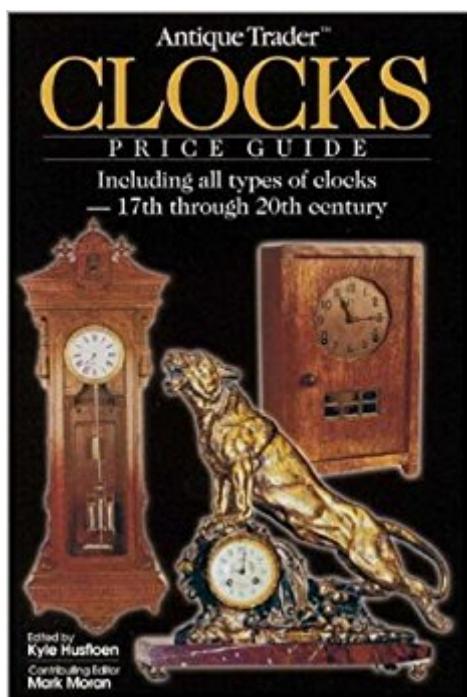


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# Antique Trader Clocks Price Guide: Including All Types Of Clocks-17th Through 20th Century (Antique Trader's Clocks Price Guide)



## **Synopsis**

Clocks are among the most popular and useful antiques and this all new price guide provides a comprehensive reference to timepieces from the 17th century through the 20th. Over 300 crisp photographs highlight detailed descriptions of varied clocks produced over the centuries. Each clock listing includes accurate pricing information. Features a special 16-page colour section, as well as an informative introductory report on clock collecting basics, a glossary of terms, and a bibliography. With more than 1,400 entries, this compact guide is an invaluable aid to all collectors, dealers, and appraisers.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Good book for beginners.

Very easy to follow. Worth it.

good book, i wish it had my horse clock in it . Got the book on time

great reference book

The book is very descriptive regarding the clocks that it reviews. I know that there are many clocks.

I wish that more clocks were in the book. Overall, good book for the clocks that are included.

The Antique Trader's Clocks Price Guide, includes listings for all types of clocks from the 17th through the 20th century. It does not address any STYLES however. So if you happened to want to get an approximate value for a favorite, say, Art Deco clock, you would not be able to find it in this book - although it would be difficult to immediately determine whether your clock was listed or not because, incredibly, this book has neither a table of contents nor an appendix. To locate a specific manufacturer of a specific type of clock, you must flip through the pages while scanning the header titles on each page. After locating the section covering your "type" of clock, you must then scan through the listings, which are organized by sub-type, within which the manufacturers are listed in alphabetical order. It is rather like looking through a yellow pages advertising section for a service with a particular address. I found it to be cumbersome. Once you have located a specific clock type listing, the information provided is less than useful. The editors state that the information provided in the book comes from a variety of sources, and it looks that way. The scope and detail of each listing varies a great deal, and in my opinion does not even address information that strongly affects price. For example - I looked up my "Black Forest Cuckoo Clock" in the guide. The listing for this clock did not identify it as a "Hunter Style" - they called it simply a "Black Forest" cuckoo clock. That's like identifying all Ford cars as a "Ford". They did not identify whether the clock had a 30 hour or 8 day movement, nor the manufacturer of the movement (or whether the movement had a maker's mark or not). They guessed the clock was "post WWII", but did not say why they thought so. There were no listings for Black Forest Cuckoo Clocks that contained music, or dancers - nor did they include any reference to other styles of cuckoo clock, such as the "Train Station" (or Bahnhausle) style, which is more expensive than the clock pictured. The listing descriptions really did not provide much more information than you got by looking at the picture alone (if you had an image of a clock with two finials on top, does it add value to state in the description that the clock has two finials on top?). The description should include information beyond the obvious physical features. The prices shown were apparently the sales or asking price of the specific clock pictured. You will have to guess (style, movement, age, condition, etc) how similar your clock actually is to the one pictured. I know for a fact that cuckoo clocks of the "Black Forest Cuckoo Clock" type listed in this book at a value of \$200-\$250 regularly sell on eBay for \$125.00 or less. Finally, there are 16 pages of color plates on high gloss paper depicting some fabulous museum quality clocks. The rest of the book has reasonably good black and white images printed on standard paperback book quality paper. So if you have a clock, or are thinking of purchasing a clock, I think you can do better

than this book; it will not likely be of much help in determining the value of the clock you are interested in. If you like pictures of clocks and are interested in what some specific clocks are valued at, then you might like this book.

As one of the other reviewers wrote, this is NOT a catalog of all clocks. But it does serve a beginner well, with many fine pictures. However, the estimated values have nothing to do with reality. Although this book is many years old, the values are 3-10 times more than you'll pay on ebay, which, by the way, is the best place to buy an antique clock (as long as the dealer has a 98% or better rating). Prices are about one-fifth the price of antique stores.

This book has some wonderful pictures. I think some of the values are dated, but the pictures and examples were very useful to me.

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