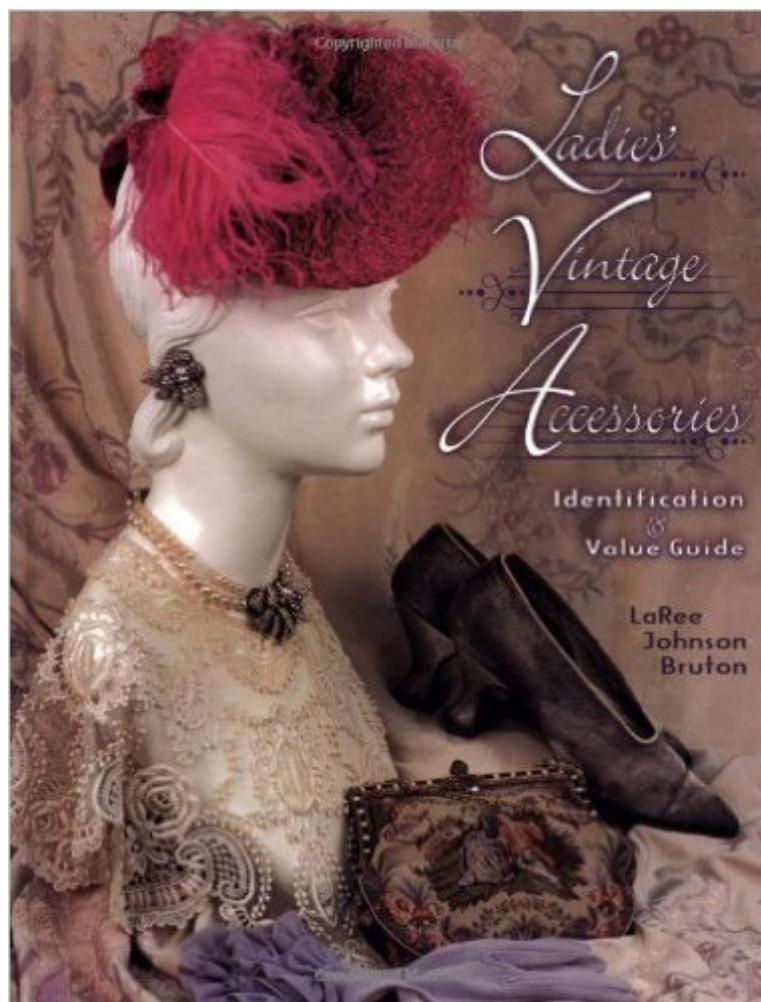


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# Ladies' Vintage Accessories: Identification & Value Guide



## **Synopsis**

Featured are hats, purses, hankies, gloves, fans, parasols, hosiery, shoes, aprons, and capes. This book is a compelling photo study of the styles for each era - Victorian, Edwardian, Roaring Twenties, Depression, WWII, Fabulous Fifties, and Modern - and identification and value guide for collectors of vintage fashion. 2003 values. REVIEW: This book covers the accessories that women have used over the past 150 years, some pieces dating back even earlier to 1820, like a parasol from the Jackson-Decatur debates. A glimpse into the closets and trunks of the author, a private collector for over 30 years, reveals many parts of ensembles of ladies from the past.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book is the generous sharing of Ms. Johnson's passion of 25 years - the collecting of vintage clothing and accessories. With overviews of all of a woman's favorite accessories, the book can easily serve as a basic primer for those with a new-found interest in vintage pieces. The information on documentation, age determination, and worth assessment is both helpful and inspirational. The numerous close-up photos of a wide variety of accessories, along with drawings, illustrations, and ads from old periodicals will delight both new and experienced collectors, as well as those simply interested in the past - for fashion, as always, tells us much about culture. Ladies' Vintage Accessories is written in a personable style and is full of both information and food for thought. Highly Recommended.

This book follows the current trend in vintage clothing books, in that it consists of photos of items belonging to one collector, presented as an identification and price guide. There are brief captions and a little explanatory text. The author has photographed her items flat or on stands, thus avoiding the jarring effect created in some other books by the use of very modern-looking live models. Most of the items represent everyday, easily purchasable vintage accessories rather than spectacular or rare collectibles. There are also many black-and-white period advertising pictures, possibly to atone for the relatively small number of pre-1900 items photographed from the collection. The prices (unfortunately!) seem low for the current market, and I found no indication of how they were derived. Unlike some other books, most of the time the author avoids gushing about her collection. However, she does follow the current trend of giving comparatively little practical information on how to restore and use vintage accessories (which many collectors want to do), on the grounds that they are "too precious." In fact, most of the items pictured in her book could be worn and enjoyed without much risk of damage.

I found this book to be most informative. It contains a vast array of information and subject matter....whether you collect vintage purses, fans, hats, gloves, parasols, shoes, capes, hankies, aprons, there is something for everyone! The illustrations and photos are beautiful and this book was quite obviously a labor of love by the author! **FIVE STARS!!!**

LaRee Johnson-Burton's book, *Ladies Vintage Accessories*, is outstanding. The photographs were stunning, and the information imparted about the value and description of the collection was exceedingly valuable. Quite frankly, I feel this book is a must-have, not only for the serious collector of vintage accessories and garments, but for writers of historical fiction, who can use this guide to bring them back in time and make certain that their characters are properly adorned. From cobalt blue Victorian parasols to 1920 gold mesh bags, this is a valuable and beautiful crafted book, packaged impeccably by Collector Books, and written by an author/collector who is clearly knowledgeable and passionate about her field. --Karen Plunkett-Powell, author, *Remembering Woolworth's*

I am a dealer in vintage costume jewelry and accessories such as hats, gloves, purses, etc. This book has a wealth of information to help in researching items and helping to come up with a sensible valuation. Besides I just LOVE and wear them!

Can't recommend this book enough, it is comprehensive with lots of great color photographs... some of the items shown will be on the etsy site: etsy.com/shop/ladywithapast as I downsize my personal collection.

LaRee Johnson Bruton's Ladies' Vintage Accessories ...covers hats, purses, shoes, aprons, shawls and all kinds of vintage accessories, with full-color photos alongside the latest prices. The history is as involving as the color photos of spoons paired with their values.

Gave this book to my fiancee' as a gift. She and her mother love it. It helps them with their vintage show. I would highly recommend it.

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