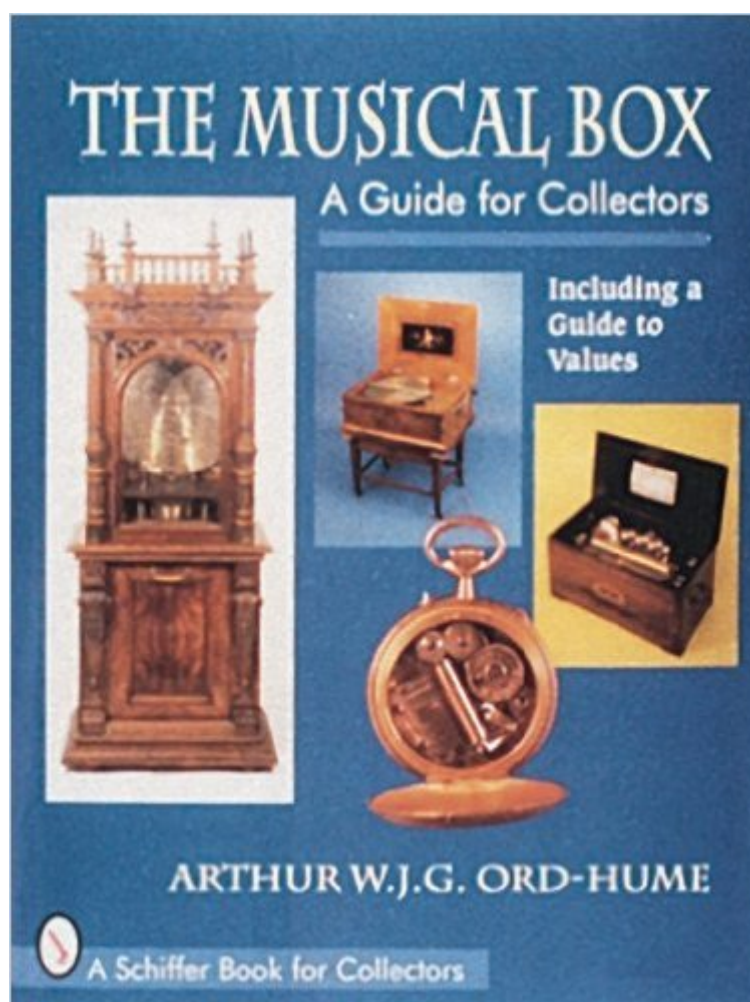


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Ord-Hume presents an exhaustive work on the subject of music box collecting. This book has almost everything you need to know including identification of tune-sheets, manufacturers, music box styles and types. He includes a guide to values which is probably already out-dated, but it gives a good idea of what different boxes are worth. If you want to know what a rigid formation box is, it's in there. If you want to know the difference between a mandoline box and a organeoclide, you'll learn it there. It's an excellent reference book, and I even read it as I would a novel, it's that well presented.

As others have said, this profusely illustrated book tells you everything you might want to know about music boxes. As a beginning collector, I bought it to learn about the subject; steeling myself to deal with one of those dull scholarly tomes. I need not have worried. It is not only a technically rich

resource, it is written with light-hearted style and grace and is a pleasure to read.

Great reference book. Massive number of pictures, specs, histories, drawings and detailed information.

Ord-Hume is one of the most renowned authors on this subject, along with Q. David Bowers (Encyclopedia of Automatic Musical Instruments). This is 343 pages packed with amazing information for the collector, or someone just starting out that wants to know more, or for a person doing a research report. This book won't become stale, as the last boxes were made around 1910. An excellent appendix section on identification of tune cards (the paper inside the music box that lists the songs it plays). Thirteen chapters covering things like history, how they are made, advice for collectors, conservation and protection, an index of makers, hundreds of illustrations, many in color. There are a few books every true collector should have and this is one of them.

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