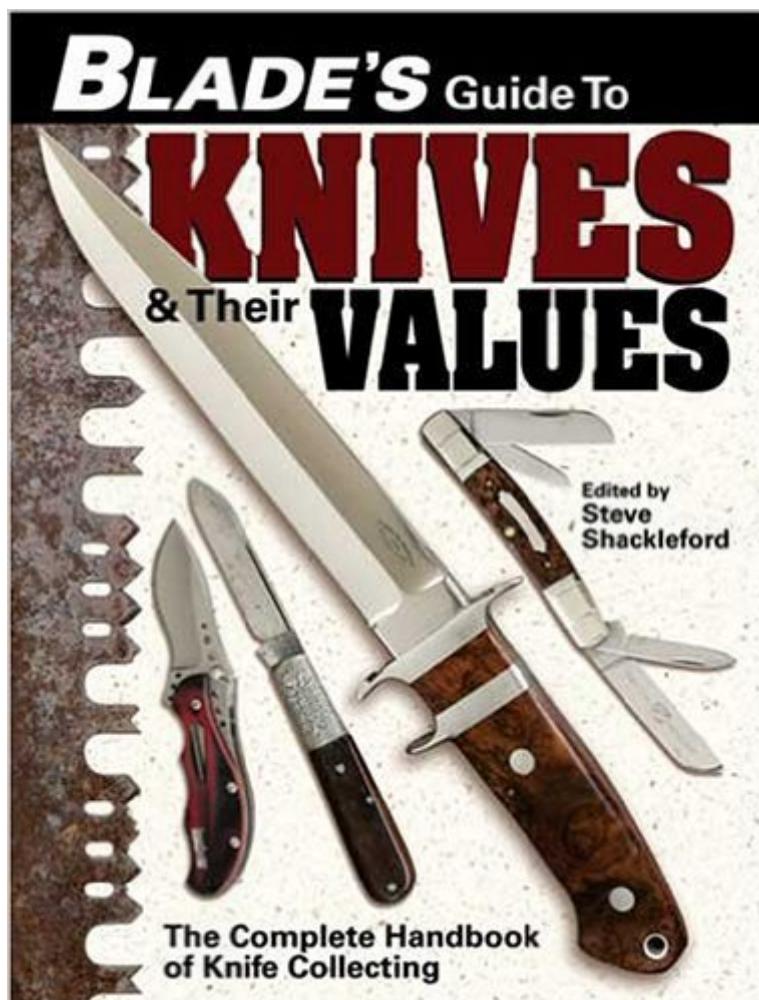


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# Blade's Guide To Knives & Their Values



## **Synopsis**

The most trusted name in knife references delivers a must-have resource for any knife enthusiast in BLADE's Guide to Knives & Their Values. A format collectors know and rely on helps create a strong foundation for this book's expanded coverage of collectible custom knives and modern production models. Blade's Guide to Knives & Their Values includes up-to-date pricing, lists of custom knifemakers and companies, 2,000+ photos to assist with identification, a basic guide to buying, selling and trading knives, and an expanded history of pioneer knife makers of the 1960s, '70s and '80s. Feature articles highlight the history of knives and recent trends within the industry, while updated reference sections outline the best in company-made collectibles and the impact the Internet has had on the hobby. From antique knife collectors to custom knife makers, everyone with any interest in knives will appreciate the revival of this industry leader. -More than 2,000 photos for easy identification -Features updated values and new articles and more chapters -Contains in-depth history of pioneer knife makers

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is the latest effort from the same folks who destroyed "Levines Guide to Knives and Their Values" by publishing the emasculated 5th edition. This effort is a step up, albeit a small one and from a position pretty low on the ladder. The format of the book has been improved, with clear page numbers and reformatted data tables, but most of the photos are the same and the text is still the

same as that in Levines 4th edition. The listing of knife markings and manufacturers is pretty good with lots of additions, but still missing the quality ratings of the manufacturers. Pricing examples for individual examples of knives have been updated. Some sections are unchanged from data displayed in Levine's 4th edition. The process for valuing a a pocket knife has been improved? to one taking 4 pages to explain and it is hidden in the middle of the volume and not listed in the Table of Contents. MY guess is that somebody wasn't too proud of the effort or process. In Levine's 4th edition the process is explained using 1/2 a page inside the back cover. I bought it because I thought it was a real update to Levine's 4th edition, but I'm disappointed to find in most areas it is not and definitely not worth the expense if your copy of Levine's 4th edition is still in one piece. Just one man's opinion.

I'm a history buff and enjoy the history behind different patterns. There is a fair amount in the book. Unfortunately, my expectations were set based on the local library having Levine's 4th edition. As an example, compare the jack knife sections and the descriptions on patterns. I assumed this book would be an update on values, but leave content intact. Instead, big chunks are missing. Blade is a fine magazine, but this book is a big disappointment.

As a neophyte to knife collecting I thought a book with the sub-title "The Complete Handbook of Knife Collecting" would be a great start. NOT. There are bits and pieces in the book that are interesting. It lists the different materials used for knife handles, but fails to give even a basic idea of how to identify them. In the listing of American Knife Makers, the list isn't alphabetical. For a resource book this is insane. While this book appears to have logical sections, nothing in the sections appears in a logical order, and they seem to be merely touching the surface of each topic. There is a suggestion to be sure not to confuse two companies with similar names, and not even a hint how to do that. It appears to be more of a compilation of unrelated articles than a guide. There is more history about companies than information about the knives they made. This is a book for the "immediately useless reference book" shelf.

Blade's Guide to Knives & Their Value is a great book for identifying a knife, determining a knife's value and reading of the knife's history.

My boyfriend collects knives and he reference's this frequently, for newer knives.

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