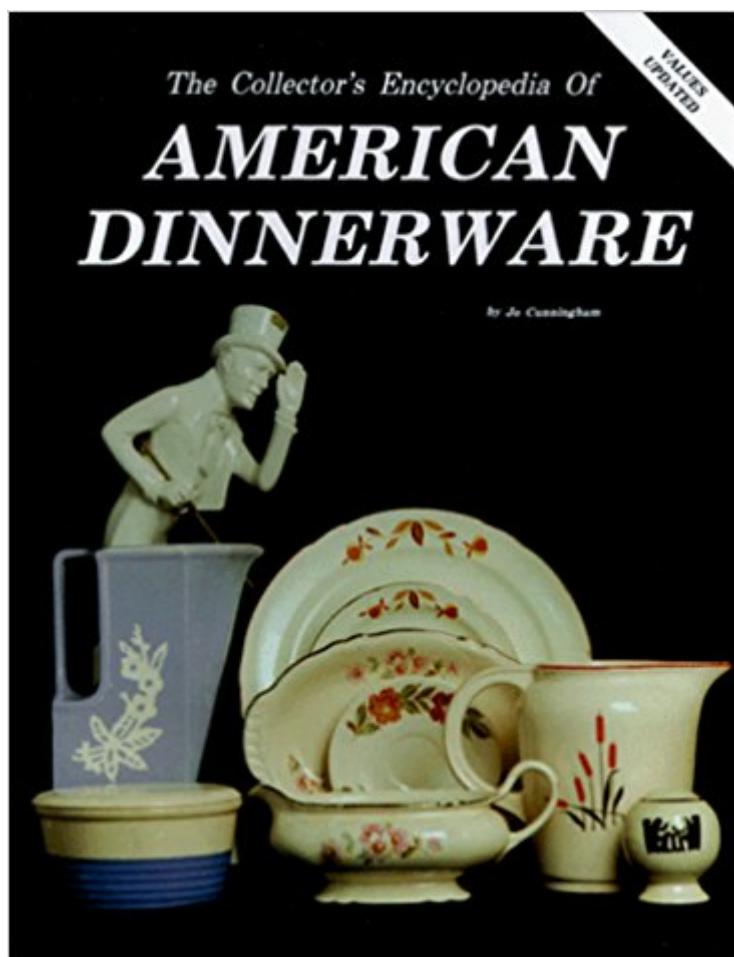


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# Collectors Encyclopedia Of American Dinnerware



## Synopsis

Hundreds of pieces of American dinnerware are illustrated with color photos and many more in black and white. Includes backstamps, advertising, company information, and values for every piece. 1998 values. AUTHORBIO: Jo Cunningham resides in Springfield, Missouri, with her family. She has been active in collecting for many years and is a member of several national organizations pertaining to collecting. She has authored several books, *The Collector's Encyclopedia of American Dinneware*, *The Autumn Leaf Story*, and *Hall China Price Guide*, as well as several articles on collectibles for leading trade papers. REVIEW: This book is a compilation of dinnerware pieces and pieces of information gained from letters, trade publications, and conversations with pottery people. It is intended to generally acquaint readers with pottery terms and production methods as well as gain insight into the major dinnerware companies in America. The pieces shown for each company represent only a small portion of what was available from the company.

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Many of the names found on dinnerware are pattern names, rather than company names.

Thousands of decals were used by dozens of companies - and sometimes the same decal was used by more than one company. Some companies, such as Harker and Homer Laughlin, are covered at great length; others, such as Frankoma, have only a page devoted to them. Where individual items are pictured, a value is given. Some backstamps are shown. -Old Stuff,

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Other than the photos, there isn't much here. It's very amateurish. Whole categories are missing -- there is barely a mention of "Fiesta" at all. Makes you think the publisher had an arrangement so as not to infringe on sales of their Fiesta books. There is no mention of Metlox. Also, while there is a price guide, it only lists the specific pieces that are shown in the photos, not all the pieces in the line. This is a major shortcoming. There should be some mention of pieces not shown. The book is also poorly organized, with ads from old magazines interspersed with original writing. It reminds me of an 8th grade book report. Spend your money elsewhere.

I have owned this book for several years and it is my go to reference guide to identify pieces made in the USA pottery and dishes. Many of the companies have long gone out of business and there are fakes. This book gives true information on the pieces and fakes stick out so I do not waste my money on them. This is my go to guide.

Not at all what I expected. I thought that any book on American Dinnerware would have a section on Lenox. This book does not and that was all I was interested in.

I bought this book in hope of being able to identify one particular plate I have. Not only did I find it, but also found valuable information on a variety of other pieces as well. This is a really good book for the novice collector.

great book

I collect and sell, and while no printed book can cover "everything" this one is a help.

Handy guide to Dinnerware! We like to shop for pieces that were made in America and this guide is

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This book shows you that you need to check out the back of your cupboards - and your Mother's - for the hidden gems.

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