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# The Standard Encyclopedia Of American Silverplate: Flatware And Hollow Ware : Identification & Value Guide



## Synopsis

Frances Bones and Lee Roy Fisher have pooled their knowledge and vintage catalog materials for this essential reference book that collectors and dealers may use to develop a better understanding of American silverplate patterns. Composed of more than 400 vintage catalog pages featuring the work of 28 American manufacturers, this easy-to-use book is the first to include hollow ware in addition to flatware. The popular patterns from the 1880s to 1980 are all featured and priced. The price guide represents the market experience of dealers and collectors. 2003 values. **AUTHOR BIO:** Frances Bones has collected original Fostoria catalogs and material since 1970. A dealer in both American silver and glass, in 1971 she published *Collectibles of the Depression* and in 1973 *The Book of Duncan Glass*. In the spring of 1998 she and Lee Roy Fisher published *The Standard Encyclopedia of American Silverplate*. In 1999 she published *Fostoria Glassware 1887 - 1982*. **AUTHOR BIO:** Lee Roy Fisher is a nationally known silverplate dealer. He and his wife, Nany, operate Fishers Silver Exchange in Huntsville, Texas, and are widely known on the antiques show circuit. Lee Roy specializes in the older fancier patterns and is a recognized authority on all of the grape patterns. Since the late 1950s, Fishers Silver Exchange has advertised continuously in the *Antique Trader Weekly*. **REVIEW:** This identification guide is easy to use. The American firms are listed alphabetically, as are the patterns featured under the manufacturers. Original company catalogs are included in this large reference.

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## Customer Reviews

If you have an old set of silverplate or odd pieces, especially older ornate pieces of flatware, this is a good guide, well illustrated, with many reproductions of original catalogs. I found pattern names of several odd serving pieces which led to a search for matching place settings.

There are so many good photos, line drawings, and catalog pages. It is organized by manufacturers name, and then sub categorized alphabetically by pattern name. No need for a contents page when you are trying to identify a piece you have. Look up your pattern by what the backstamp says on it. There are all the top collectible patterns in this book and the lesser quality patterns were left out that are of little demand. The original catalog pages are very informative and show the original prices for the silver. A must for the dealer, and dealer wanna-be.

A collection of ads and drawings of silverplate patterns. I have 5 different patterns that we collect. This book only had 2 of the five.

Although this book sounded great, it was very disappointing...A very expensive book for the little knowledge in it...Lots of pages, but little information....Has many manufacturer's advertisement pictures and pages and pages of the same pattern, but not very helpful as far as identification!!! Very limited manufacturers and patterns...I wouldn't waste my time or money on purchasing this particular book, even for the novice it covers very little, unless you just like looking at pictures...

This book has lots of nice pictures and drawings that show good detail of the different patterns. There are lots of patterns to choose from including some that are very old. The only problem is that it doesn't really have a good variety of brands. Also, it took me a while to figure out where the values are. Once I figured that out, I got real tired of flipping back to the front cover over and over to see what my pieces were worth. However, if you've got the right brands this could be the perfect book for you!

Great research book on the history of Silver plate flatware and hollow ware. Just what I was looking for. Book is in "NEW" condition and was dated from 1998!! No musty smells or ripped pages.

The book was not as helpful as I expected. I was hoping it would help me collect silverplate that had some real value and I am not sure that it meets that goal. However, it arrived promptly and in excellent condition and I appreciated that.

You will enjoy this book while identifying your silverplate. There is much information to be gleaned and it will help both the beginning collector and those that have been collecting for some time.

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