BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY (annotated)
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IDENTIFICATION AND PRICE GUIDES - FINE ARTS

GENERAL FINE ART REFERENCE BOOKS

General Art History Book - Janson, Gardners, Clark, etc.

Benezit, Emmanuel. *Dictionaire critique et documentaire des peintres, sculpteurs, dessinateurs et graveurs*. 14 vols. Paris: Grund, 1999 (French and English) biographical info, some signatures, some $ [museums & colleges have, Bobst. Now in English—bios are longer, prices are antiquated; Now Available on Oxfordartonline.com]

Seemann, E. A. *Thieme/Becker: Allgemeines Lixikon der Bildenden Künstler von der Antike bis zur Gegenwart*. (37 Volumes) Leipzig: Wilhelm Engelmann Verlag, (German equivalent; more names/entries, not as detailed/briefer bios)

Turner, Jane, ed. *Groves Dictionary of Art*. Oxford University Press, 2003. (www.oxfordartonline.com) [high schools have; use if you need quick and dirty lessons on something]


FINE ART REFERENCE BOOKS: AMERICAN ART


___, *Who's Who in Art* (British contemporary artists)

___, *Guide to Exhibited Artists: Craftsmen*

___, *Guide to Exhibited Artists: European Painters*

___, *Guide to Exhibited Artists: North American Painters, Guide to Exhibited Artists: Sculptors*

Archibald, *Dictionary of Sea Painters*

Bihalji-Merin & Tomasevic. *World Encyclopedia of Native Art*

Cummings, *Dictionary of Contemporary American Artists*

Emanual, *Contemporary Artists*

Fosket, *Miniatures Dictionary and Guide*

Gerds, *William H., Art Across America*
Gunnis, *Dictionary of British Sculptors: 1660-1851*
Hughes, *Artists in California*
Mayer, *Folk Artists Biographical Index*
Mitchell, *Dictionary of British Equestrian Artists*
Parry-Crooke, *Contemporary British Artists*
Roberts, *A Dictionary of Japanese Artists*
Samuels, *Contemporary Western Artists*
Sorgen, *Profiles Who's Who in American Crafts*
Wingfield, *A Dictionary of Sporting Artists*
Zellman, Michael D., *Three Hundred Years of American Art*


[DEC ARTS: lots of unsigned and copies out there. Gives transliteration in Russian; organized by subject and artist; good information on marks, condition issues, foundries]


[Good for photography signatures]

All catalogue raisonnés (particularly of prints/photographs)


[www.ifar.org](http://www.ifar.org)

**FINE ART REFERENCE SIGNATURE BOOKS**


[www.artprice.com](http://www.artprice.com)
[www.askart.com](http://www.askart.com)
FINE ART PRICE BOOKS (RETROSPECTIVE APPRAISALS)
www.artinfo.com
[Actual [Ptg., drwgs., sculpt. international auction prices]


www.artinfo.com

www.gordonsart.com
[Photographs, international auction prices]

www.gordonsart.com
[Prints, international auction prices]

[ptgs, drwgs, some prints, sculpture international auction $]


_Miller’s Price Guide_
[buy every year]

[good for retrospective appraisals]

[good for retrospective appraisals—who was buying/selling]

FRAMING/ CONSTRUCTION/ MEDIUM BOOKS


**IDENTIFICATION AND PRICE GUIDES - DECORATIVE ARTS**

[Books are sometimes easier to use and more accurate than online]

A Dictionary of Encyclopedia of Furniture  
A Dictionary of Encyclopedia of Marks Books on Patterns  
Steuben [closed; prices are going down]  
Tiffany (Carpenter book)--flatware  
Jewelers' Sterling Flatware Pattern Index, Hagan (flatware)  
Baccarat  
Sandwich Glass  
Rookwood  
Roseville  
Blue and White  
Staffordshire  
Stickley, etc. etc.

