Breyer Animal: Collector's Guide

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Are you a model horse nut? An acetate equine aficionado? Or just discovered a box o' Breyers in the attic and don't know what you have? Whether you're a model horse pro or just getting started, here's a wise choice for your library. Encyclopedic, it's not -- easy and fun to use, it is. Combining the usability of a quick-reference guide with the thoroughness of a catalog, Felicia Browell has created a great tool for collectors of these beautiful model horses and animals. It's a convenient size with intuitive layout, allowing you to locate a model quickly. Color photos eliminate confusion over marking and coloring variations. Price guidelines are sound. Browell also provides helpful cross-reference lists based on model number, name, even year. With book in hand, bid with confidence on those Internet auction pages! If you want a practical Breyer reference that's complete but doesn't require a trailer hitch, put your money on this one. H. R. Hastings -- Dallas, Texas

I found the content of the book to be great, but I (and friends who have purchased the book) find that the binding cracks and pages fall out rather easily.
This book is great for any Breyer collector. It has tons of color photos of almost all the models up to 1997. It also contains helpful and interesting info at the front.

Ever wonder what that plastic model horse with the Breyer logo on your shelf is and what it is worth? Here is a full color reference and value guide in a hobby that desperately needed one. Sure, Nancy Young’s Breyer Bible is more complete and detailed, but it is pushing $50 and HEAVY while this one is portable easy to read and cross indexed. Includes models made up to 1996 and includes text only descriptions and values for 1997 models. Better than the last edition. And all those antique and flea market folks who think everything Breyer means everything over $40, think again--there is a very important page on how to ACCURATELY price Breyers in the secondary market. And buyers--please read it to know what is a fair price to pay, and what is truly ridiculous. Includes photos of rare test colors, Breyerfest Judges and raffle models and Breyer Other Animals (they do more than horses). Even if you find out your plastic pony is only worth less for what you paid for it, don’t fret--as long as you like it, and enjoy it it is priceless. That’s why most of us collect ’em!

This book is a real find, especially for a avid Breyer enthusiast like myself. I collect these models and this book is extremely helpful, especially when looking for prices on my vintage models. You should carry the updates version, such as the 1999 Big Blue Book of Breyer Values.

As a collector of Breyer models since the age of 8, I am now a dealer of Vintage Breyer products. Until this book came along, trying to find information about the variations of each model, years run, and general range of value was frustrating, to say the least. This book is an answer to any serious collector’s prayers. Very easy to read, the information is neatly organized and there are color photos for each item, with fairly accurate guesstimates of each item’s value. Unfortunately though, there were 5 editions made of this guide and they are all no longer in print; available only as used books or as downloadable e-books from the publishing company.

This book is a fairly decent Breyer book, but it has it’s problems. Many horses and animals are not documented, the text on variations is hard to correlate with the pictures, and some info is wrong. The Breyer Pocket Companion is easier to take with you shopping, and Breyer Molds and Models is more complete. The values are close, but since the market varies from place to place, like all value guides, it can be way off. OK for a beginning collector that just wants to ID horses. Has good cross-reference tables in the back.
Having read Felicia's first edition of this book, I couldn't wait for her next edition. This book has served as an excellent reference to the world of Breyer horse and animal collecting. It has helped me identify many discontinued Breyers and has helped give me an idea of their worth. Especially helpful when browsing antique shops and flea markets. I simply love this book!

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