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Flea Market Fidos: The Dish On Dog Junk And Canine Collectibles



Synopsis

Flea Market Fidos is a first-of-its-kind guide to hunting down canine collectibles and giving them pride of place in your home. From paint-by-number terriers to Diana Thorne dog drawings, this irresistibly illustrated volume offers inspiration and information for both first-time collectors and serious dog devotees. Canine categories are illustrated with 150 flea market photos and include Puppy Love (a litter of lovable dog collectibles for children), Pup Art (puppy paintings and dog drawings), Ruff Stuff (stuffed dogs of every breed), Paper Trained (ephemera finds), and Real Tails (a celebration of the loyal road-trip rovers who accompany their owners on junking journeys). Readers will also be delighted by Go Fetch, a comprehensive resource guide of the best shops, websites, flea markets, and antique malls nationwide and abroad.

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Customer Reviews

Dog lovers and kitsch fans watch out: this goofy little giftbook-cum-photo album is stocked to the gills (or should we say whiskers?) with photographs of vintage pooch doorstops, salt-and-pepper shakers, paintings, books and toys. It's "always junking season" for Leiner and Moss, the former a freelance writer and publicist and the latter the author of *Hello Kitty, Hello Everything*, and they chronicle their flea market finds in chirpy, pun-laden and alliterative paragraphs. Think of items like "puppy potholders, terrier textiles," "woof woof wearables" and "Fido photographs"-and pronouncements along the lines of "no bones about it." For readers who can stomach the prose-or

who just like the vibrant pictures-this book is a gold mine of secondhand canine treasures. The photo captions and bits of history (about Marguerite Kirmse, for example, an early 20th century illustrator) are more sedate, and a "Go Fetch" section at the end points readers to antique stores and flea markets around the country. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Authors and best friends Leiner and Moss have spent almost 20 years searching the world for canine treasures, discovering and photographing litter after vintage litter of flea market fidos - and defining the breed along the way. Barri Leiner is a freelance writer and publicist whose clients have included Revlon, Cynthia Rowley, Calvin Klein, and the Chicago Tribune Magazine. She is the former style reporter for WGN-TV/Chicago. Leiner shares her flea finds with husband Eddie, daughter Emma, and their Maltese, Bart. Marie Moss is a stylist and author of Hello Kitty's Little Book of Big Ideas and Hello Kitty, Hello Everything (both Abrams). She is the former fashion director for Seventeen and has appeared on Oprah, The View, CNN, and MTV. Moss has made flea market fans of husband Stephen, daughter, Maisy, and their mixedbreed terrier Twiggy.

I have never found a book strictly on dog items but I do love to collect dog stuff. I do a lot of flea markets and antique places and the book has helped me keep a sharp eye out for items.

Good book to add to my "dog" collection. Book in great shape. Recommend seller.

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Interesting.

Dog junk and canine collectibles haven't received their own collectibles guidebook before: enter Flea Market Fidos, a unique guide to canine collectibles which covers everything from dog drawings, to crafts and stuffed animals. Besides history and values, Flea Market Fidos also covers the best shops, flea markets, and web sites for locating canine valuables.

I just purchased this magical book. I couldn't put it down. The photos were amazing and the writing was so clever and unique. Each page brought a new smile and warm feeling. I am going to order one for each of my friends and family. I can't think of a nicer gift to send someone than this special book. In my home, it's my other "best friend".

As an avid antique dog memorabilia collector, I had high hopes for this book, just based on it's title. Sadly, it left me dissapointed. While it's got great graphics and pretty pictures (most taken of items for sale at swap meets, I doubt they even bought half of the book's treasures), it is utterly devoid of any serious aspect of collecting doggy antiques. I had fervently hoped for a well researched synopsis of the different breed representations in products through the years, a discussion of the most popular artists/companies that produced the most sought after items, or even the most common ones. But there isn't even a summary as to what breeds were most depicted in any particular era. The book is mostly page after page of terriers and poodles, the easiest things in the hobby to find. While the chapter headings all indicate many types of items that might be found, (ie napkins, figurines, doorstops, etc.), that's as far as they go. This is eye candy for the average trendy housewife who wants to buy whatever the decorating magazines say is "In" at the moment. I just hope all the stuff they buy because of this book eventually gets resold to we canine collectors who view it as more than another cute Martha Stewart-esque fad.

This book explored the 'types' of canine collectibles one might find in the marketplace, but it didn't address the 'value' of these collectibles, which would have been much more insightful. The content was purely fluff with little substance to offer a true collector.

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