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Anchor Hocking's Fire-King And More: Identification And Value Guide Including Early American Prescut And Wexford



Synopsis

Fire King includes not only dinnerware but reamers, measuring cups, mixing bowls, mugs, and more. Gene Florence has compiled a second edition of his bestselling book on Fire King. Loaded with hundreds of new full color photos, vintage catalog pages, company materials, extensive facts, information, and values, this book has everything collectors expect from Gene Florence, America's leading glassware authority. 2002 values. AUTHOR BIO: A collector since childhood, Gene Florence's hobby of buying and selling glassware turned into a full-time career. First writing a book on Depression Glass, Florence has gone on to author many popular glassware titles including books on Depression Glass; Occupied Japan Collectibles; Kitchen Glassware; Very Rare Glassware; 40s, 50s, & 60s Glassware; Elegant Glassware; Stemware; Glassware Pattern Identification; Anchor Hocking's Fire-King; Glass Candlesticks; and Salt & Pepper Shakers. REVIEW: This book is the perfect companion to a flea market or auction excursion. With full-page, color plates and concise descriptions, even the beginner can make an informed purchase. Focusing on the height of production (1940s - 70s), the book supplies the reader with a visual wealth of familiar kitchen ware and collecting tips.

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Customer Reviews

If you are a collector or a dealer this is a must have book that is beautifully photographed. I highly recommend this book. -J. Bartlett --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

A collector since childhood, Gene Florence's hobby of buying and selling glassware turned into a full-time career. First writing a book on Depression Glass, Florence has gone on to author many popular glassware titles including books on Depression Glass; Occupied Japan Collectibles; Kitchen Glassware; Very Rare Glassware; 40s, 50s, & 60s Glassware; Elegant Glassware; Stemware; Glassware Pattern Identification; Anchor Hocking's Fire-King; Glass Candlesticks; and Salt & Pepper Shakers. Cathy Florence, graduated with honors and a coveted voice award from high school, attended Georgetown College where she obtained a French major and an English minor, then married her middle-school sweetheart Gene Florence. In the mid-80s she authored a book on collecting quilts, harking back to skills taught her by her grandmothers; and she has since co-authored many books on glass with husband Gene. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Well Gene Florence has done it again. This is a fabulous book. The pictures are great and there are lots of items on each page with their current value. Since there are so many pieces readily available, this collection is obtainable more and more by new collectors. This book would be a great asset to those collectors and dealer also.

For the most part this book is an excellent resource for identifying Fire-King glassware and I would recommend it highly along with all of the author's other books. I own them all! As a specialist collector of the Anchor Hocking Early American Prescut pattern (10000pcs), I must say that I feel that some of the Prescut items listed are somewhat rarer than the book would suggest. There are also quite a few more items available in this particular pattern than are listed. I view the book's section on Prescut as another of this well known author's courageous attempts to chart previously uncharted waters and I'm sure that subsequent editions of this book will include course corrections.

I bought this used, 2000 edition of the book "Anchor Hocking's Fire-King & More" because it was a lot cheaper than a used copy of the 2006 edition. The book I received was in excellent condition and perfect for my needs. Out of curiosity, I checked the 2006 edition out from my local library to compare the two books. Both books have 222 pages and identical tables of contents (ignoring some typos). Of course, the listed prices are different, but most of the other text appears identical, or nearly so. The two book also have some slightly different photos. The prices listed for Fire-King pieces in both books are far out of date, so the real appeal of these books is the photos and

descriptions. If all you're interested in is the photos and descriptions (like I was) then do yourself a favor and buy the 2000 edition if you can find it for a lower price than the 2006 edition.

Replaced my missing book

As a casual collector of pink depression glass and older Pyrex, I picked up this book curious about some of the patterns I see at yard sales and thrift stores but not knowing what they are or if they have any value, other than the "Fire King" stamp on the bottom. I was pleasantly surprised to see so many named patterns on glassware that I had just passed by simply because I had no clue. Makes me wonder if I may have left a rare piece behind!! I never knew that Fire King patterns came in something other than solids or Pyrex look-alikes..and I also never knew Jadeite had different patterns! So for someone just starting off in Anchor Hocking/Fire King collecting, or simply wondering what type of glassware a piece is because its a pretty or unusual pattern, this is the book for you. I found it very informative, and I wish it came in a pocket version to carry in a handbag.

This book has more than paid for itself in helping me recognize fire king and genuine old glass. Until I purchased Gene Florence's book, I used black & white reference books. Those are useless to me. This wonderful book has helped me determine if shaker lid and fireking flour piece went together (did not-flour shaker originally had a flat shaker lid the color of the writing on side not silver aluminum); if the "yellow" plate in a fire king design was old (was not (did not come in yellow) - but that yellow piece was made from fire king mold - one step up from out and out reproduction); and whether or not my 10 pieces of bakeware (some with lids) and marked Fire King were rare or reproductions. On the 10 piece baking set, I ended up e-mailing Gene Florence, and he responded that my piece was not rare - or did it even appear anywhere. The pieces are selling Very slowly - so they must not be very special. The book is difficult to understand how to match pricing & pictures at first, but well worth the effort. I am comfortable with the process now. If you collect or sell fire king - you need this book!

USE IT ALL THE TIME...THANKS

Low priced, great book for any collector even if it's outdated a good book to use as a guide. Fast shipping.

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