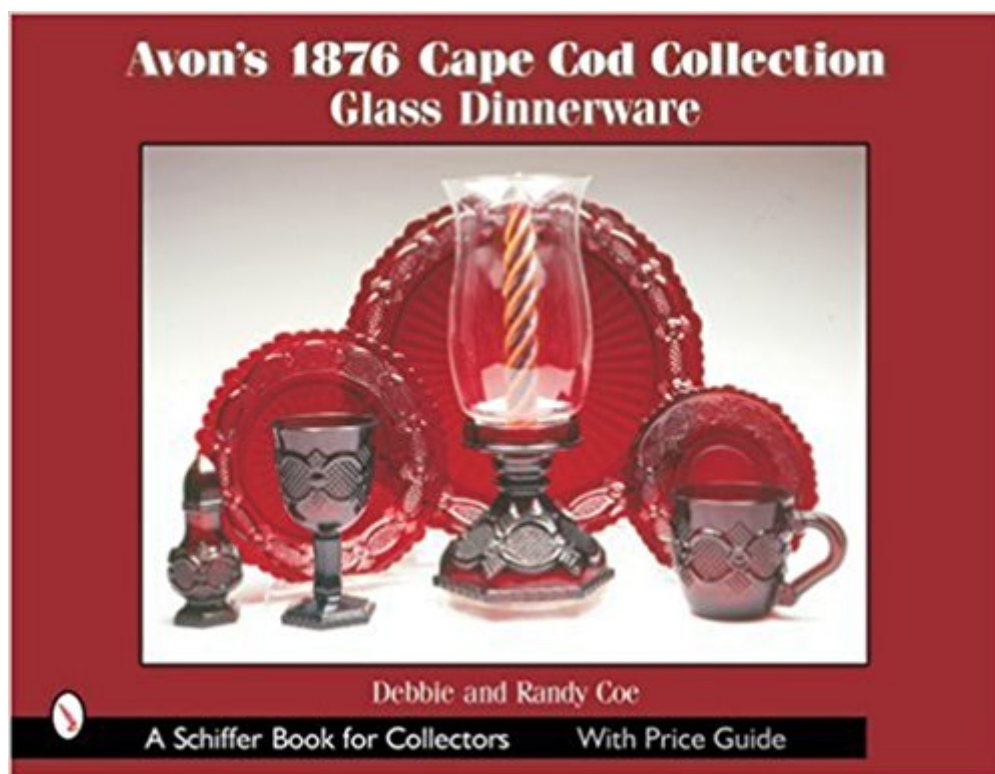




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# Avon's 1876 Cape Cod Collection: Glass Dinnerware (Schiffer Book For Collectors Series)



## Synopsis

Deep ruby glass dinnerware has attracted many collectors and Avon's Cape Cod is one of the most beautiful of the patterns. Made from 1975 until 1993, 37 different pieces were produced. Over 130 color photographs beautifully display all the pieces. The date each design was approved, name of the designer, number of molds used, and original mold drawings are included. Prices for all the pieces are in the captions.

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## Customer Reviews

Debbie & Randy Coe have been dealers in American glassware and ceramics for 35 years. They have written more than a dozen books, are regular contributors to antiques publications, and conduct educational seminars on American-made glass and china.

Let's get the bad news out of the way first: when the very first line of a book is an incomplete sentence, you know there are going to be problems following. And there are problems with this book, not the least annoying of which is that the authors have chosen to refer to the pieces in the collection not as they were described and sold by Avon, but, rather, as the authors think they should be described. Thus, the Heart Trinket Cox becomes merely "Box," the Footed Sauce Server becomes "Gravy Boat," etc. In other words, don't try to find information on your pieces by looking for their actual names. Instead, try to guess what the authors would prefer them to be called, and good

luck to you! There are numerous inconsistencies amongst the item descriptions. The most glaring of these include:--Several pieces are described as being molded with the backstamp "Ã A© Avon," but this practice did not come into being until the later years of production, so there are many states of piece that do not include the Ã A© symbol. No mention or explanation is given for this.--The book states that the Wine Decanter (or just "Decanter," as the authors would have it) is the only item produced with a matching red plastic insert, when in actuality, the shakers also include a red plastic insert.--In one sentence the authors state that the Presidential Celebration edition of the wine goblet was only produced in 1976. In the next they say it was produced for four years.--The Pedestal Mug is described as having been approved for production 7 months before it was actually designed.--The authors state that the 1990 Christmas Ornament was the only non-dinnerware piece produced, forgetting the Heart Trinket Box, which is a vanity piece. There are numerous mistakes such as these, and I realize, these are probably just nit-picky things, but the 2nd edition of the book claims to be "revised and expanded," and as far as I can tell, no revisions were made other than to update current market prices and add the original sale prices. For the serious collector, the errors and inconsistencies make for a questionable resource. The good news is the information that is presented is mostly excellent, with good background information on almost every piece. The pricing guide is a real plus, and it is clear that the authors really did do their homework before writing the book, even if they did not proofread their final product. Working from limited resources, they have presented a fairly comprehensive guide to the Cape Cod collection, something no one else has done. The book is beautifully designed, with brilliant color photographs of each piece as well as design drawings from the manufacturer for several of the pieces, and good information about the molding processes for the entire collection. This is the only book of its kind and as such it could be a lot worse. But it also could have been a lot better.

This book is great. It reminded me of how I came to own many of the pieces and the joy I felt in collecting them for my own use and for my intention to leave them to my daughters. I had 2 daughters and my collection was enough for them to each have a complete set with several additional pieces. They were used every Thanksgiving and Christmas and we often reflect on how pretty they looked on our table during those family dinners. Thank you for compiling this book.

Great photos and all inclusive listings.

This is the first and only book devoted to the gorgeous Ruby red dinnerware that was created for

Avon. Every piece is pictured along with a description, size, dates produced, original selling price and current value. The history and background about this dinnerware is also given. A great reference book to have in your collection.

Wonderful information to help the Avon collector. Thank you for this perfect reference book.

Very helpful price guide with plenty of pics of each piece.

Lovely book, just as promised.

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