

Download Flowers In The Blood The Story Of Opium

Stories and Meanings Many flowers from around the world appear in mythology. The anemone, carnation, hyacinth, lily, lotus, narcissus, poppy, rose, sunflower, and violet are among those that are associated with stories or customs from various cultures. Opium Made Easy By Michael Pollan Harper's Magazine, April 1, 1997. Last season was a strange one in my garden, notable not only for the unseasonably cool and wet weather—the talk of gardeners all over New England—but also for its climate of paranoia. Opium (poppy tears, with the scientific name: *Lachryma papaveris*) is the dried latex obtained from the opium poppy (scientific name: *Papaver somniferum*). Approximately 12 percent of the opium latex is made up of the analgesic alkaloid morphine, which is processed chemically to produce heroin and other synthetic opioids for medicinal use and for illegal drug trade. [CLICK PHOTOS FOR LARGER VIEWS](#). Amaryllis – According to legend, Amaryllis was a shy, timid maiden who fell deeply in love with Alteo, a shepherd with Hercules' strength and Apollo's beauty. Her affections, however, were unrequited. Alteo loved plants and flowers more than anything and said he would only give his heart to the maiden who brought him a unique flower he had never seen before.