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Kovels' Bottles Price List: 13th Edition





Synopsis

From Kovelså "the most trusted name in antiques and collectibles:THE INDISPENSABLE BOTTLES PRICE GUIDE Kovelså TM Bottles Price List, 13th edition, is a newly revised edition of the most reliable guide available for anyone who buys, sells, or collects bottles. Written by Ralph and Terry Kovel, Americaå TMs foremost authorities on antiques and collectibles, this indispensable, best-selling handbook includes the most accurate current prices and histories of more than 90 categories from the 1700s to the 2000s, from flasks and fruit jars to miniature pottery bottles, and from medicine and perfume bottles to Avon, Coca-Cola, and Jim Beam and Ezra Brooks. Special features include: â ¢ A sixteen-page color insert of distinctive bottles carefully selected by the authors â ¢ More than 12,000 all-new, appraiser-approved pricesâ ¢ Over 350 black-and-white photographs â ¢ Edited by Americaâ TMs premier experts on antiques and collectiblesâ ¢ American prices based on actual U.S. auctions (not estimates or conversions from European auctions) â ¢ Portable, pocket-sized, so you can carry to auctions in your tote-bag â œThe Kovels are arguably the authorities on antiques and collectibles in this country.â â "Los Angeles Times â œProbably the single best book to have a real standard for antique bottle collectors.â â "AntiqueBottles.com

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It had a lot of good information, but hardly ANY pictures to help identify the bottles. The good pictures were of bottles most of us will never see or find. What about the bottles we find at auctions, garage sales etc. Lots of us are NOVICE collectors, and we need more pictures to help us identify what we have. As far as I'm concerned, I've wasted my money. It isn't much help to this new novice.

If your a professional bottle collector, this is the book for you.

This was one of the first bottle books I got to start categorizing my extensive collection. I am far from being a novice, however, my end-goal was to price some of my rarer bottles, and this book did that pretty well. What I found disappointing was the total LACK of photos (hardly any), and large gaping holes in sections such as "cures", "medicines", and "bitters". Hardly any of us will ever see a \$4000 bottle in our lifetime other than online - but Kovels' persists in only showing photographs of the rarest of bottles. Not to mention, many of their prices are extremely inflated estimates obviously made by someone of Sotheby's blood, not us plain ol' diggers. To be honest, this book helped ID about 20% of my bottles in my bottle collection - so I found it useful, and since it was a gift, even more so - I doubt if I'd buy it myself. More pictures, better categorization, and breaking the book into smaller books with more detailed pictures is what I would do. This book could easily be broken into 10 better books with some effort. Novice bottle collectors would be better off trying Antique Glass and Bottle Collectors magazine if you want better information and pictures.

Organized by bottle type (medicine, beer, etc.), this comprehensive book quickly enables the reader to track down a wide variety of bottles from by-gone days. The authors have wisely included descriptions of various bottle types and their intended uses. This will help novice bottle collectors to better research their bottles as the purpose of many bottled products no longer holds any significance to modern folks (this is especially true for medicines and elixirs that existed before the dawn of the Food & Drug Administration). Readers would be better served if more pictures could be found as well as timelines regarding a bottler's production dates. But the omission of these items is understandable regarding the overall convenience and ease of using this book.

I have tried to look up over 100 different bottles in this book and have not found any of them in here yet???? I am not sure what good this book is. It has the common ones in it and thats about it.

Maybe its good for beam bottles or something like that but for beer bottles, soda bottles, bitters, mineral waters, etc...it is worthless !!! I wouldn't waste your money on it if I were you. There are alot better books out there for you.

This did not help to identify the bottles that I have. You have know what you have to look up the possible prices in this book.

Good updated price list, wish there were a few more illustrations.....but now I have a go to price list that covers many different styles and a whole lot of eras. Probably the most complete book of its kind.

Great book to help in trying to find what kind of bottles you have in your collection. Dug up quite a few from grandparents old farm and was pleased to find information in this book. One of the better books I have purchased on bottle collecting.

Well I was really looking forward originally to obtaining the book but most of the "Pricing Values" are way off when it comes to today's actual markets and what these bottles are worth, it just seems to me you can basically learn most of the things contained in the book for free or online by using simple search techniques or possibly just looking into online bottle resources. If you want to have some good Literature on bottles this is OKAY, but don't expect the prices to 100% Accurate and that's really the truth, some are WAY OFF.

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