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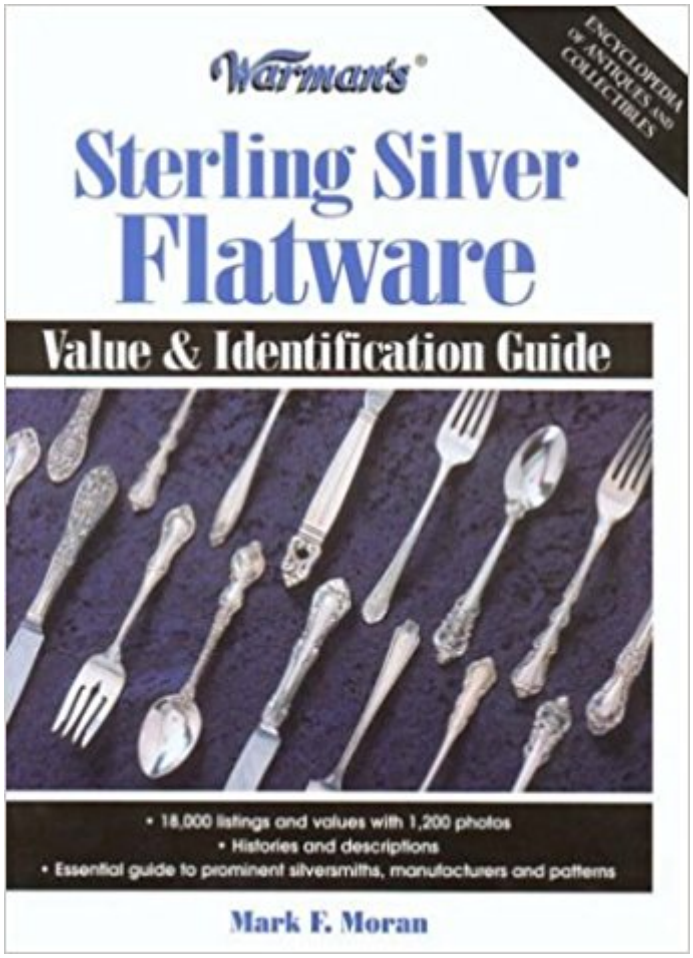

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Synopsis

Sterling silver flatware continues to be highly collectible, especially as family collections are passed down to each new generation. In this new standard to sterling silver, noted antique expert Mark Moran lists thousands of sets of sterling, complete with identifying photos and their current prices. He covers pieces from all the major American manufacturers, as well as selected English and European manufacturers in this essential guide to prominent silversmiths, manufacturers and patterns. He also provides an overview of what to look for, condition reports, history and descriptions.

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Customer Reviews

Mark F. Moran is an author and antiques dealer specializing in vintage folk art, Americana, prints and paintings. In addition to compiling reference books on antique American and European furniture, metalwares, clocks and sterling silver flatware, he has written for numerous national antiques magazines covering shows and auctions.

This book takes the reader back to the early years and allows for a nice leisurely walk through a memory lane. I wouldn’t hesitate to order and add to your collection.

This book has helped me immensely as I seemed to, over the years, acquired a small collection of

sterling flatware. Now I know who, when, etc.

Excellent reference for sterling flatware.

The product delivery was good. The product was what was advertised. The price for the product was good. No problems or issues.

This is an excellent guide for the identification of sterling flatware for the collector or the dealer.

As an avid collector of sterling silver flatware I am grateful for any new publication relating to pattern identification. Unfortunately, this guide is somewhat disappointing. The pattern illustrations and photographs range in quality from fairly good to down right poor. There is no section on hallmarks, an essential element in the identification of flatware patterns. Warman’s guide is primarily a price list. As Moran correctly points out in his introductory remarks, merely a "ballpark" valuation. Nevertheless, while not a definative work, one should consider adding this guide to their sterling flatware reference library.

I wish I had read the above review before I spent my money on this book. I think if someone is going to sell an identification "guide" for a specific category of goods and they are only going to cover a representative selection of that category, they should at least be honest about it on the cover. The cover of this one should say "If you only need a few photos from each manufacturer and you don’t need makers’ marks to help you IDENTIFY your silver, then this book is for you!!!"

This book is a very useful resource if you deal in sterling silver flatware as it provides actual photographs, not drawings of the handles of each patter. The other benefit this book provides is that you can identify the pieces based on size -- and accurately call a piece by the proper name. Each pattern has a list of many available pieces and their value. I use this book alot and bought one for by business partner -- anyone who deals in sterling flatware should have a copy!

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