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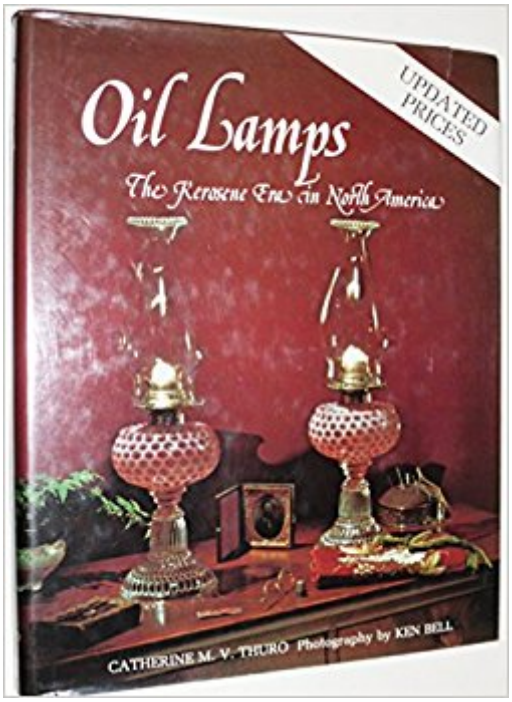

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Good general history, but I was thinking it had more in it than what it does. I love lamps and have many (100), but there are several I have that aren't included in this history of the "Era," and I find that interesting. There are specifics for many of the styles that are very similar in looks, but it seems to cover more of the glass lamps and not all or many of the metal styles that I have. I was interested in finding out more about what I have as several of them aren't complete, but this book has no info on them (specifically, a larger hanging style lamp that should have a shade and belongs in a foyer or lobby). So, I'll keep looking for another book to see if I can round out my knowledge and information regarding what I own.

If you enjoy collecting oil lamps, this book is a must. Gives a good history and general facts about oil lamps. The many pictures will give you a good reference point to help pinpoint what manufacturer made your lamp, approximately when, and what the particular design of the lamp was called. Out of my collection of 10 lamps, I have been able to identify 8 of them in this book. There were many producers of oil lamps with little documentation available. So, to be able to acquire good information on a particular lamp makes the lamp and your collection more exciting. This author did an excellent job and that is why this book is the benchmark in the oil lamp collecting world. A good investment.

We are new into collecting vintage oil lamps and after receiving this book, I spent the entire day reading it! I was so impressed that it had such great coverage of the clear glass oil lamps. These are the ones we find so common and have found in our homes for years, but now we can identify their age and who produced them. I found so many in our small collection. This covers everything, from burners, collard, chimneys, and the base of the lamp! It is very well written, lots of great photographs and an updated price list on the value of your lamp. I would definitely recommend this book.

Catherine Thuro's first book is much better than I expected, and is first rate as a reference book and to just enjoy looking at. There is a lot of information, and an unbelievable amount of photographs to help you find those obscure oil lamps you may find. I have recommended this first book to a cousin

who started me on collecting oil lamps, and recommended that I buy her second book. This first book has twice as many pages as her second book and seems to be more thorough. I would recommend buying both books, but purchase this one first if you can. You will not regret purchasing either book if you do.

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Enjoying it. Thanks

Appreciated the information in this book! Learning a lot.

As a beginning collector to oil lamps, I found this book to be very informative and helpful!

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