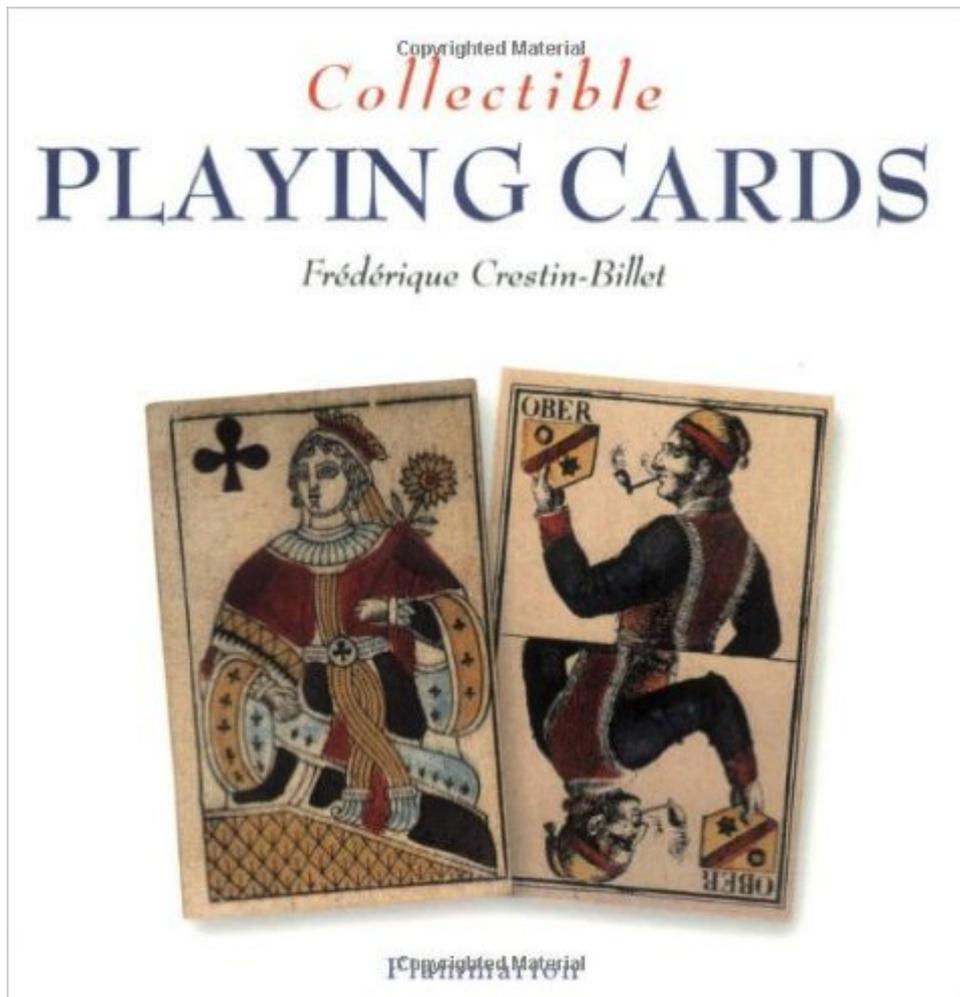


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Collectible Playing Cards (Collectibles)



Synopsis

There are very few families who don't own at least one deck of cards. The hearts, clubs, spades, and diamonds are a familiar sight to all of us. In fact, the use of playing cards has a rich history that dates back to the late 1300s. This volume features cards from all over the world; from the familiar format used for playing poker and bridge, to cards used by fortune tellers, to unique round packs from India. Showcasing over 400 different designs, *Collectible Playing Cards* takes the reader on a fascinating journey through history that spans the globe.

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Customer Reviews

I'm a huge card game and playing card buff, and I bought this book on the spot based on the images, and honestly that's all its good for, the text is awful and in some places downright inaccurate. The most grossly inaccurate one is the Hanafuda one on page 180. This is so wrong its not even funny, they obviously did no research. They call it Hana Funda instead of Hanafuda, say it is 6 sets of 4 cards (24 cards...) when it's 12 sets of 4 cards (a set per month). My favorite is "The producer of these cards is PROBABLY nintendo" the first mass productions was unquestionably Nintendo, it's the first thing the Nintendo Company produced in 1889, however the book wrongly states Nintendo was founded in 1933 when in fact it was 1889 for the purpose of producing these cards, I own a set of the Nintendo Hanafuda cards with this history explained. Another incident is on

page 316, where it shows two illustrated cards, one of a fox and one of a hunter, and OPENS with " This Racist Black peter deck" however doesn't explain how it's racist or show examples of the cards that are racist...For the Tarocchi they just shove them under fortune telling and gloss over the fact that they began as a standard deck of cards with trumps. One sentence that would educate anyone reading it. These are the only sections I've read so far, I'm nervous to read the others. So ultimately as an Image reference this is a great book, for information, don't trust it.

This is a good resource for those interested in historical playing cards, packed with high quality, apparently full size reproductions of fascinating cards. Unfortunately, I have to take 3 stars off this book for its jaw-droppingly poor quality of construction. the very first time I opened the book, the cover came off. the strips of glue had completely separated from the pages. In all my years of buying and reading books, this is the first time this has happened to me. I recommend interested buyers find a copy in a store to check the condition of the spine.

I'm a prop master for a local college here and this book is wonderful at helping me to re-create proper period playing cards for any and all stage and film productions.

If you are looking for a simple and affordable book with images of many cards , this is it. Don't expect a lot of info to work with. Images are crisp and clean.

Nice little book, good illustrations.

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