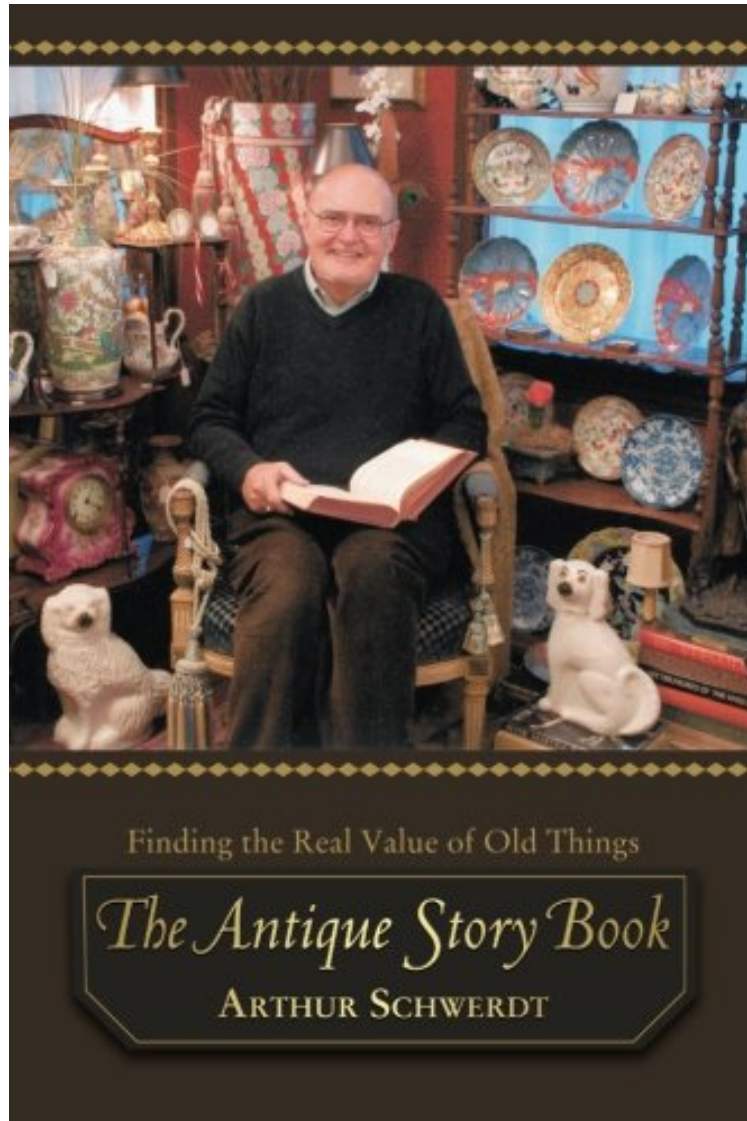


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This is more than a book about antiques--far more. Each chapter is a mini history lesson, written in Schwerdt's terse, entertaining, and informative style. So don't expect a heavy, catalogue-style listing of what's worth what. Expect instead an enjoyable trip through time that explores the why and how of the antique market. I know I'll never look the same at my wife's Blue Willow china collection. Now I know what some of those patterns mean. I can't imagine anyone not breezing through this easy-to-read book. And it's loaded with interesting little facts that will never leave you. Did you know that "credenza" is Italian for "trust?" It was where food and wine were placed during the Renaissance so servants could taste first, lest their masters be poisoned. Now there's trust for you! And why does Schwerdt suggest that a common 19th century soap salesman may be in large part responsible for America's rise to greatness? In a few short pages, he'll explain Elbert Hubbard's place in American history. Schwerdt just may be right. This book reads fast and reads easy. I venture to say that you may even read it more than once. It's that interesting. Whether you're an antique lover, a history lover, or you just like to read good books, The Antique Story Book is worth your time.

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