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*Colette*

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**Colette : Flowers and Fruit** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Flowers and Fruit:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Delightful visionsBy luis vargas saavedraThis collection of botanical portraits has the expected splendour of Colette's prose: sensual richness expressed in rich vocabulary and admirable syntax: a style that fits her genius like a pliable glove to a strong hand. Not only does one feel the textures and smell the perfumes and see the colours of the flowers, but moreover after such an example one learns to face flowers and fruits Colette Flowers and Fruit, with renewed wonder and enjoyment.

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From Publishers WeeklyWith their introductions, Phelps and Ward deepen one's appreciation of the 38 pieces in this collection. Written at various times in Colette's life, the exquisitely lyrical essays sing the praises of gardens au naturel in the French senseunaffected. Celebrating "Rose," the author gives fair due to a regal, perfect flower but misses "the blessed days of your imperfection . . . as God had made you, a little bitten here, a little rusted there." In "The Gardenia's Monologue," that flower boasts of its heady scent, "throwing the ignorant girl into a science I have taught her . . . and the round world reckons one more night of folly." Parts of the book were created during the bleak years of Nazi occupation, and a moving section is devoted to Colette's dreams of the abundant flower-and-fruit gardens she

would have again, although she was in her 80s and near the death that claimed her in 1954. The author's love for all "honest" growing things contrasts with her disapproval, expressed with barbed Gallic wit, of fakes like the hybrid gloxinia, "as big as a slop pail." Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. Language Notes Text: English, French (translation)