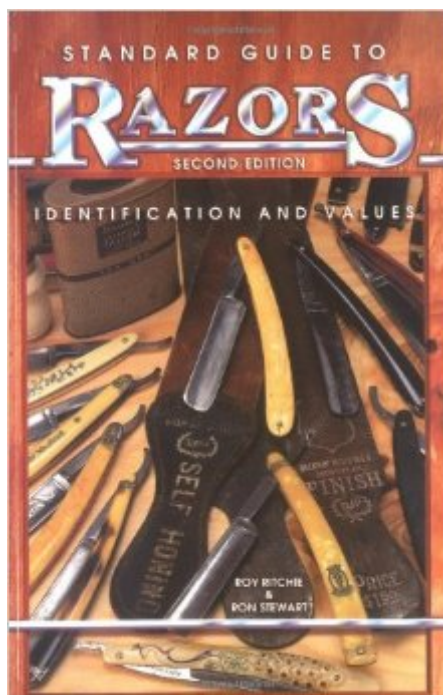


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# Standard Guide To Razors Identification And Values



## Synopsis

Often made of precious materials and embellished with the finest artwork of their time, razors are now found in elaborate displays at knife shows, antique shops, and flea markets. The authors have broadly revised and expanded their detailed price guide, updating all values to reflect the current collectible market. Color photos.

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I think this is a good effort by some very passionate, dedicated and well meaning straight razor enthusiasts, but frankly, a wholly incomplete compendium. The preface is amusing and fun to read, there is a history of shaving that's quite good, and a study of scales and the materials used is very well done. But the section on actually collecting razors comes across as pedantic and spoon fed. The author states nothing in my opinion that the novice collector would not already know, or just innately assume. This little guide has the potential to be much, much better. And as the straight razor "bible" as it is becoming regarded by many in the community, it has a responsibility to be much better. And this is the 3rd edition? If you're going to write a guide to collecting items from a vast range of years, hundreds of manufacturers, and distinct decorative styles from different regions - do it right. I'm a relative novice, and I actually learned very little from reading this guide cover-to-cover. There are thousands of unique, rare, forgotten or just overlooked examples out there, but I think this volume falls too short regardless of how many or few examples there are. I

have a decent collection of razors - 35 or so. Most are if not plentiful, at least readily found on eBay; brands that are well known within the community. When I got the book, I was excited to look through and find some of my razors. I found (maybe) one of my pieces in here. Seriously. And I don't own any one-offs. How could a casual collector with 35 fairly common pieces very nearly struck out when consulting what is regarded as the best source out there? How about a section on metallurgy? Honing, lapping and stropping? Different whetstones and techniques? Brushes? Maybe?

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