Collecting Antique Marbles: Identification & Price Guide

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I most certainly wish that I could report to you and tell you that if you were interested in collecting marbles and had to choose only one book on the subject, then this book would be the one. Unfortunately I cannot do so. The reason for this is that there is simply no book in existence (that I am aware of) that could meet this challenge. For those of you that are interested; indeed, fascinated with this subject, I fear that you will be doomed to purchasing any number of books on the subject and fortunately for us there are many to choose from. Now that being said....This is one fine marble book! I have found it extremely useful in giving a very in-depth overview of marbles in general and a very good look at some of the various marble groups in particular. The author knows his history and has written about his subject is a very informative and readable way. Unlike many other books concerning this subject, the author has been very careful in recording what is absolute known fact versus speculation versus rumor. There is much we do no know about the manufacturing of early marbles, different companies, and different makers and when the author does not know for sure as to the facts, he is quick to not this. I appreciate that attribute in any writer of history. This 208 page book contains over 1,200 high quality photographs along with detailed information as to how to
identify marbles. One of the most helpful sections of the book; a section the author takes a lot of
time with, is in dealing with potential fakes and forgeries and blatant reproductions. After reading the
author's advice and sharing his knowledge, we find that it is not as difficult to identify these fakes as
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