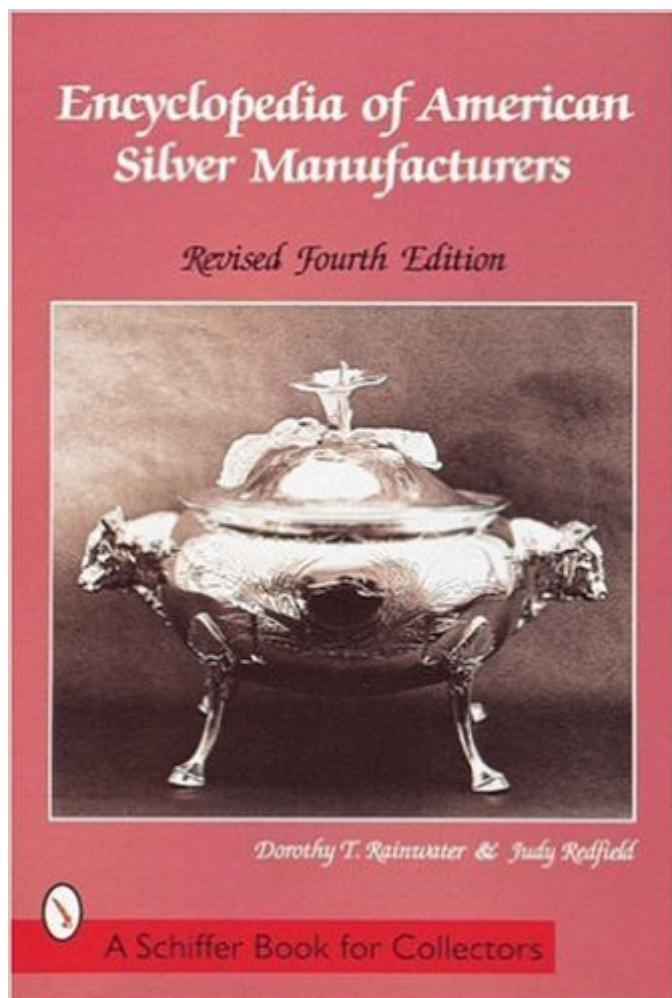


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# Encyclopedia Of American Silver Manufacturers (Schiffer Book For Collectors)



## Synopsis

The most-respected text on manufactured American silver has now gone one step further. The authors have updated the text and added photos to now include over 2400 marks illustrated with brief histories and cross references of more than 1600 manufacturers. The result is the most comprehensive reference source on the subject.

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## Customer Reviews

This reference would be a wonderful addition to any silver collector's library. It contains over 2400 marks, along with information about over 1600 manufacturers of American silver. Unlike some other books (Kovel's wonderful guide comes to mind), it goes into a bit more depth, with histories of and information about the makers themselves, rather than just the marks. There are lots of black and white photos, showing some of the marks themselves as well as samples of the works on which they appear. All in all an excellent reference for either the collector or the dealer of American silver, and worth the wait to order.

In comparing to previous edition: lots more text & many more entries!!! Format changed to 2 columns - a little harder to find things w/out white space. Some hallmarks repeated from the last book have lost their clarity. Weight conversion chart is added, so is cross-referencing company names. But there is no 'flow chart' of companies as in the last edition. Seems to be no additions to

the glossary. A must buy even if you own the previous edition!

It's hard to believe this book is out of print. Collectors have relied on it for years and years. It not only helps to identify marks but gives histories of many of the companies that enrich one's view of industry in the U. S.

I have found this to be of immediate value in figuring out who made what. No, it doesn't have all the answers, but covers most things pretty well, and certainly better than any other reference I have. A must for any serious collector or dealer of American silver.

My wife purchased this book because we were consignment sellers on eBay. It was used to place a value on stuff that we took in and the bidding took off from there. Hard for someone to value stuff without this kind of book.

This is the 5th edition of one of the most inclusive and readable books on American silversmiths. A lot of encyclopedic silver books are mostly concerned with 18th or early 19th makers, this book includes 19th and 20th century makers with their marks and information about each one. My 2nd edition is worn and I'm delighted to have this new one.

While the description of this book was accurate, I guess I was expecting more. More hall marks, more organization, and more finding aids. Also, it would appear that most of the material in this book is available on the internet. On the other hand the book did help me to avoid bidding at auction on a piece of 2nd rate silver plate that I thought was sterling. In cost avoidance, that alone probably paid for the cost of the book!!!A full four, but certainly no 5.

I find myself reaching for this book again and again. It's very easy to find exactly what you're looking for, so it's perfect for quickly looking up marks & facts about certain makers while shopping. It's fairly inexpensive, but if you can only afford one or two antique silver guides, I would be sure to put this one at the top of your list!

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