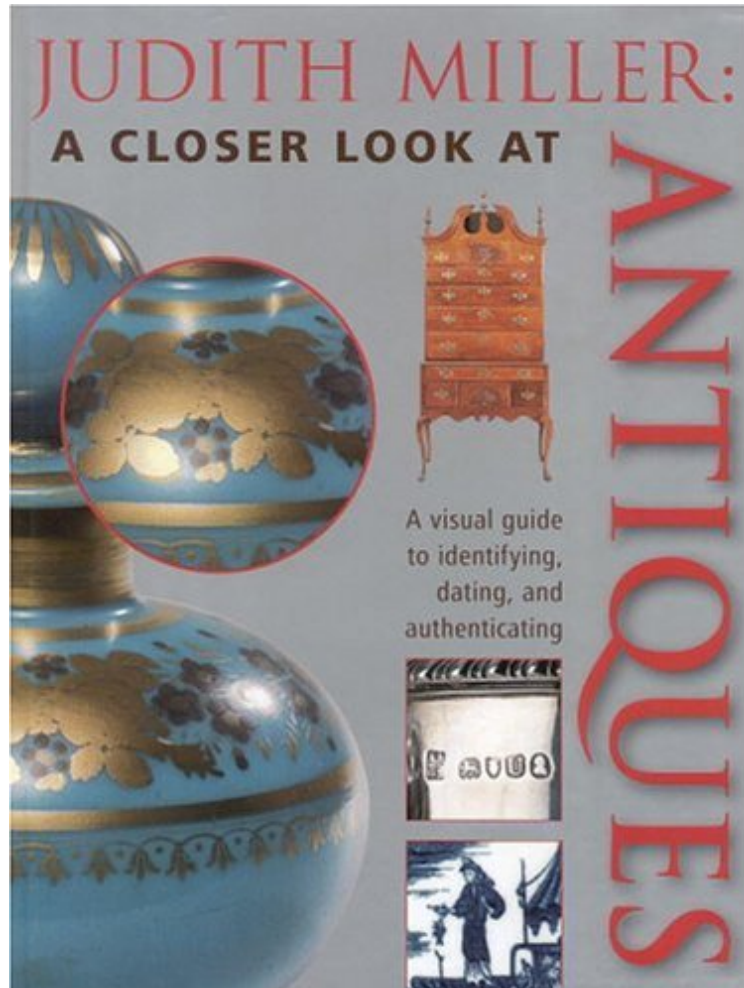


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Judith Miller : Judith Miller : A Closer Look at Antiques before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Judith Miller : A Closer Look at Antiques:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Informative Introduction to Antiques and Their Context By L. M. Keefer If you are interested in an introduction to antiques and period furniture, this is an informative and appealing guide to identifying, dating and authenticating antiques. A period and style context is provided covering the major styles in England, France and the United States beginning with the Baroque Style in 1620 to the Modernist Style in the first half of the 20th century. Periods covered include: Baroque, Rococo, Neoclassical, Federal, Regency, Victorian, Arts Crafts, Art Nouveau, Edwardian, and Modernist. The author Judith Miller, a best-selling author of various antique guides, then describes some of the style elements of each period with lots of visual examples. Also provided are helpful visual time-lines of various furniture elements such as chair backs, legs, feet and handles around key dates.

Miller then surveys the different categories of antiques which she thinks are most important to readers and novice antique-hunters. Miller explains: "I have now spent 30 rewarding years collecting, solving mysteries, and enjoying all the new discoveries that the world of antiques has to offer. In *A CLOSER LOOK AT ANTIQUES* I've concentrated on four of the most popular collecting areas that I have learned about during that time: Furniture, Ceramics, Silver and Glass." She puts them in their historical context, examines influential types, styles and makers and dissects key examples to illustrate their identifying characteristics. She describes, with clear photos, what to look for in diverse antiques. This is an informative, but not exhaustive, introduction to antiques. She tells the story of diverse styles, types of, elements of and takes a closer look at key pieces. There are excellent images of pieces in here in an attractive format. This is easy to read as the text is interspersed with large illustrations. I use this book for classes I teach on design history. Miller lectures on the topic of Antiques and writes monthly articles for the BBC's monthly magazine "Homes Antiques" plus has been on television on "The House Detectives", "The Antique Trail" and "It's Your Bid" on the Discovery Channel. Her knowledge is formidable and shared in this book. There's a helpful bibliography and A-Z of People and Places, plus a glossary at the end of the book. I wish the book had been longer and included more, but Miller has more comprehensive books for that purpose. This appears to be shorter introduction to the topic for the novice.

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By Mervyn L. Cohn
I've been using Miller's for years; since Novel went pulp. This was too good a price to let. It pass.

At big city auction houses or in rural flea markets, take along this affordable, wide-ranging guide by a seasoned professional and start collecting with confidence. Drawing upon her wealth of experience as a collector, lecturer, writer and television and internet commentator, Judith Miller has written the essential guide for antique lovers who want clear, no-nonsense advice on how to identify and value furniture, ceramics, silver, and glass. More than nine hundred illustrations and identification charts are included in this exceptional reference. The specially commissioned photos go up-close, identifying the details professional look for when they choose antiques, and the clear annotations show the main features of particular styles. This visual guide to identification, dating, and authentication of antiques is ideal for every collector.

.com To the inexperienced, buying antiques can be about as stressful as a trip to the dentist. How do you correctly identify antiques? How can you spot the genuine article and not be fooled by a fake? What is an appropriate price for the piece you want? In *A Closer Look at Antiques*, Judith Miller answers all those questions, plus a few more. Miller, cofounder of the popular *Miller's Antiques Price Guide* and whose previous books include the bestselling *Miller's Antiques Encyclopedia*, begins with a handy guide to identifying different styles--including Baroque, Rococo, Neoclassical, Federal, Regency, Victorian, Arts and Crafts, Art Nouveau, Edwardian, and Modernist. She notes the characteristics that define each style and offers detailed photographs to illustrate. The furniture timeline that follows helps put it all into perspective. The rest of the book examines pieces in terms of styles, types, methods for determining authenticity, and evolution throughout history. "The Story of the Table," for instance, tells of the evolution of this ubiquitous piece of furniture, from a plank of wood resting on a trestle that served as a portable table in the Middle Ages through the 18th century's tripod tables to the large central dining tables that served prosperous middle-class families in the Victorian era. "Types of Chinese Ceramics" details the Celadon, Wucai, Qingbai, Blanc-de-Chine, Famille Verte, Doucai, Peachbloom, and Famille Rose ceramics found throughout China. Miller details the period in which each type was made and the distinctive characteristics of each. Miller devotes sections to each of the major categories of antiques-- furniture, ceramics, silver, and glass--making this a truly comprehensive guide. Value codes are included for each of the antiques featured, serving as a rough guide to what one can expect to pay for a similar piece. A glossary of terms and an "A-Z of People and Places" are exceptionally handy reference tools. --Robin Donovan

About the Author
Judith Miller started collecting antiques during the sixties while a student at Edinburgh University. In 1979, she co-founded *Miller's Antiques Price Guide*. Miller lectures, writes articles, and appears on television programs such as the Discovery Channel's *It's Your Bid* and *The Antiques Trail*.