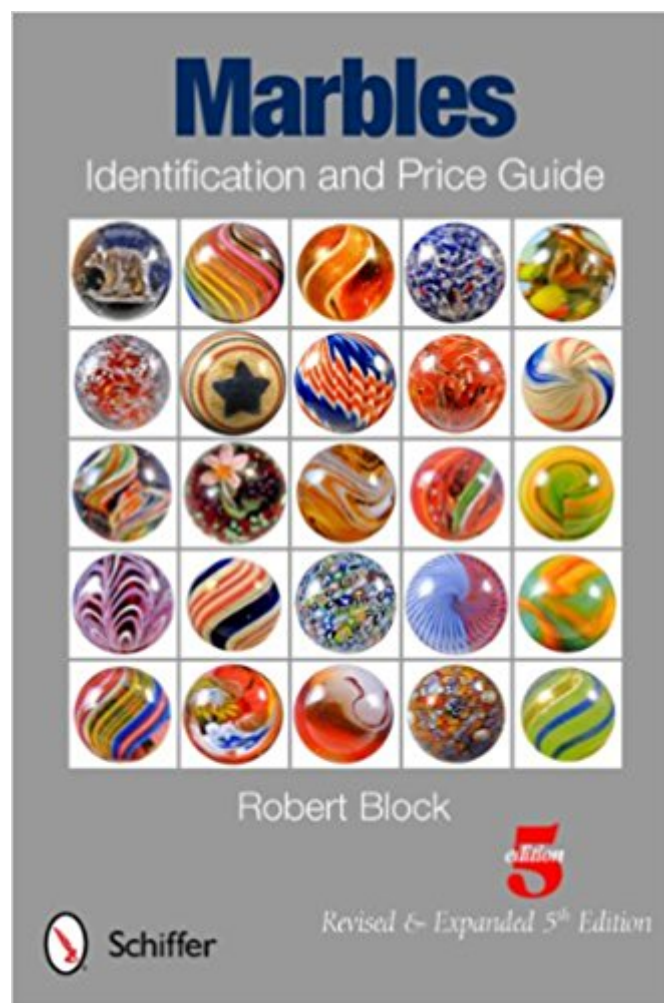


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# Marbles Identification And Price Guide



## Synopsis

More than 500 color photos display marbles of all types in this informative, highly popular, revised guide. Most of these photos, over 400, are new to this edition and the text is entirely rewritten. Covered in this reliable guide that has stood the test of time are handmade and machine-made marbles of all types, including Indians, Aggies, Steelies, transitionals, M.F. Christensen & Son, Akro Agate, and more...every major category of marble is presented. Included among the handmade marbles are old marbles of glass, earthenware, minerals, and steel; machine-made marbles are identified by their manufacturers; and contemporary handmade glass marbles by artisans recapturing the old styles and creating exciting new styles all their own. Today's marble pricing is explained in detail. The author describes the four factors to look for when determining the value of a marble, and presents an accurate guide to the modern market. This book is a reliable source book for anyone with an interest in marbles.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a very nice book from . It is well planned, very comprehensive & nicely illustrated with many quality photographs. One feature that I especially appreciated is that every photo has a caption directly below it. As I am a beginner to the hobby, at least in regard to what the many varied marbles are called, and to who manufactured what and when, this book really helped me to acquire a good over-view of just those facts. One of the very few ways in which the book might've been improved, is

if a few more examples of each company's marbles could've been shown. I do realize that many of these marbles are scarce & that space was limited. Another feature that I liked is that most of the photos were extra-large, likely larger than actual size. The book featured a large typeface as well. This wasn't the first book that I purchased as an introduction to the hobby, but it certainly is the best yet.

I've resold and collected marbles for just over half a year now, so I'm a novice, and while using auction sites, marble identification sites, and collector forums helped me with some of the very basic knowledge, I quickly realized what a hollow online resources are. The marble forums, in particular, where you think you could get advice for the finer details of marble identification, end up being a collection of know-it-alls who don't qualify or source their information at all, and are quickly offended if you question their advice at all, no matter how friendly you are. I've learned to steer clear, or not post my own threads and just try to do very thorough background research in the forums on my own. In reading this book, I've discovered that, indeed, a lot of these experts online are misinformed or didn't provide enough information, or in the right context. This book is unbiased and gives very clear, concise information on marbles and their approximate prices in relation to each other. I've actually discovered now that my Ebay sales mostly mirror the prices given in this guide, more-so than other guides. This guide also gives you some identification guidance as well, but I really like how it says early on that there is no 'official' grading service for marbles, that some marbles are hard if not impossible to specifically identify to a maker or origin, and most people do use their personal experience and educated judgement to sell marbles. This book is only a guide, just like the others, and there is no definitive rule in marble collecting. The marble world is fallible and full of holes, especially to resellers who need to know specifics to maximize their profit for picky collectors. This book provided the most guidance for me that I have found as of yet, and I have purchased two other well-known marble guides now as well. You're best bet to unbiased, experienced advice and guidance is right here. I bought my copy used from a public library and it was in very nice, usable condition, so don't be afraid to buy it used if price is a bit of an issue, just make sure you're getting the most recent edition you can, so the marble prices are as accurate as they can be. And as a final note, don't be afraid to visit antique conventions, where at least a couple marble collectors usually hang out, and sometimes there may even be a marble community in your local area that has regular conventions, flea markets, and swap meets of their own. Hands-on experience is the best way to learn in this field, and when you meet marble enthusiasts face to face, they are much easier going than the online crowd, and can give you much better advice in person than through photos and text.

This book is fantastic. Great Info, great advice for us Newbies, and absolutly gorgeous photos. The clarity of the pics help with learning the identification of the marble. I am hooked!!

My elderly brother has decided to find his "lost marbles" and I am humoring him with this guide. LOL. He said he really liked the book and it had a lot of the information he was looking for. I gave it to him for a Christmas present. Have to admit, some of the marbles are really cool. But, I can't believe how much money people are willing to pay for them.

This book is another great marble collectors dream guide as it lists all the current prices your marbles are worth! Includes the other hard to find designs and sizes and their multiples of value along with it!! I gave it four stars only because I like pictures in my price guides and this one has pictures but just not enough for my liking. It is a GREAT guide though for anyone who wants to know what their marbles are indeed worth at this time!! :D

this book is a pretty good reference for newer marbles even though it does tell some about the older marbles. in my opinion, it does not go into enough of current value and I was really interested in older marbles. the book puts too much emphasis on mint condition, not what most people's marbles condition is. don't know whose fault it was, but it took forever to get to me and sent very confusing tracking info. to me while in transit.

This is a comprehensive, well designed volume for anyone interested in learning about marble identification. I am now permanently hooked!

Bought for my husband, a marble collector for many years, and he really uses this book as a go to for information when researching the selling and buying of many different kinds of marbles. He really likes it.

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