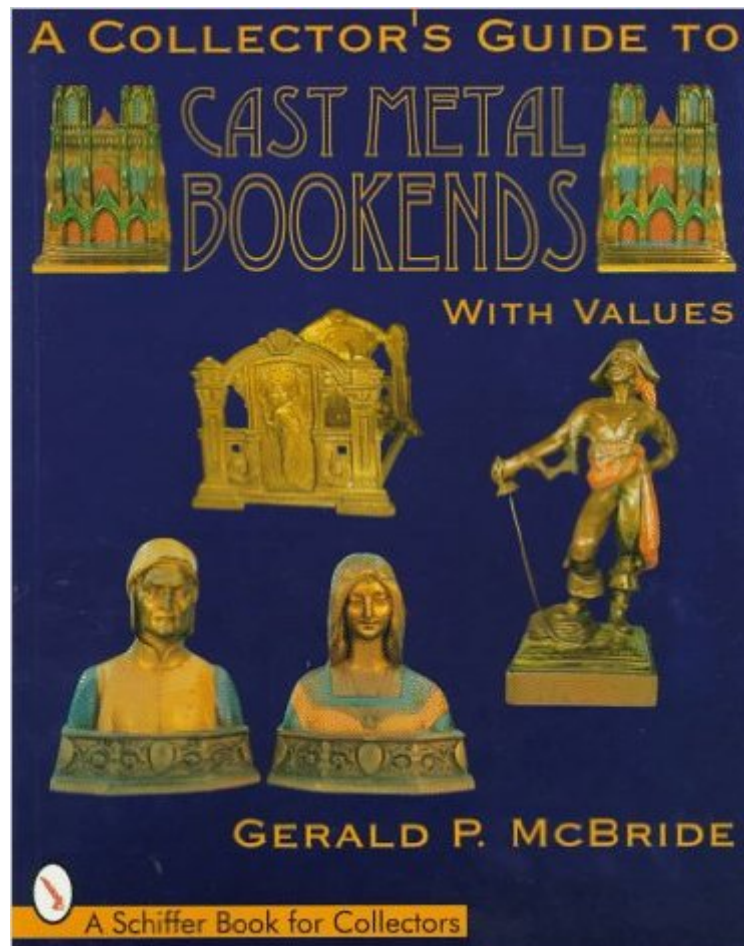


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# Collector's Guide To Cast Metal Booke (Schiffer Book For Collectors)



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This big book presents a wide range of cast metal bookend designs shown in over 500 color photos. Each is identified and there are histories of the manufacturers, book racks, catalogs and a useful identification and buyers' guide.

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A very good guidebook, with lots of great information, less good as a look-up reference. The vintage catalog reprints are extremely helpful to the collector. The organization is a bit odd, with bookends arranged according to casting type. That would be fine if the index was detailed enough to let you quickly find a particular piece. Instead, you get a subject (e.g., "Indians") followed by a long list of page numbers that you have to search through, a cumbersome, slow process that gets old in a hurry. But nevertheless this is a book the collector needs to own.

Very educational. Lots of excellent information on how to identify various types of antique bookends. For example the author has lots of side by side comparisons of the same bookends made of different metals and finishes. There are also reprints of several old catalogs featuring their bookend product lines. It includes book value of the various bookends--unfortunately, the book was published in 1997. There also is a lot of information on logo identification. This book is a must for anyone who wishes to buy, sell or collect bookends. On the downside, in my own opinion, this book is not a user friendly reference book. It is not organized by subject, but rather by how they are casted. As a

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Lots of info. Good background on the foundries. Information on molds and the process of electroplating. Worthy book to have as a lot of this info is not in other books.

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