON

FORTHCOMING · 2027

Penelope Hobhouse: A Life in Gardens

A biography of one of the most significant figures in late twentieth-century garden design and writing.

AVAILABLE FOR PREVIEW INTERVIEWS



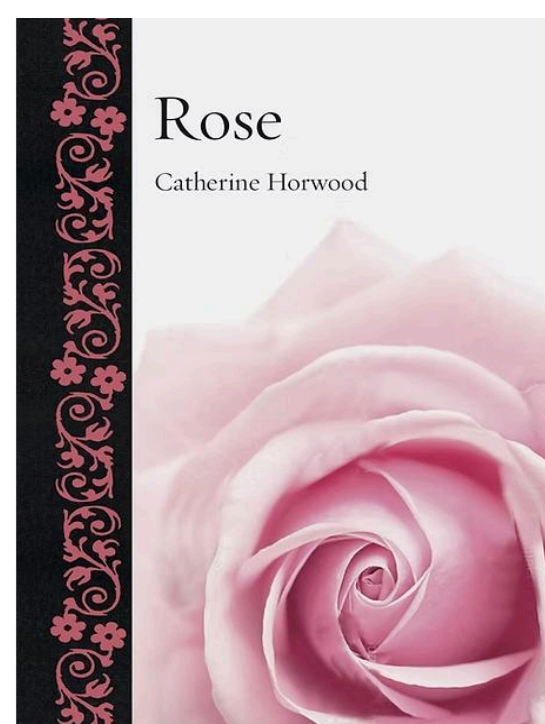
PIMPERNEL PRESS · SEPTEMBER 2019

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FERGUS GARRETT — GARDENS ILLUSTRATED

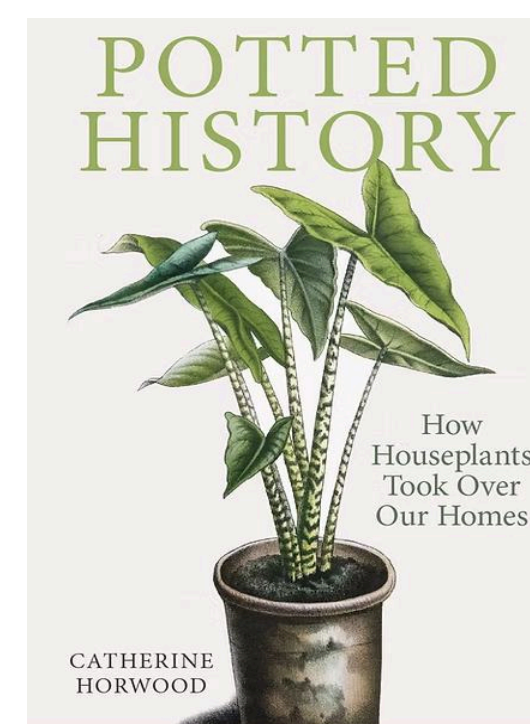


REAKTION PRESS · 2018

Roses: A Cultural History of the World's Favourite Flower

"Social historian Catherine Horwood dances us through every aspect of its botanical, cultural and literary significance."

COUNTRY LIVING



REVISED & UPDATED EDITION

Potted History: How Houseplants Took Over Our Homes

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Press Reviews.

What the critics say.

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BETH CHATTO: A LIFE WITH PLANTS

”

A compelling and rewarding read, enhanced by Catherine's talents for research and telling a good story.

THE ENGLISH GARDEN
BETH CHATTO: A LIFE WITH PLANTS

”

Brilliant, charming and beautiful... as this sympathetically written biography reveals, her apparently gilded life was far more turbulent than anyone could have suspected.

DAILY MAIL
BETH CHATTO: A LIFE WITH PLANTS

”

One of the most intimate gardening biographies yet written, integrating her story with her achievements admirably.

DAVID SEXTON — EVENING STANDARD
BETH CHATTO: A LIFE WITH PLANTS

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I recommend Catherine Horwood's Potted History — it is full of excellent detail and has taught me much.

ROBIN LANE FOX
POTTED HISTORY

”

Catherine is a consummate garden historian with a talent for storytelling. This work reflects her considerable skill.

THE ENGLISH GARDEN
POTTED HISTORY

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AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT & INTERVIEW

Broadcast & Media.

Expert topics for journalists, editors and programme researchers.

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| i Horticultural history & garden biography | ii Biographies of women gardeners |
| iii Social history of dress — 1920s & 30s | iv History of houseplants |
| v Beth Chatto & the right plant, right place ethos | |

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APPEARANCES

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| BBC RADIO | BBC Radio 4 Extra | Gertrude Jekyll at Munstead Wood |
| PODCAST | RHS Podcast | The social history of houseplants |
| PODCAST | Gimlet: Every Little Thing | Houseplants — the cultural and social history of indoor plants |
| PODCAST | Daniel Glenn's Podcast | Houseplants and horticultural history |
| PODCAST | Mic the Gardener | Author interview — Beth Chatto biography |

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