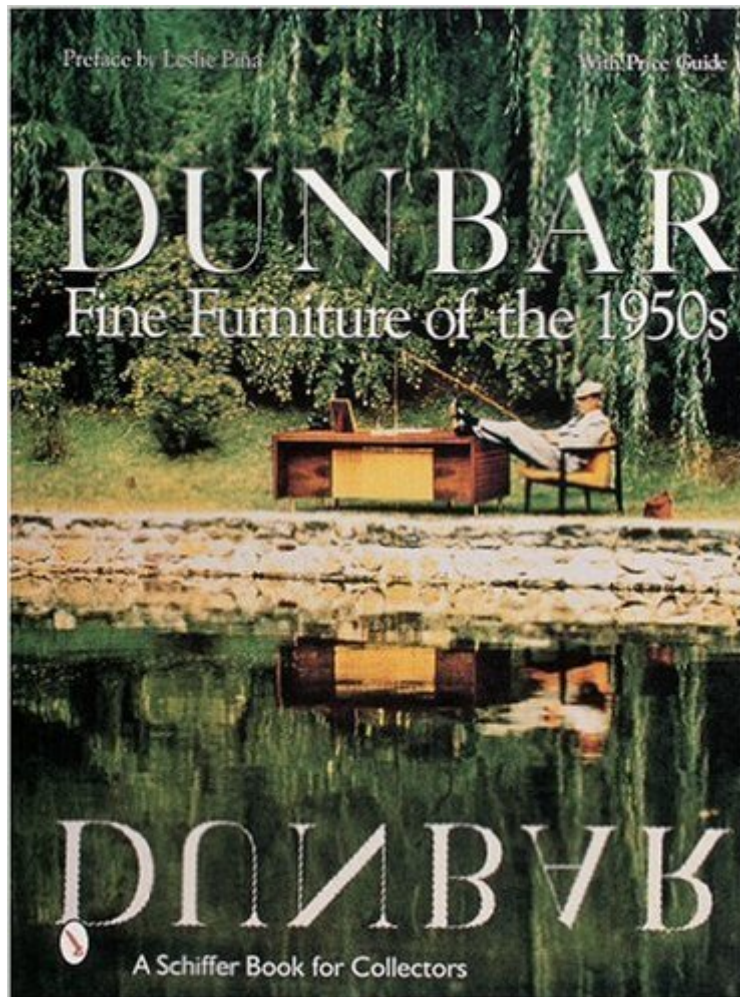


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Synopsis

Critical in the evolution of 20th-century design, Dunbar was a leader in modern furniture design and its production during the 1950s. This reproduction of the 1956 Dunbar catalog reflects the impact Dunbar designs, under the fine workmanship of Edward Wormley--pioneer modernist and multi-faceted designer--had on the American interior. Combining elegance, warmth, and contemporary style with functionalism, comfort, and stability, each piece is a product of the advancements of technology teamed with the traditional craft of furniture making. An indispensable reference, this book is a historical landmark in the best in modern furniture design for mid-twentieth century America. Price guide included.

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Customer Reviews

This is a remarkably disappointing book on an outstanding furniture company. To have missed the opportunity of including many of Dunbar's most important pieces is not just negligent, but a crime. Missing are classics like: the rolltop desk, the famous contemporary wing chair, the bentwood chaise and the elegant upholstered model 971 chair series. This should not be confused with a collectors reference book, as it isn't one. The illustrations consist solely of muddy, fuzzy, apparently unresearched reproductions of old Dunbar catalogs. Also missing is a proper account of the lore of the company.

This is basically a reprint of the 1950 catalog --- OK for collectors, but you can get the new color version at the dunbar website [...] Wormley was a great furniture designer -- nice to see the designs

are back in production.

During the 50's & 60's , Ed Wormley and Dunbar were leaders in the fine furniture industry. Leslie Pina's reprint of one of the catalogs from that period gives collectors a nice reference point. The company is about much more than what is presented in this basic presentation, hopefully someone will write a more comprehensive reference on the entire collection. I've heard word that the company is coming back and going back into production with some of the primary pieces. That would be great! The book on Edward Wormley is also worth checking out.

Some classics designs were left out of this tome which makes me wonder about how much of an expert the author truly is. The author has included some current photography as well as vintage advertising but leaving out key works allows this Dunbar collectors guide to fall flat.

Great starting point on Dunbar.. I agree with the review that said they miss some key points about the company and the top designs, but this is only a reprint of one of their catalogs, not the definitive story of Dunbar. Enjoy it for what it is.

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