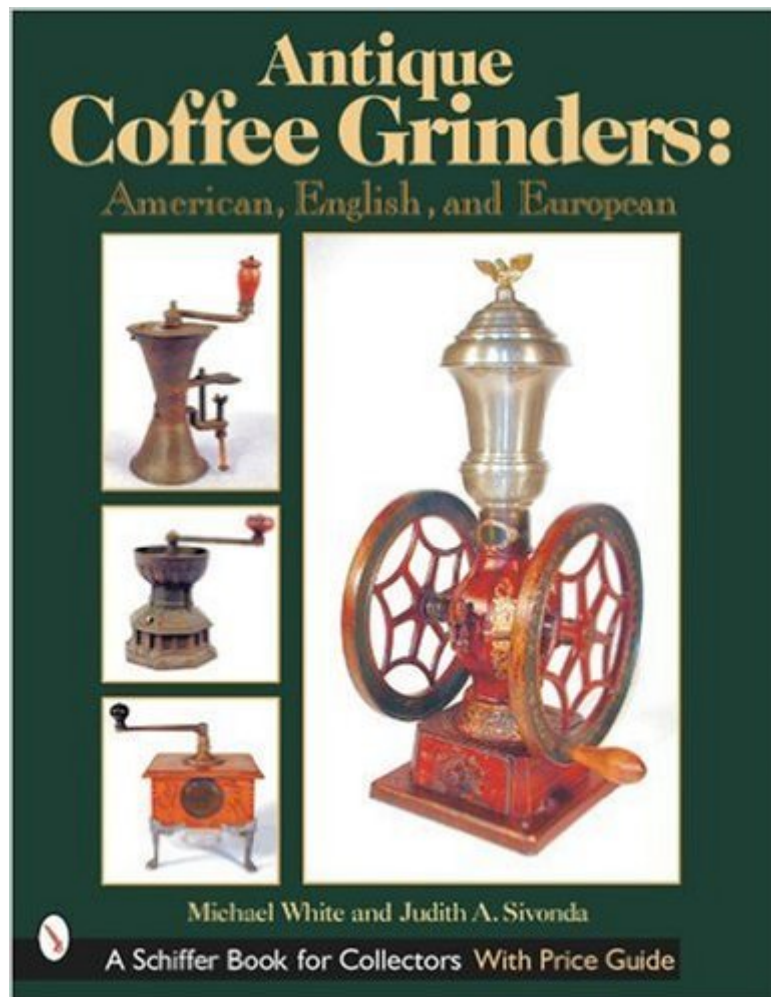


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Antique Coffee Grinders: American, English, And European (Schiffer Book For Collectors)



Synopsis

Even before its current zenith of popularity, coffee has been a favorite beverage worldwide for centuries. To prepare coffee beans for use, human ingenuity has created hundreds of versions of coffee grinders, and this book is devoted exclusively to them. With 600 quality color photographs, the authors direct a marvelous tour of the best and most sought after examples from around the world. Accurate information about the makers and the time and place of manufacture make this a valuable resource for collectors as well as a rich visual history of over 300 years of American and European coffee grinding devices. Each example is described with its current value. Joseph E. MacMillan, a leading authority on coffee grinders and author of the MacMillan Index, writes in his Foreword to this book, Knowing the quality of these authors, I am confident that this book will be an asset to the serious collector and will be enjoyed by all of its readers for years to come.

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Wonderful pictorial book. It gives a broad range of visuals for coffee grinders, beginning with 18th century construction up to the 20th century. It occasionally gives a little background of the companies that produced the grinders, but overall the book should be used to assist with identification of grinders only. I have been able to identify several grinders as far as age and manufacturer, so that I could make a more educated purchase.

Got the book today and eagerly opened the box and (I really don't know). It's got nice pictures and that's about it. Not very useful if you are a collector. There is no information in there that you can't get by going to Google and asking a question. Point - I looked up Spong & Co. One picture and a couple of words. That's it. I had more info than that before I got the book. I gave it three stars because of the pictures. Other than that as far as usefulness, I'd give it less than one star. Ok, one star if you have a coffee table.

If you are a serious Coffee Mill collector, you already have this book! For the rest of you, if you want a fantastic reference guide to every Mill that you are likely to come across- this is it. I have used this book at least 100 times trying to identify various Mills and can count on 3 fingers the number of times the mill I was trying to identify was not there. Twice, because the mill was made up from parts of different mills. It is well organized and has great color photos. It has a price guide for each mill. Fairly useless to pin point any price but good if you use it as a general scale. Love it and need it! .
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Loaded with beautifully photographed mills in excellent condition. The layout is roughly chronological, then by manufacturer. Many unique and unusual mills are included, as are many European. Most mills are undated; dates can be derived only from chronological placement in the book and from references to the time of operation of the company given in the brief introduction to each company. I have a collection of 12 mills, and found 7 of them in this book.

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