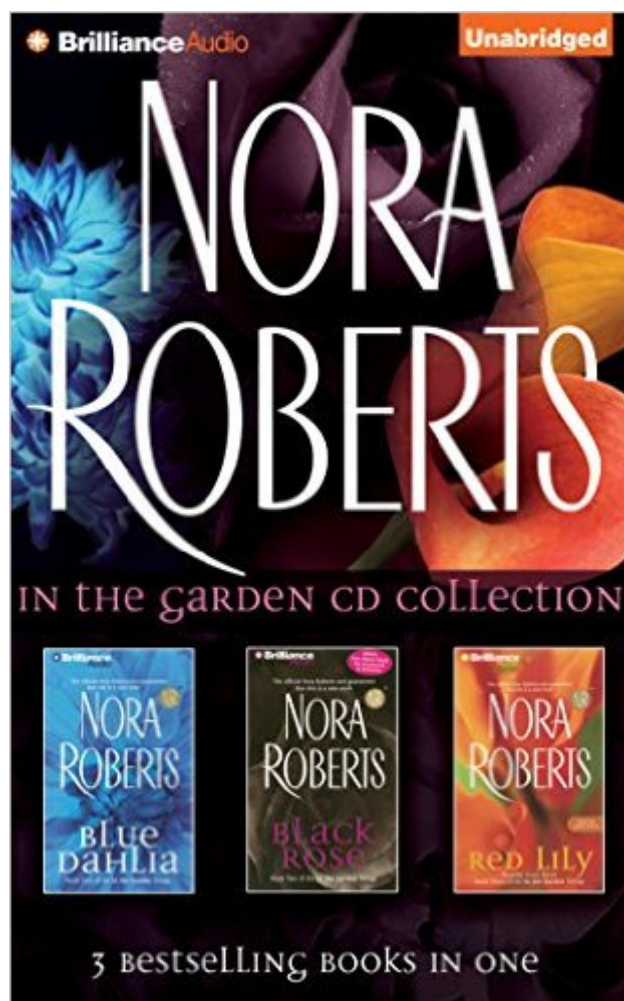


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# Nora Roberts In The Garden CD Collection: Blue Dahlia, Black Rose, Red Lily (In The Garden Series)



## Synopsis

A Harper has always lived at Harper House, the centuries-old mansion just outside of Memphis. And for as long as anyone alive remembers, the ghostly Harper Bride has walked the halls, singing lullabies at night. Blue Dahlia Young widow Stella Rothchild, along with her two energetic little boys, has moved back to her roots in southern Tennessee and into her new life at Harper House and In the Garden nursery. She finds a nurturing friendship with Roz and with expectant mother Hayley. And she discovers a fierce attraction with ruggedly handsome landscaper Logan Kitridge. But someone isn't happy about the budding romance—the Harper Bride. Black Rose A widow with three grown sons, Rosalind Harper survived a disastrous second marriage, and built her In the Garden nursery from the ground up. Hired to investigate Roz's Harper ancestors, Dr. Mitchell Carnegie finds himself just as intrigued with Roz herself. As they begin to unravel the puzzle of the Harper Bride's identity, Roz is shocked to find herself falling for the fascinating genealogist.

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## Customer Reviews

Ms. Roberts is off to a great start with her latest "Garden Series" with the first of the books being "Blue Dahlia". This read offers the fan of the paranormal romance genre everything that Ms. Roberts is known for. Tears, Laughter, and a great cast of characters that tell their own story. Major and secondary characters are all important to the telling of this story and are not used as filler. Sella Rothchild thinks that she has lost everything when her husband dies and leaves her a widow with two small boys to raise. What she needs is a change. A change comes with the chance of moving

back to southern Tennessee in order to manage a plant nursery. She is going to work for Roz Harper and help her organize her already successful operation. One catch, she must live at Harper House, a wonderful old plantation manor that just so happens to have its very own resident ghost. Oh, and one member of the staff does not want to be organized. This of course would be Logan Kiteridge. Could a man be more maddening??? It's not long before Stella is butting heads with garden designer Logan Kitridge and the sparks that fly from the first meeting only get brighter with each meeting thereafter. Soon Stella is flourishing in her new situation, and she is even allowing her heart to open again to a new man, but someone on the plantation is not happy about it. Does Logan and Stella have half a chance at finding happiness that they both want, or will someone ruin their relationship before it even gets off the ground? This was a fast-paced read that had this reader glued to the pages until the very end. Stella and Logan are a great couple, and the sparks they set off each other are fun to read about. As per normal when reading a Nora Roberts book you will find both laughter and tears which is probably why she is a NY Times Bestselling author. I highly recommend this read and I look forward to the next in the series. Official Reviewer for [www.romancedesigns.com](http://www.romancedesigns.com)

This is the first book in a wonderful series published in 2012. Paperbacks of the original book are still easily available. I really wish that publish dates would be included on a republished book.

Stella Rothchild widowed at a young age with two boys to raise, uproots her life and moves to Tennessee to take a job managing a thriving nursery. Almost immediately, she feels at home at the home her employer Roz Harper provides her and her sons. As they bring in another lost soul Hayley into the fold, Stella feels a bond with the other two women, and feels like she belongs at Harper House, and couldn't be happier about her decision to move. When she meets landscape designer Logan Kitridge, sparks ignite, and as Stella finds herself drawn to Logan, things start to happen that she can't understand. It appears that the ghost living within the confines of Harper House doesn't like Stella and Logan exploring a relationship. While everyone admits to the ghost always being a presence, they have never suffered the ire that the ghost directs toward Stella. This is a very well written mystery, and the characters are wonderful. While we are introduced to the key six main characters, the supporting characters like David are priceless. Only pieces of the story of the Harper bride are disclosed, and the rest of the story promises to be exciting.

It was through this audio-series that I was first introduced to Nora Roberts. I purchased all three books together. I loved the reader. Her voice is soothing and sensuous. The characters are sexy

(very sexy), fun, and real. The story line is captivating. It is romantic in the truest sense of the word. Love, passion, scandal, suspense, tragedy, mystery, and comedy all rolled into one! I finished all of it in four days. I couldn't stop listening. I needed to hear more. So now I'm searching for my next Nora Roberts purchase, Love this series!

Seems that I agree with many of the other reviewers here... this latest effort by Nora Roberts is just a little flat compared to many of her previous works. The basic story is about widowed mother of two, Stella Rothchild. Stella is a nut about organization. She then falls for Logan Kitridge, the scatterbrained landscaper. In the story you also meet Roz and Hayley, heroines of the next two books in the trilogy, and the Harper Bride, resident ghost. I'm hoping the other books will be more interesting, as I found Roz and Hayley to both be more fascinating than Stella. Stella was kind of boring, unfortunately. Also, I think too much of the story focused on other people and on the ghost, not enough on Logan and Stella. Their relationship seemed rather rushed and almost unrealistic. Also, the gardening aspect was just plain boring. Maybe it's because I have no interest in gardening myself... but one of the things I always liked about Nora Roberts was the interesting jobs her characters had (treasure hunters, stage magicians, talk show hosts, writers, etc). Gardening isn't quite as fun to read about as a couple who fall in love while searching the ocean for buried treasure. To be fair, Nora Roberts at mediocre is still YARDS better than most other writers at their best. I finished the book in a matter of hours and while it was not as good as some of her other stuff, it was still interesting enough to keep me reading. If I get bored with a book, I'll toss it aside and not bother finishing it. So, she gets 3 stars from me and I will be spending the money to read the other two books in the series. :)

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