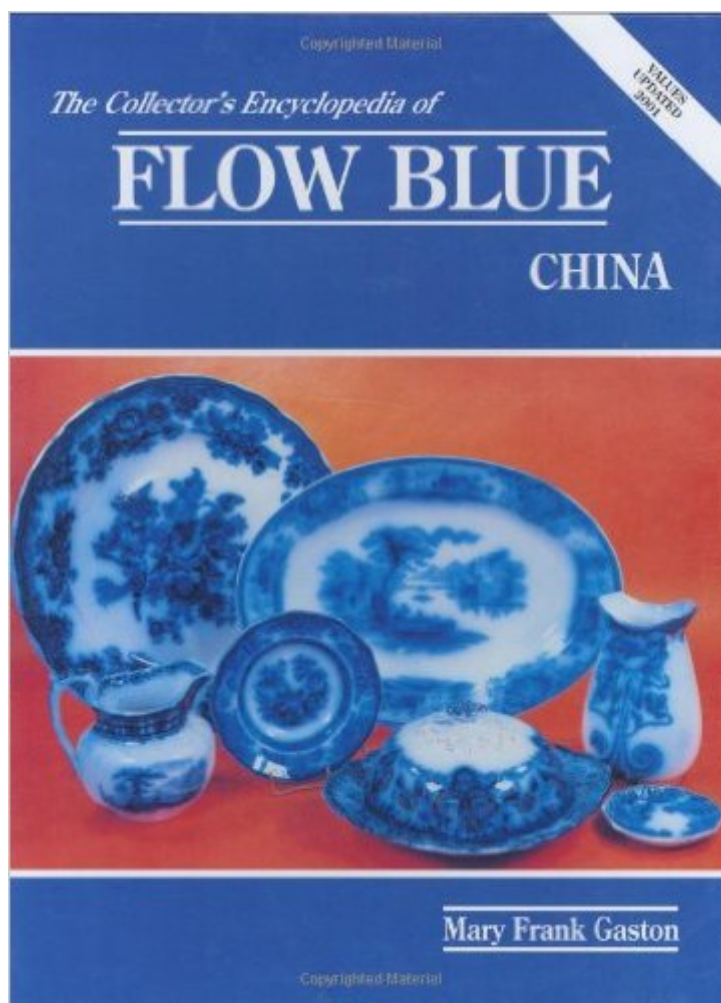


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# The Collector's Encyclopedia Of Flow Blue China



## Synopsis

With well over 400 photos illustrating many of the popular patterns as well as different types of objects are featured along with marks of over 160 English and non-English manufacturers, this volume presents a full-color survey of this topic. The separate Price Guide reflects the current price ranges of the items shown. This beautiful book, which brings to life the extraordinary range of collectible Flow Blue patterns and pieces, is a must for collectors.

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## Customer Reviews

This is an essential guide for collectors of flow blue china. It features over 400 pieces photographed in color and described in detail. For identification purposes, all of the manufacturers' marks on these pieces are shown in enlarged b/w photos. There are also cross-references for manufacturers and their patterns and types of objects other than plates. For the collector, there is a history of flow blue, information on collecting methods, a glossary, and market trends including modern reproductions to watch out for. A current value guide is also provided for all the items illustrated. The photography is excellent. Captions for each item include maker & pattern, size and reference to the photo of the mark. This will be a great reference for the beginning or advanced collector of this beautiful style.

If you collect, are interested in collecting, or want to identify and value flow blue items, this book is a must. You can look up items by pattern, which are cross-referenced to the manufacturers' names. The book is full of color photographs of makers' marks as well as examples of hundreds of patterns

on various types of pieces. The back of the book contains values for the photographed pieces. Another helpful feature is the section on reproductions. This is a great reference book.

I have been seriously collecting only a few months now and have decided to sell. This book is well organized and the best of 3 reference books on flow blue that I have. The hard cover is a good idea since I think I would wear it down to stubs if it had been a paperback!!

This book along with the entire series of Flow Blue books by Mary Frank Gaston are vital in Flow Blue identification and history. This book is brimming with photos and identification marks, along with manufacturing dates and makers. There is also a section on 'fakes' and how to look for and avoid them. Each book has different photos of the many patterns and shapes Flow Blue comes in. I highly recommend owning a copy of each of Ms. Gaston's books if you are a true Flow Blue collector. You will enjoy these books for years to come. They are well made with high quality color and material. Enjoy!

I purchased this book some time ago and use it quite often and it has proved to be very helpful BUT, from other research there is a lot of information missing that should have been in this book. Before I'm usually complete with a research I have to go to other sources. The book is very well compiled, paper material is worthy, and even the size is nice; sometimes you have 6 or 8 3-4" books open and being smaller does help at times. The Jacket is nice and has a variety of dishes which is appealing to the buyers. My main problem with this book are the grade of photographs. I know there are loads of Willow Blue with the "smeared" look to the actual finish of a piece but I find it hard to identify something with the images so blurred and out of focus. There are photos after photos so blurred you cannot identify what you are looking for. I think this is a good book for beginners but if you are looking for clear and distinct photos, I would source some other book.

I bought this for my Mother, who is a big fan on flow blue. She has enjoyed every page of it and found it very helpful in pricing some of her collectibles! There are also many pages of full color pictures. I would recommend this book to anyone from serious collectors to those who want to learn more about this beautiful pottery.

Great resource. Arrived as described and in a speedy manner. Highly recommend seller!

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