[DEC ARTS: lots of unsigned and copies out there. Gives transliteration in Russian; organized by subject - see Fine Art Section]


_____. *Knopf Collector's Guides: Silver & Pewter, Pottery and Porcelain, Folk Art, Quilts, Toys, Furniture, Glass, Dolls*

_____. *Lyle Official Antiques Review*, published annually
[Representative antique prices]


[go to Barnes & Noble and just look at it—in their collectibles section]


*Auction sale catalogues* - Christie's, Sotheby's, Doyle, Phillips, Swann, Tepper, Hindman (Chicago), Butterfield (San Francisco), DuMouchelle (Detroit), Wechsler (Washington), Skinner's (Boston), Freeman (Philadelphia), David Rago (PA), Cincinnati, Leland’s, New Orleans, John Moran, etc.
[Need to have these!]

**PORCELAIN**


Röntgen, Robert E. *Marks on German, Bohemian, and Austrian Porcelain 1710 to the present*. Exton, Pennsylvania: Schiffer Publishing Ltd. 1981. [Eastern Europe]


**SILVER**


**GLASS**


**FURNITURE**


ASIAN ART


[puts Asian art into a Western context; symbols and their meaning, technique]


[You’ll be seeing lots of these]

RUGS
[Everyone has one! George Anavian is the expert—he says auction cats are best resource]


[Antique Collectors’ Club books are good]


JEWELRY


**COLLECTIBLES**  
[Go to the Web now—more current]


**BOOKS AND AUTOGRAPHS**

[This is ONLINE]


**COSTUME**  
[These give hints for portraits, esp. Fairservis, Gorsline, and McClellan]


Xun, Zhou and Chunming, Gao. *5,000 Years of Chinese Costumes*. San Francisco: China Books and
GENERAL

GENERAL READING


[Great coffee table book]


ART THEORY, CONNOISSEURSHIP, AND "FUN" BOOKS


[Contemporary]


[19th Century]


Rudolf Wittkower, *Born Under Saturn*.  
[gossipy anecdotes about artists—very funny book]

[intellectual theory of art]


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[They all make mistakes, so check each one (all of them), as will the IRS!]

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Invaluable (www.invaluable.com)  
ArtInfo (www.artinfo.com)  
ArtNet (www.artnet.com) $5K/yr + $186 per report  
AskArt (www.askart.com) $25.95.mo unlimited auction records; has some free info; bios can be written by anyone, can’t totally trust. Typed on first and last letter of what thought name was (sig was illegible). No prints.  
Gordon's (CDRom and www.gordonsart.com) PRINTS  
Price for Antiques (www.p4a.com)

Art Price (www.artprice.com)  
ART MKT INSIGHTS. Gayle pastes them into reports and then interprets charts in her mkt analyses. Tells you where he sells most (U.S. or other)  
Antique Clocks Price Guide (www.antiqueclockspriceguide.com)  
Pianos (www.ebookofpianos.com)  
Worth point (www.worthpoint.com)

Free  
Ro Gallery (www.rogallery.com) —great thumbnails online  
www.mainantiquedigest.com  
www.newel.com  
www.florianpapp.com  
www.kovels.com  
Art Sales Index (www.artinfo.com)

**IRS PUBLICATIONS**  
These may not be the most current -always check

IRS Publication 448 - Federal Estate and Gift Taxes
IRS Publication 526 - Charitable Contributions
IRS Publication 561 - Determining the Value of Donated Property
Internal Revenue Code Section 1.170 - Charitable Contributions
Internal Revenue Code Section 20.2031 - Gross Estate
Revenue Procedure 66-49
IRS Form 8283 - Noncash Charitable Contributions Summary AND Instructions

MAGAZINES
Annual Guide to Galleries, Museums, Artists Art in America (August issue) - MOST IMPORTANT
International Directory for Collectors Art & Auction (July/August issue)
Year in Review Art & Auction (September issue)

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Maine News Digest
Newton Bee
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