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Franciscan: An American Dinnerware Tradition, With Price Guide



Synopsis

Features a unique look into the history of Franciscan dinnerware, with full-color digitally captured images of more than 400 patterns. Thorough detail on Franciscan favorites such as Apple, Desert Rose, and Ivy. Comprehensive sections on Handpainted, Earthenware, and Fine China dinnerware, including a brief history with interesting information about each pattern. Includes segments on Franciscan Crystal, Flatware, Collectibles and Giftware.

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Customer Reviews

Bob Page is the founder and CEO of Replacements, Ltd., the world's largest retailer of old & new china, crystal, silver and collectibles. He has managed to spin his flea market hobby into a \$80 million per year business that deals in more than 250,000 patterns. Page and his co-author and partner Dale Frederiksen enjoy frequent buying trips to research undocumented tableware patterns.

I have quite a bit of it and love it. My first purchase was in about 1968. When I was a child I would see it advertised in my mother's magazines. I loved it then and still love it today. What a joy to see it in the form of a book. This would make a great gift for anyone who owns any of the Franciscan patterns.

Book was "As New" as described, with two pricing updates; fast shipping. This has all you need to know about Franciscan dinnerware.Thanks.

This book was even better for the photographs and in great condition!

Great condition, fast delivery, and very happy (!) I would definitely recommend them again and again.

Excellent material, but I wish the colors were more vivid and true to the real colors of the pottery. I recommend the book because it has a wealth of information for anyone who enjoys learning about all the patterns and their history. It would be a wonderful addition to the library of a collector or anyone interested in California pottery.

Love it!

This was just what I was looking for as I have several sets of Franciscan ware and wanted a good book to help to identify all of the pieces. It was a used book in perfect condition.

There is so much to recommend about this book that I hardly know where to start. The price guide (updated for 1999) covers not only the most popular patterns (Apple, Desert Rose and others) but even contains some information on flatware and crystal pieces. The photos are a generous size and are in full, lush color. There are some rare and hard to find pieces here, including ones that collectors may never have seen before as well as photos of items which never made it into stores. I always enjoy looking at vintage advertisements for glass and dinnerware and this book doesn't dissappoint in that area, containing ads from Gladding, McBean, Franciscan Ware, Catalina Pottery and more - many from the earliest years. The photos are so well done that I was truly amazed at the quality of the color and accurate representation of each piece. There are special Collectors' Notes throughout the book which make it easier for the collector to find representative pieces of shapes and patterns and to distinguish specific items. There are complete piece guide checklists as well, helping collectors determine which items they have and which they may need to complete a set. Highly recommended!

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