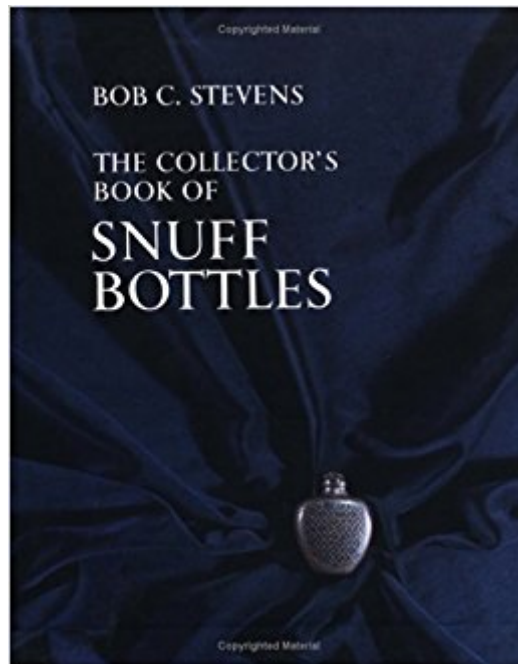




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Collector's Book Of Snuff Bottles



Synopsis

Out of print for more than 10 years, this exceptional book has become a rare item sought after by collectors for many years. This important limited edition reprint is inevitable and fulfills the growing need of new collectors for reliable and useful reference on the subject. The book is produced in Japan with the same high quality to ensure the superb feel of the original edition. Each copy is hand-numbered. It covers snuff bottles made of all the various precious materials and discussed the fundamentals of collecting and details of the symbolism, motifs, reign marks, and seals. Moreover, it includes extensive bibliography for further research.

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Customer Reviews

The Steven's book was one of the first quality reference books on Snuff bottles when it first appeared in 1976. It remains relevant today because the information is relevant and the over 1000 examples are among the finest group ever assembled for publication. Also, I first met Bob C. Stevens in January of 1979 during his visit from Tokyo to give a lecture on I Hsing snuff bottles at the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco. Bob was not an elitist as this schmuck writes. He was generous with his knowledge and inspired several generations of snuff bottle collectors. If this quality book had not been reprinted, the OP price would be beyond the average person's reach. The reprint is identical to the original first edition and is a bargain. Sounds like helconia has an axe to grind...

Probably the benchmark for snuff bottle collecting. Everyone should start here. Covers all types of bottles with rich photography. The only con is that the book is dated and only focuses on bottles that

are extremely expensive now (they were reasonably priced when the book was written).

A decent book, though, in my opinion, not worth the price. Still, books on Chinese snuff bottles are hard to come by. It is written by an authority who appears to be an elitist and obviously not down-to-earth enough to even consider collecting anything but antiques. There is nothing wrong with that attitude, but today, escalating prices of antique Chinese snuff bottles have put these out of reach of everyone except the ultra-rich. These same bottles were going for next to nothing fifty years ago. I know. I inherited some that are now worth tens of thousands of dollars. The mad craze of collecting have driven the prices out of the reach of most people. And yet, there are some modern day snuff bottle reproductions just as exquisite as those from palace workshops that deserve to be mentioned--instead to looked down on because they are not antique...My guess is that if it were mentioned that one could amass a decent snuff bottle collection without dropping a fortune, the door would be opened for the "riff-raff to enter the rarified world of snuff bottle collectors.

The best book on snuff bottles I've seen so far.

I found this book as an early collector of Chinese Snuff Bottles, and I certainly do not think there could be a better source book for either early or indeed continuing collectors. It gave me the insight, history and breadth of knowledge that I was looking for. This book should be a must in every Snuff Bottle collectors armament.

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