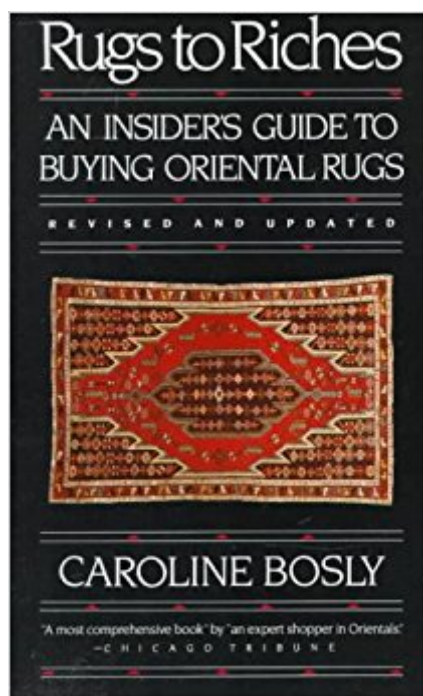


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By far the best guide to oriental rugs, out of the 4 I have read. Very specific, practical, comprehensive information. The explanations are clear and spot-on. The section on bargaining is priceless. Even though it was published 30 years ago and the dollar numbers are outdated, that is unimportant compared to the value of this highly-qualified insider's knowledge. It is very nicely written, too.

The book is informative and information is thorough. I picked this book because of the sales person where I bought my rug recommended it. Although this was a used book it looks very new. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to get information about oriental rugs and information on the process of making the rugs, where it was made, how it is to be cleaned, and much more.

While I own a few rugs from a previous trip to the Middle East courtesy of Uncle Sam, I wanted to better educate myself to place myself into a better bargaining position with the local merchants. I believe this book is an excellent resource and explains a great deal about the history, workmanship, and variety of Oriental carpets, but it also includes tips on how to shop (including haggling), how to pick rugs based on your home, and cleaning and care recommendations. The only downside is the age of the commentary since the market has changed, at least from what I see, since this book was written. Nevertheless, it is a great introduction to the fascinating and beautiful world of Oriental rugs.

Incredibly thorough book. I bought a second one as the first one is starting to lose pages. This has been a great asset to my education on oriental rugs.

For someone who wants to learn how to purchase and recognize a high quality rug, this is a must for beginners. There are so many rugs out there that are outrageously priced yet there are characteristics from the book that you can learn to distinguish them from machine woven ones from China with wool imported from New Zealand.

really good information, decent book has a few color photos, could have had a few more color photos but overall a good book

Good reference book.

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