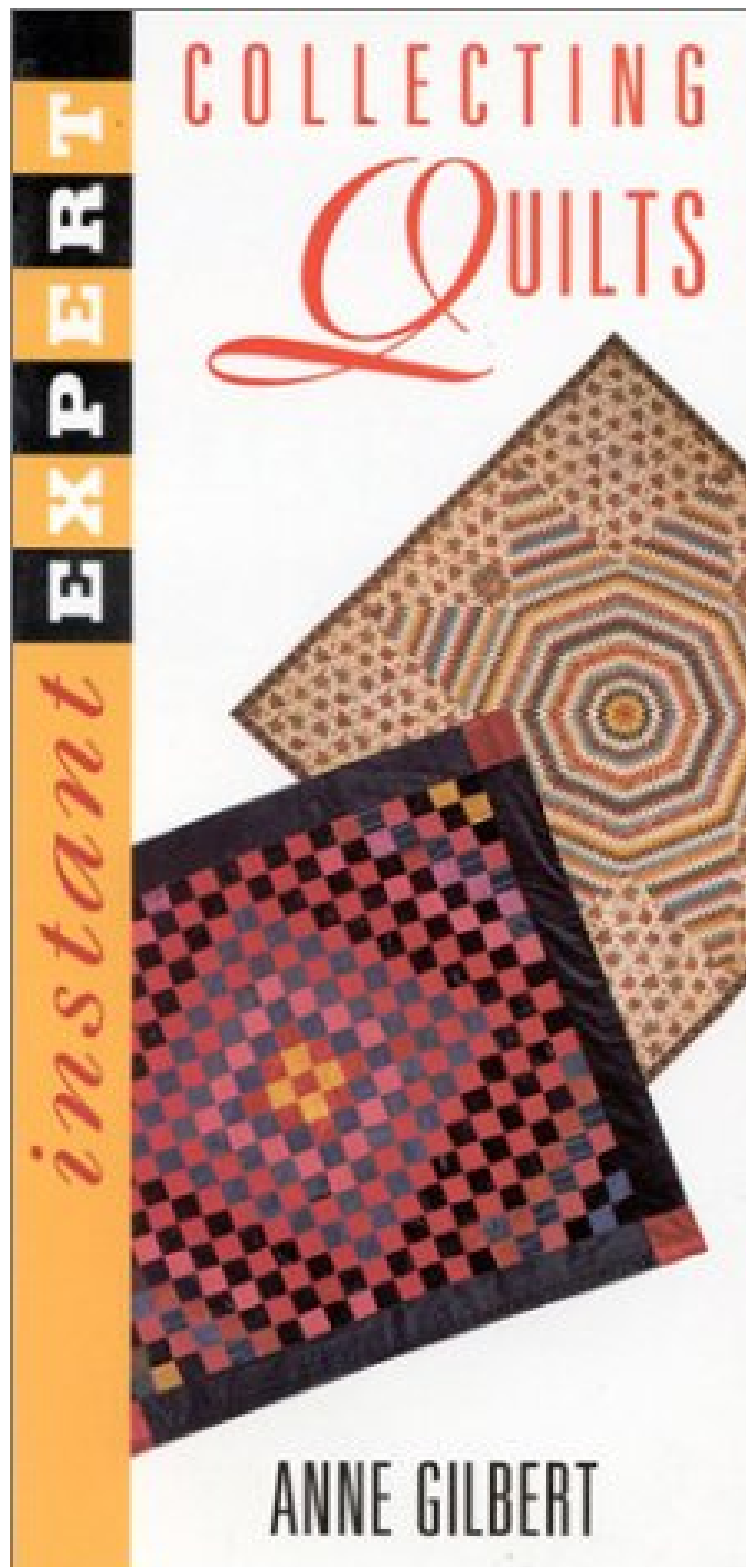


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7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Very unhelpfulBy eldoraThis book was amazingly unhelpful to me. It touches too briefly on too many different aspects of quilt collecting, without going into depth on anything. For example, included is a list of names of common quilt patterns, with no pictures or diagrams to tell you which pattern is which. What pictures there are are black and white and too small to show anything in detail. I'm not sure what kind of expert I'm supposed to be after reading this book, but it's not the kind of expert who knows anything! I would stay away from this book. There are other titles that are much better.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. -The author says, "THERE ARE STILL ATTICS WAITING TO YIELD OLD QUILTS."By Judith MillerIf you want to learn the basics of quilt collecting this small compact book is a great place to start! The book is 8 1/2 inches long and 4 inches wide. You can easily carry Collecting Quilts in your purse! There are seven chapters.1. How the Great Quilt Quest Began2. Develop An Expert Eye Before you Buy3. The Dating Game: How to Date Quilts Like An Expert4. How To Study the Marketplace: Analyzing the State of the Market5. Quilting Today - What's going on in the quilting world6. Appendix : Glossary - Museums - Sources and Resources7. Instant Expert Quiz - Test yourself on what you've learnedSome prices are quoted to give the buyer an idea of the cost. Old quilts sold by a professional dealer, depending on the age and condition, can start as low as \$250 and go as high as \$1200. The author also provides about 9 pages of various style quilts that sold at auction with the prices going from \$110 to \$5000. So, buyers beware, you have to develop a lot of knowledge of what to look for.An interesting tidbit that I picked up was regarding cheaters cloth which is an actual quilt design (such as Log Cabin and Dresden Plate) that is printed onto the fabric. I know what it is and have seen it in material for quite sometime; however, I didn't know that it was introduced in purchased cloth as early as 1933. So, an older quilt can fool you too!My personal advice is continue to learn more. Go to quilt shows and museum exhibits. Take out a book on quilting patterns from the library. Join a quilt guild and within one or two meetings you'll see a large variety of quilts designs and patterns. Have fun and good luck!This book was a present from my dear friend Debbie who sensed my desire to learn more about quilts and the art of quilting.

An invaluable guide to owning and collecting old and new quilts.