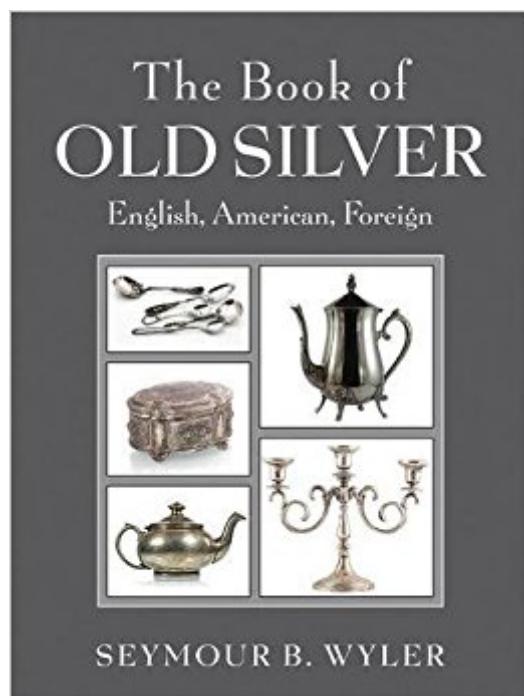


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The Book Of Old Silver: English, American, Foreign



Synopsis

The art of silversmithing dates back to centuries ago, and its history is an interesting and intricate one, but even Old Silver connoisseurs aren't familiar with all of the customs, laws, regulations, and fashions of the past. First published in 1937, The Book of Old Silver thoroughly chronicles the fascinating history of the art of this precious metal, starting in England, which produced more fine silver than any other country and ignited the craft's greatest flowering.

Did you know the word "Sterling" originates from a band of immigrant Germans, the Easterlings, who were called on by King John in 1300 to refine the metal to make English coins? Or that the English government regulated the stamping of silver by law, and later punished the marking of inferior pieces with the sterling hallmark by death? Seymour B. Wyler follows the history of various types of silver pieces, including tea services, drinking articles, condiment sets, tableware, lighting appliances, and furniture, and details the history of silver in various parts of the United Kingdom, America, and Europe. Along with the history and traditions, Wyler provides instructions on how to properly care for and clean Old Silver, details how to identify antique pieces, and provides tables and illustrations of various silversmiths' marks. Including photographs of antiques dating back to the sixteenth century, this book is a must-have for every silver collector.

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Seymour B. Wyler (1911–1990) was born and raised in New York, and was the owner of an antiques store specializing in English silver and porcelain. Wyler traveled extensively in his work

and was the author of The Book of Old Sheffield Plate.

If you have silver from 1600? Most of us don't. You need a different reference. This has maker's marks and is almost exclusively for European Silver, not so much American Silver.....

A little disappointed in this...not as useful as expected, maybe due to my ignorance, but the book info suggests it is much more comprehensive than it is. Good for very old silver, but not much use if your piece is dated later than 1820. Indexes are not particularly useful, as you have to search through for an alphabetical mark you may not be able to see that well on an older piece. An alphabetical index of makers would be incredibly useful, but alas, there isn't one. For some makers, marks listed cover only 1-2 years...not that helpful considering the number of marks an individual maker may use over the lifetime of the company. Also, some maker names appear to be listed incorrectly and don't take into account changes in company names that may take place over the years. I would say this is not a very useful resource if your silver or silverplate dating after about 1820. I got better information just searching various websites. That said, the beginning of the book is an interesting read for the history...it's just not good for identifying, valuing or dating a particular piece or set.

Fantastic and informative book. Excl condition as well!

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