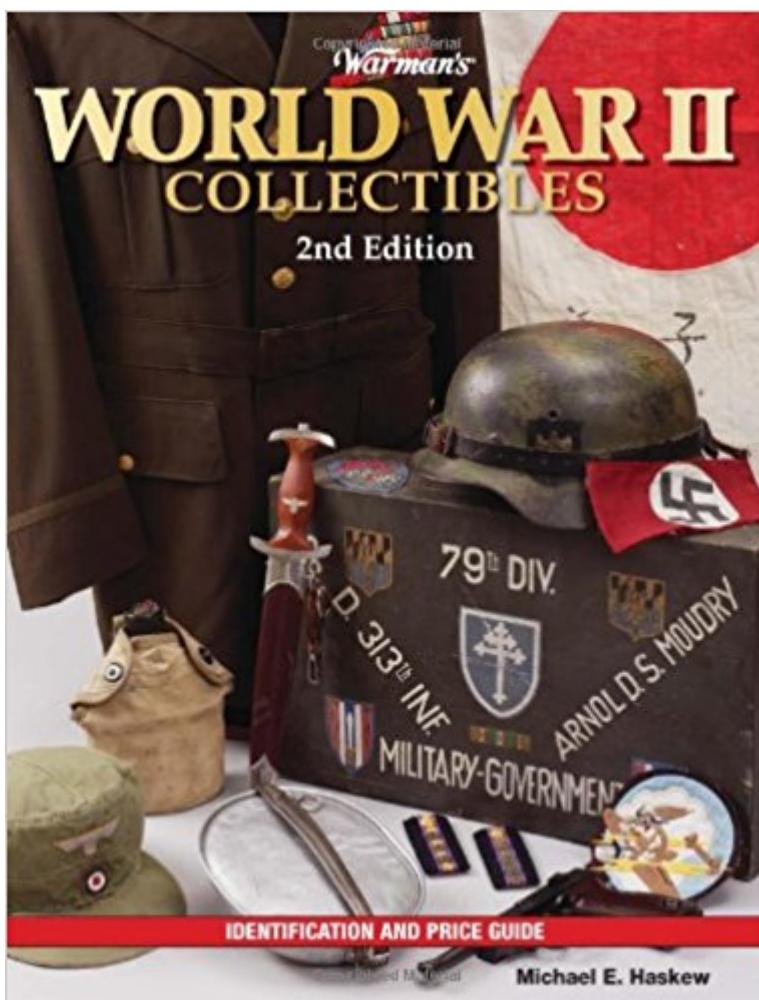


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Customer Reviews

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This book will definitely appeal more to the casual collector than the serious 'hard core' collectors of militaria. That's not to say that the book does a poor job of covering the intended subject. Instead it is a good attempt to cover too large a subject area in just one book. In its attempt to cover all areas of militaria of every country involved in WWII, it had to make sacrifices. Due to the large amount of content, it has to limit the amount of photos, sometimes to the extent that one wishes they could see the items described. Instead, the author tries to show you an example, followed by a long list of related items without pictures. I don't want to give the impression that this book lacks photos, because it doesn't. In fact the photography is excellent. It's just that there has to be a compromise between photos and text. For the casual collector this book is, like someone else wrote, a great coffee table book. For a serious collector of specific kinds of militaria, or a complete and comprehensive study of a specific country's militaria, then this is not the book for you. As for values listed, I wish I could sell all of my militaria at the prices quoted. The best quote I heard a long time ago about values was, "it's only worth what another collector will pay you". Let that be your value guide.

This book tries to do too much and ends up not doing quite enough. There are plenty of pictures and quite a few price estimates, but a lot of what you get are lists of items with no pictures. The book covers so many different areas from clothing to weapons to medals and insignia to holsters and daggers and swords and on and on that it can't really cover everything in pictures. That isn't to say there aren't plenty of pictures, it just means that for every picture there are five items that are simply listed and not detailed in a photo. It is helpful, but leaves you wanting more. The prices are simply a snapshot in time. Prices on many items are currently going up which means the ones in the book are off, but they are good for giving you a range. The pictures are very good and worth having and the advice is sound, so don't walk away if you are looking for a little help. Just don't expect this book to answer all of your questions.

It was OK. Just not much new information in it.

If your dad/uncle/grandfather is a collector of WWII militaria and you aren't, then I would advise the purchase of this book. When the time comes, you'll need a fundamental understanding of this market. This is also true for a beginning collector. This certainly provides what you'll want.

A little dated in my opinion and more than one error. The pictures could have been better. All in all I would have passed on this book had I seen it on the shelf.

Check the table of contents very carefully. If you are a patch collector, this book is NOT for you. No mention of World War II patches whatsoever, even though there is clearly a patch on the cover! That being said, I'm still pleased that I purchased the book as it has encouraged me to broaden my horizons and look beyond just collecting patches.

Great Resource Book. Values of items change but it gives you a good idea.

I did not care for the prices reflected mainly by the auction prices, I would have preferred those quoted by the militaria shows like the Max Show or the OVMs Show as auctions sometimes sell the stuff that the dealers don't sell during shows

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