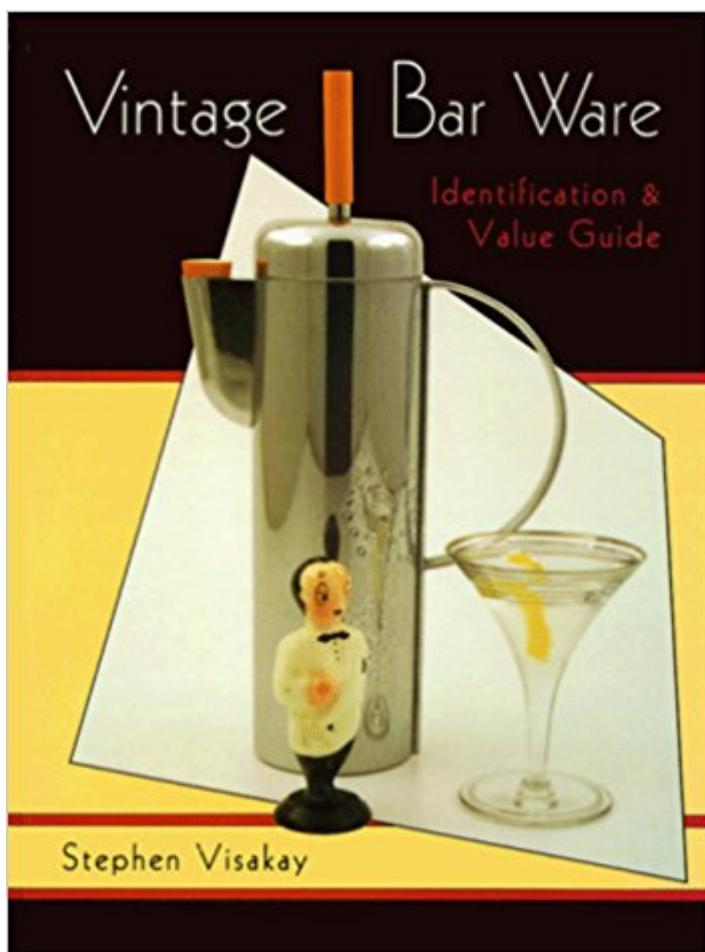


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# Vintage Bar Ware: Identification & Value Guide



## **Synopsis**

Vintage Bar Ware gives identification and values of cocktail shakers, stemware, ice buckets, serving trays, recipe books, paper collectibles, cocktail picks, swizzle sticks, and more. There's also a section of classic cocktail recipes, special chapters on the bar ware manufacturers and the guest star designers, as well as tips in caring for and finding bar ware at bargain prices. Over 300 color pictures. 2000 values. **AUTHORBIO:** Hailed as one of America's top 100 collectors by Art & Antiques Magazine, Stephen Visakay has canvassed the world for cocktail shakers and vintage bar ware for over 25 years. He invites all of us to share in his knowledge - and his passion - for these fascinating and unique relics of our past in his book Vintage Bar Ware. Visakay's vast collection has been featured in seven museum exhibitions, and his collection totals over 1,800 pieces. **REVIEW:** This book gives a look back at the spirit of a more graceful time in our nation's history, a time of elegance and glamour. The aesthetic value of cocktail cultural artifacts is receiving a wide recognition, not only as beautiful objects to use and enjoy in one's home, but as the documents and artifacts of history.

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Only shakers; not helpful. The "recipes" were hidden in a list in the very back of the book near the index. It had little to no bar ware. It should be named Vintage Shakers.

I love reading this book. So many interesting vintage barware pieces.

Mr. Visakay's book combines characteristics unfound in other pricing and information guides: it provides insight into the author in a charming way while providing highly accurate information. Although I am a knowledgeable collector, I read the book cover to cover. Stephen Visakay is clearly the definitive source. I am an international collector buying in the US, London and Paris. Without a doubt this book has saved me a fortune. Given that so few cocktail shakers were ever marked, a visual guide as presented in the book is critical. Understanding the rarity of a item is the key to successful collecting. Thank you Stephen!

This book is my constant companion, it is a joy to read, I have read this book several times and everytime I open it up, I still learn something new. This book contains very important facts for identifying and dating a variety of bar ware. Beautifully written and illustrated. Stephen Visakay has really brought great recognition and a wonderful insight to cocktail shakers and collectors of bar ware. He is a true pioneer in the field. What better source to get your information from? Our favorite book! Still haven't figured out how he managed to get so much information and so many items all in one book! Wonderful!

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Stephen Visakay is the most knowledgeable bar ware expert on the planet. He has distilled his knowledge, shaken it, and served it up in this delightful volume for our imbibing pleasure. He offers

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