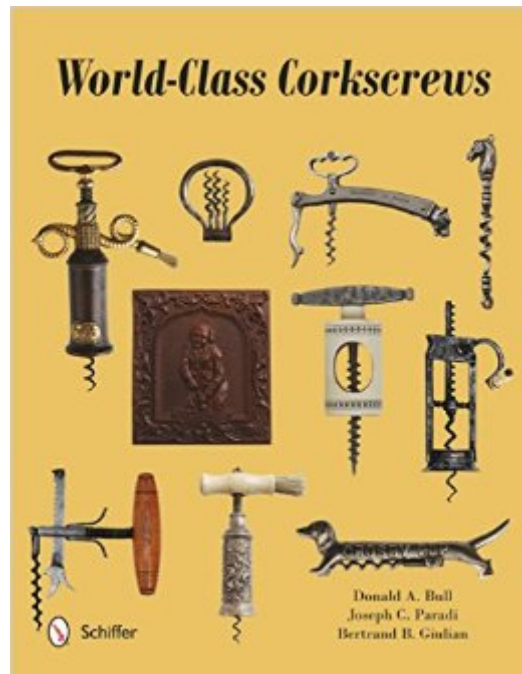


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More than 4,500 corkscrews spanning three centuries are organized into 59 chapters featuring over 3,000 color photos. This huge volume gives details of the corkscrews presented in a reader-friendly form: you'll find descriptions and markings, as well as patent and registered design information. Part 1 has 18 chapters and focuses on the early history of the corkscrew, including more than 900 corkscrews primarily from the 18th century and even corkscrew sale sheets from that era. In Part, 2 over 3,600 corkscrews are organized in 41 chapters according to types, including Bar & Wall Mounted, Bells, Bows, Rack & Pinion, Screwless Extractors, Whistles, and a final chapter called Worthy of Mention. The three authors represent their own collections as well as those from other enthusiasts in North America, Europe, and Australia. The book is a compendium of knowledge unprecedented in the history of corkscrew collection.

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Twenty-eight years ago, I was visiting a dear friend who lived in an artist's studio on the Quai St. Michele in Paris, overlooking Notre Dame. I promise you, there is no better view in all of Paris. A bottle of red was produced to celebrate the occasion of my visit. While I have forgotten how that red wine tasted, I will always remember the vintage Zig Zag that was used to open it. I complemented my friend on the fascinating corkscrew and, before I had left his company that day, the corkscrew was mine along with a printed poster of two score similar corkscrews, purchased from one of the print sellers along the quai. With the time that has passed, that single accordion corkscrew has

multiplied into a few dozen antiques of similar character. Don Bull's books - World Class Corkscrews and The Ultimate Corkscrew Book - have both guided and inspired this hobby. They have helped me to identify corkscrews I have found and corkscrews that I want to find. You can collect stamps you will never use to mail letters, or coins that you will never spend, but this collection has a unique utility that is hard to not appreciate. And, unlike collecting vintage cars, this hobby is unlikely to lead to divorce. Even if you use a simple barman's lever to access the fruit of the vine, you can appreciate the artistry and the engineering that went into drawing a cork from a bottle. These books are just fun to flip through. I waited tables for many years in college and grad school. I never appreciated the history and ancestry of the tiny tool that I casually slipped into my pocket so many times. Never, that is, before that Zig Zag.

A comprehensive and exhaustive compilation of everything there is to know about corkscrews, from three of the world's leading experts. If it isn't in this book, it hasn't been discovered yet.

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