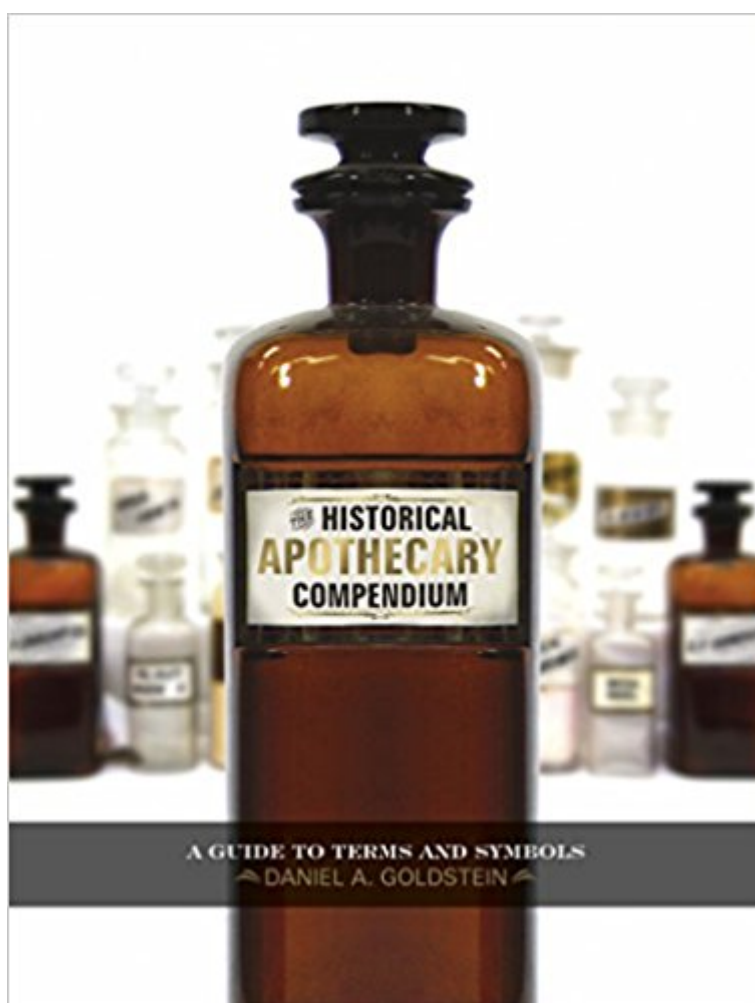


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# The Historical Apothecary Compendium: A Guide To Terms And Symbols



## Synopsis

This comprehensive, illustrated handbook is intended for collectors of apothecary bottles and other pharmaceutical and medical paraphernalia, covering artifacts likely to appear in North America and the United Kingdom from early Colonial times through approximately 1920. The book contains by far the largest compendium of terms used on apothecary bottles and other wares, comprising over 10,000 entries. Introductory materials provide instructions for use of the compendium, a concise history of apothecary containers and labels, and definitions and discussions of archaic terms for apothecary processes, weights and measures, therapeutic actions, and disease states. Appendices cover apothecary Latin, alchemy and alchemical symbols, astrological symbols, bottle manufacturers, and botanical terms. Illustrations are provided for various types of bottles and containers, apothecary devices, and for nearly 300 botanical species.

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## Customer Reviews

Daniel A. Goldstein is a physician, medical toxicologist, and clinical pharmacologist with a life-long interest in collecting apothecary wares and a longstanding fascination with apothecary terminology.

This book is the best source I've found so far for information about historic pharmaceutical practices in the U.S. and western Europe. Old apothecary jars and labels usually have Latin names, or the names are so long out of use, it's nearly impossible to look them up until now. The book is also a great resource for all the other odds and ends of information that useful to a collector of antique pharmaceutical bottles, such as measurement translations and a list of bottle manufacturers. The

Historical Apothecary Compendium is great for antique collectors and enthusiasts of pharmacy history.

This is the most complete reference I've seen on antique bottle and terms. I was surprised to see how many color photos and engraving reproductions it has - it makes a great coffee table book.

Lovely reference book but I wonder if the meanings of some of the apothecary symbols were too freely attributed, there being, in some instances many symbols interpreted to have the same meaning.

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