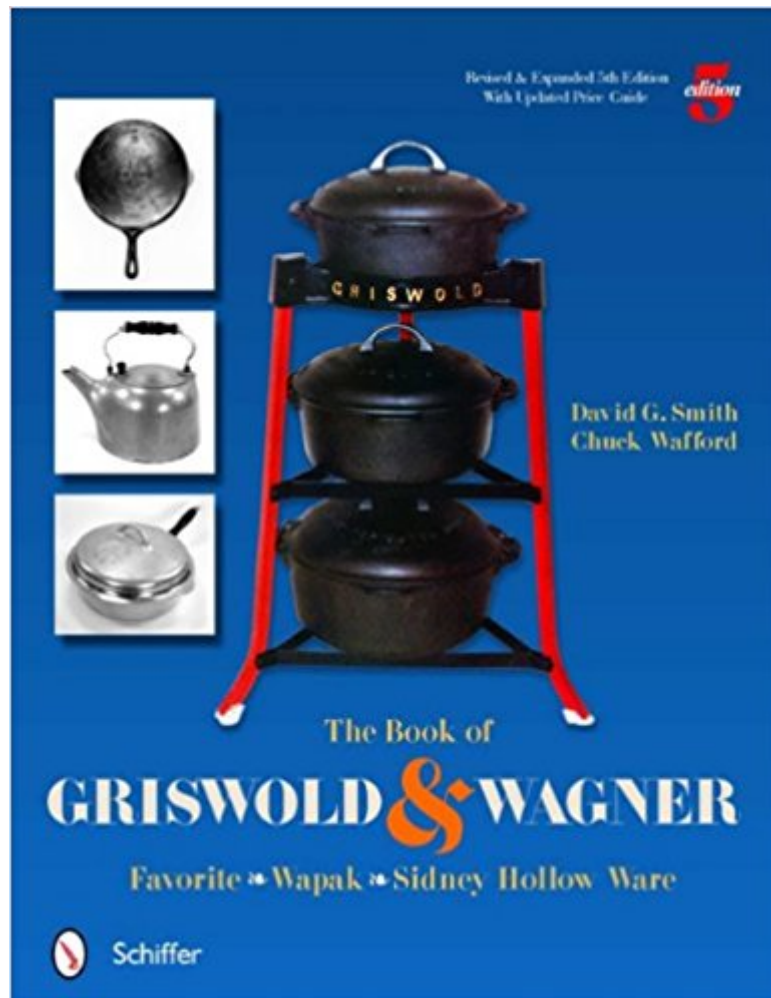




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The Book Of Griswold And Wagner: Favorite Wapak, Sidney Hollow Ware



Synopsis

The Book of Griswold & Wagner, referred to as the blue book by collectors is the most complete, accurate, and widely used reference and is coveted by collectors. It is now back in its 4th edition with even more pictures, updated values for cast iron cookware and kitchen collecting enthusiasts, and expanded charts. This definitive, encyclopedic guide details durable cast-iron antiques, including cornstick pans, griddles, Dutch ovens, gem pans, coffee grinders and roasters, trivets, molds, broilers, teapots, and much more. Nearly 1,000 photographs document variations of shape, size, dates, moldings, finishes, hardware types, catalog numbers, and markings. There are comprehensive histories of the manufacturers Griswold, Wagner, Sidney Hollow Ware, Favorite, and Wapak, as well as patent lists for meticulous researchers. This is an essential reference for anyone wishing to invest in these timeless treasures.

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Customer Reviews

"The Pan Man," David G. Smith, is both a collector and dealer of cast iron cookware, and has assembled one of the finest collections of iron muffin pans in the nation. He resides in the Buffalo region of New York. Chuck Wafford, "Cast Iron Charlie" as he is been known, is a former flea market owner, nationally known Griswold collector, consultant, and appraiser. He lives in Oregon.

I am not new at collecting cast iron but i did not have any reference material to refer to until i bought this book. I was not interested in selling, just in buying at garage sales, etc. This book is excellent as

far as i am concerned. True, everything that Griswold and Wagner made is not pictured or referenced in the book but it sure gives a good idea of what era and their price for a lot of their products. I don't have much experience with pricing, i have read other reviews that say the values in the book is not correct as compared to prices on the internet. Well, you can look on the internet and compare if you like and adjust the value, but the book gives a good idea of a particular pan made by one manufacturer compared to the same pan made by the other. It has helped me get an idea of value and if i want to sell something i can look on the internet and get an idea of the prices there compared to the book and extrapolate a price that is pretty close to what i have. If someone knows of a better book let us know. I purchased it from and it came in 4 days and in excellent condition.

I have recently decided to increase the number of skillets in my cast iron "collection". I love cast iron for cooking. I thought this book included a lot of history and detailed information on cast iron and the two manufacturers mentioned. It's not that type of book. However, it is a fantastic book for identifying all the products produced by these companies along with the variances and price guidelines. In fact, it's better than I thought it would be. I now keep it in my car just in case I find a skillet as I'm shopping.

This is an excellent guide to identifying collectable cast iron. Many people are selling cast iron and often they assume a item with a build up of rust is an indicator of greater value. This book has information, dates and pictures as well as a price guide. The price guide I'd pretty well outdated but it's a starting point anyhow. Anyone wanting to purchase the old iron for collecting or just for cooking should consider this book to help guide them.

I'm guessing this book is so popular because there are no other options? The photos look like bad Xeroxes, the paper is needlessly heavy, and the organization within the sections seems arbitrary. It's helpful, but it could be so much more.

We collect griswold. This book got us started on good deals verses over priced.

Nice big book with lots of great photos and prices, but it's very hard to locate things in the book. They have a complete index of the Griswold mold numbers. It would have been so easy to add page numbers with the mold numbers so I could find things in the book. probably would not buy it again, but I am not going to bother to send it back because it is a good reference book.

This publication, though helpful is fraught with shortcomings. There is no cross reference guide making the book unnecessarily cumbersome locating a specific Griswold item with any degree of speed. There are Griswold items we have found which are not mentioned in this book making some Griswold purchases at best a guess. Several referenced Griswold products listed in this book does not have the needed p/n number notated on the page even though the p/n number is visible within the photograph of the product itself requiring the reader to write in the book to offset the careless omissions. We are now writing in our own cross index in the back of the book with notes on excluded p/n numbers on the reference pages as we encounter them. This is a helpful reference book and was written by enthusiasts excluding someone who writes reference material professionally prior to publication.

This is a very good reference book for Griswold, Wagner, Wapak and Favorite vintage cast iron. The values are a bit outdated - I read that they have not been updated since 1995, however most of them seem to stay fairly true with only some variances to date. The pictures are clear. The historical backgrounds on the different foundries are insightful and succinct, without being boring or lengthy. It is a very good guide to have if you are interested in learning more about different vintage pieces, as well as the different years they were produced. Some molds for certain pieces were only in use during specific time frames, making it invaluable if you want a piece from a particular period. It also covers many fascinating miscellaneous pieces!

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