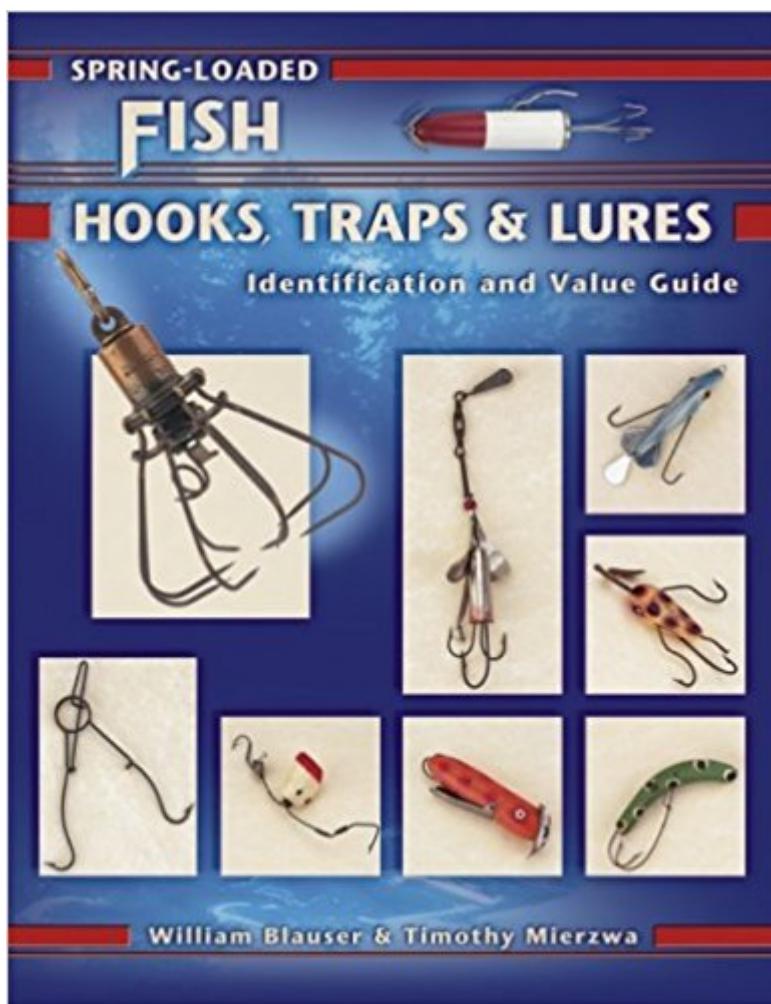


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# Spring-Loaded Fish Hooks, Traps & Lures, Identification & Value Guide



## **Synopsis**

This is an exciting new guide to a never-before-documented field of antique fishing collectibles. It includes hundreds of color photos (many items are shown actual size), patent drawings, and clear, precise computer scans of patented spring-loaded traps, hooks, and lures, most of which have never been pictured, discussed, or valued in any book. These ingenious American inventions span the time period from pre-Civil War until the 1970s, with values ranging from \$10.00 to \$10,000.00. The book provides a written and visual history of spring-loaded fishing devices along with descriptions and explanations of their mechanisms in concise, easy-to-understand language that the beginning, intermediate, and advanced collector has not had access to in any book. This long-awaited book on Americana collectibles sets a new standard in the field of collecting antique fishing memorabilia. Written by the country's two foremost collectors and experts in the field, this informative, fascinating book is a must for anyone interested in the history of fishing in the United States, antique fishing memorabilia, or metal traps.

## **Book Information**

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This is an exceptional book, not only for the oddity of the topic that it covers exhaustively, but for the depth of research and detail that is enclosed between its attractive covers. The numerous illustrations in this book are superb, clear and sufficiently large to be very useful for examining detail. The book illustrates the difference between the 'sports fisher' of today, and those who may

have been and perhaps still are fishing to provide food for the table. No doubt of primary interest to the collector of the featured items, spring-loaded fish hooks, traps and lures, but also fascinating for social and recreational historians. Human ingenuity seems to know no bounds and the authors of this book have ably demonstrated the particular passion that determined individuals have had in pursuit of their prey. Highly recommended.

Great book. A lot of good solid info on a subject that is difficult to research. Would recommend to all with this interest.

Recommend to anybody with an interest in antique fishing gear collectibles. The oddities show a mind set of fishing at the turn of the century.

My husband and I know one of the authors, Tim Mierzwa, personally. He told us in August of 2005 that he had a book coming out about fishing lures and other equipment. We weren't sure what to think. But when we received the book recently, my husband and I were extremely impressed on the detail, the photos, explanations and layout of the book! My husband enjoys fishing and I don't, but BOTH of us are enjoying the book immensely! I am now ordering another copy for the outdoor club we live in to share with the members. For anyone interested in fishing, collecting fishing gear and/or the history and value of fishing gear, this is THE book to own!

This book is by far the best resource for spring loaded lure collectors. Great, thoughtful information, patent images, color photos, and so much more.

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