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Blue Book Of Pool Cues, 3rd Edition



Synopsis

After 3 years, the long anticipated 3rd Edition Blue Book of Pool Cues is ready and die hard fans are very excited about this new release! Almost 300 pages longer than the 2nd Edition, this new book is packed with illustrations, images and loads of new information on cue makers, cue models, and up-to-date pricing. Many color images are included. Editorial on cue collecting by noted journalist Tom Shaw must not be missed. This new 3rd Edition is a must have title for any serious cue collector.

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The book is broken into sections that include the history of Cue making, the components and tools required to construct a cue, and an comprehensive illustrated catalog of the various cue makers and manufacturers. Whether your interested in Balabushka, Szambotti or Cognoscenti, you'll find the data you need to recognize and enjoy the craftsmanship of their work. The author provides a rating system for the intricacy and condition of the cues that is the standard for buying, selling and grading cues today. I would like to see more illustrations of the master cuemakers than the many cues that were shown of the mass production companies. Too much space was taken up by these cues that are computerized clones. All in all the book was well written and I am eagerly awaiting the overdue release of Vol 2.

As this is the 3rd edition of Blue Books, that tells you that people into pool cues have been buying them, with good reason. First off, the author, Brad Simpson, has been adding more and more info

into each new edition, the 1st ed.(1996) had 465 pages, the 2nd, (1999) 600 pages, and this 3rd edition,(2005), a whopping 913. The number of color photos's showing the work of the more well known cuemakers, past and present, living and dead, has also increased with each new edition and, IMO, is the best feature of these books. The 3rd edition has a fairly extensive listing of cuemakers and a brief business bio of them. Their current cue offerings, as well as their older and one of a kind cues is provided. The pricing guidelines should be regarded in the most general of terms, as so much goes into the value of a pool cue. If you are a collector or just someone looking to spend a few hundred dollars on a nice cue to play with, The Blue Book of Pool Cues, 3rd Ed., can provide both useful information and enjoyment at a reasonable cost.

Very comprehensive collection of information on cue values. There are models from certain manufacturers that aren't included, but this book should get you close to the value by looking at similar models that are shown.

This is a great value for content and price! I don't know how it could have been done much better for the cost. Some of the minor cuemakers don't have pictures of their work, but I suspect they didn't submit any to the publisher. It was a big help to me when I went to buy a cue.

For anyone who collects pool cues or appreciates the artistic side of wood working and pool and billiards history then this massive 900+ pages book is a must have. This 3rd edition is completely different from the 2nd edition with new color photos and black and white illustrations. Out of print now but even on the used book market I recommend it.

It's amazing how much my old cue has appreciated in value. I almost sold it at my garage sale. Thanks to Simpson's BLUE BOOK, I got almost 10 times what I thought it was worth. This book is a goldmine.

The blue book of pool cues is an invaluable resource for pool cue valuation and it is the only publication solely dedicated to this subject.

This is a **MUST HAVE** for anyone that is either a cue stick collector or even in the market to purchase a higher end cue for themselves. It gives the prices for all common cues, many uncommon cues and a few that you wouldn't believe they'd have. I have been buying and selling on

Ebay to try to find the right cue for me. I've already bought and sold enough cue sticks, making a profit each time, to have bought this book 8 times....And that isn't even my goal! Knowledge is power and this book gives you the knowledge that you'll need to be secure in buying and/or selling pool cue(s) on EBay or at the pool hall. It is also a nice coffee table book due to the hundreds of beautiful styled pool cues many of which are unique pieces of art. As for art, its not even a stretch, form and function meet in the seediest places sometimes and the pool hall is one of them.

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