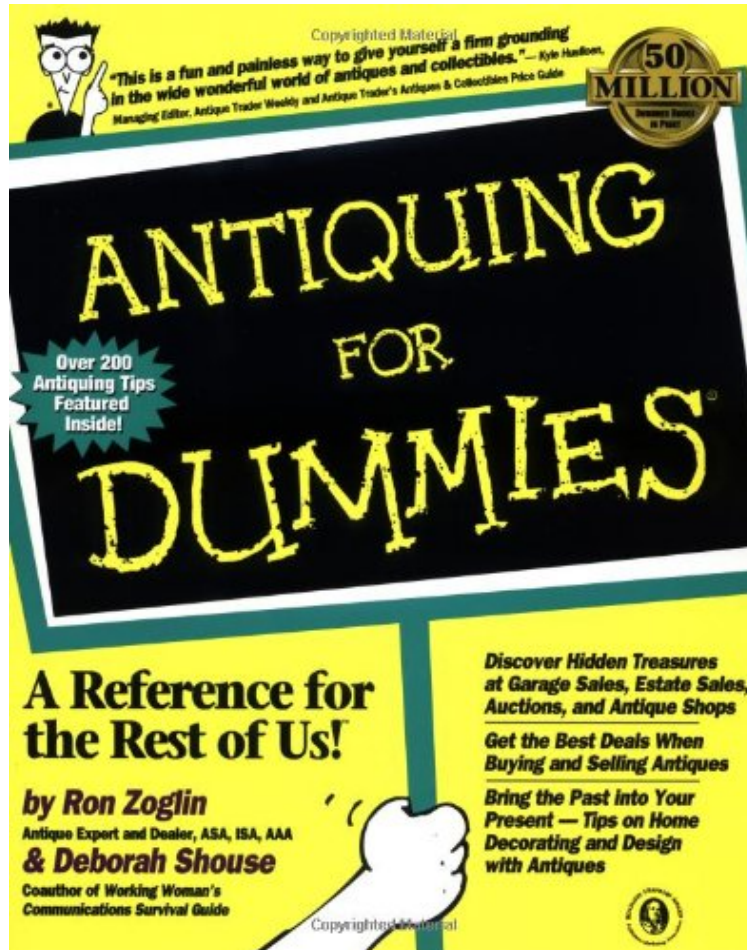


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scope of what the authors covered. I think it is very commendable that they were able to cover so many areas in one book. Obviously it is not like buying a book strictly on antique furniture or glassware or paintings! It is not supposed to be. It is a GUIDE and a very healthy boost into the world of antique collecting. People can decide what they like to collect and buy specific books on those items after reading a general book like this. Bravo to the writers and contributors. This is not an easy subject matter to enlighten people about on paper. That said, they did a very good job. As a follow up the serious student will go to all of the antique shops, museums and antique shows they can where they know they can see the authentic pieces and touch them and look at them up close. Then the book will help even more, and hopefully the reader will gain great assistance in starting a lifelong hobby that is so very rewarding and interesting! 32 of 33 people found the following review helpful. I never thought antiques could be so much fun! By Michael Friedman (novamike@silcom.com) As a sub-novice on the subject, I've always been a little intimidated walking into antique shops. So many pieces that looked so interesting and beautiful, but what hell was I really looking at here? This chair would look great in my study, but is it really worth \$700? Not much point asking the store owner, who'd be the last to point out a serious flaw, or admit that it was horribly overpriced. And when a clerk says that this table is neoclassical, can she tell that my sage nod of agreement betrays an utter lack of comprehension about what that actually means? From what little I did know, I realized that the subject of antiques was incredibly complex, and I for one did not have a lifetime to spend in arcane study. So, basically, my ignorance caused me to stay well clear of something that held a fascinating attraction for me. That is why I was so happy to find a book called Antiquing for Dummies. I knew the Dummies series fairly well, and some of the computer-related books had saved my skin at work a number of times. But could the same principles of clear, simple and entertaining prose that marked the Dummies series in general really give me enough information to get safely started with antiques? The answer was yes, and in spades! This book is not meant as a guide for those who are already experts. Instead, it is an exciting, entertaining, easy-to-read handbook that will help give timid new collectors a great overview of a vast subject, teaching them to swim safely in what might otherwise be very choppy waters for the uninitiated. The authors have a wonderful, light-hearted approach that is very non-intimidating and not the slightest bit elitist. They deliberately paint with broad brush strokes so that we can get a real feel for the subject and decide for ourselves which areas to explore more deeply. Zoglin and Shouse clearly know and love antiques, and they take the position of advocates for the reader. Instead of saying, "this stuff is way too complex for the average person," they say, "hey, antiques is fun, and with just a bit of knowledge, you can build the self-confidence to beautify your home, enrich your life, enjoy yourself and impress the hell out of your friends." I love tongue-in-cheek tone and the wide range of information and practical tips. I could not recommend this book more highly. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great seller, very good book By lakrawczyk Looks like this book will come in handy. Lots of good tips. Arrived quickly and was as described.

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humor and common sense, Ron Zoglin and Deborah Shouse demystify the highfalutin terminology of the antique world and show you step-by-step how to find, bargain for, buy, and decorate with antiques. Inside, find helpful advice on how to: Distinguish between real antiques and stuff that's just plain old Develop a plan of attack before you begin your hunt Select antiques based on the five key points of the Radar Test Accessorize your home or office with antique European, Oriental, and American glass and porcelain Clean and care for your precious finds Work an auction real time and online About the Author Ron Zoglin has been in the antique business for more than 25 years and owns Brookside Antiques in Kansas City, MO. He specializes in various types of Continental, American, and Oriental porcelain, glass, furniture, and accessories. He is an accredited senior member of the American Society of Appraisers, a certified member of the Appraisers Association of America, an accredited member of the International Society of Appraisers, and a member of the National Association of Dealers in Antiques. Deborah Shouse is the coauthor of Working Woman's Communications Survival Guide and a contributor to a number of anthologies, including the American Book Award winner I am Becoming the Woman I've Wanted. Her articles and essays have appeared in Redbook, Family Circle, Woman's Day, Reader's Digest, Family Life, and Ms.