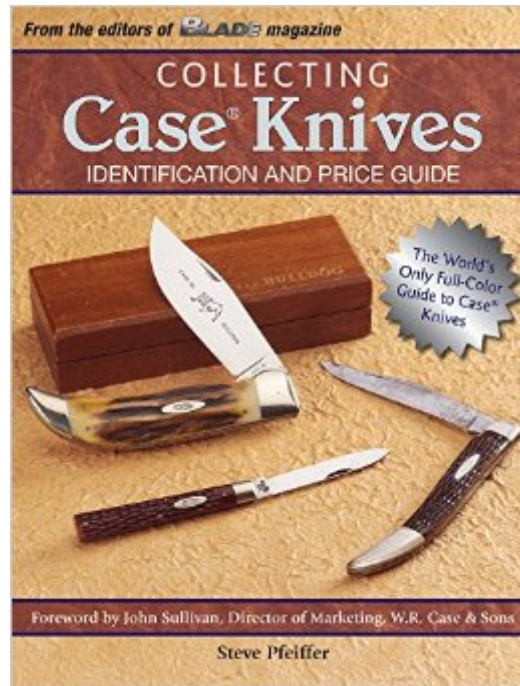


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# Collecting Case Knives: Identification And Price Guide



## Synopsis

An informational and price guide to the knives of W.R. Case & Sons, loaded with full color illustrations of hundreds of Case knives. Special emphasis on explaining the evolution of Case knives and familiar patterns, particularly from the CASE XX era to the present day.

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## Customer Reviews

Mr. Pfeiffer is a well-known authority on Case knives. His book covers all the major Case patterns, with an emphasis on the period from the end of World War II to the present. These are the knives that are most available and priced at a level that many collectors can afford. What sets this book apart is the quality of the photographs. A lot of reference works are printed on cheap stock with grainy black and white photographs. This book is printed on heavy glossy stock with many beautiful, clear color photographs. Having good photographs for reference makes it a lot easier for the collector to identify a knife and avoid the rampant counterfeits that plague the hobby. There are plenty of close-ups of tang stamps, blade etches, shields and other details as well as images of the major patterns and their variations. The fine print quality invites and rewards careful study of the pictures. The diligent reader will come away from this book with a clear idea of how the knives should look.

New on the scene, Steve Pfeiffer's "Collecting Case Knives - identification and price guide". From the editors of Blade Magazine this book is not a price guide to thumb through to check on a pattern's value. It's an historical and well documented explanation of how and where Case knives

values are supported and why. It's detailed, documented, and well resourced. It has abundant color photos - far more than any other similar book I have seen and made from high quality glossy stock paper surely to serve as a superb reference guide but with the class of a coffee table book. In content and in its presentation Steve has done what he said in his introduction was that he wanted to create a different type of reference guide that will detail the "knives themselves..." ...the "DNA" so-to-speak. Steve's guide is a must have as a cornerstone to any Case collector library.

If this book had been correctly entitled "Collecting Case POCKET Knives," I would definitely have given it a 5-star rating. It is an excellent reference book and price guide. HOWEVER, if your collecting interests include or are concentrated on fixed blade knives, then you will be disappointed as I was. To clarify, this guide does not cover any fixed blade Case knives.

This is a beautiful book about Case knives. If you are interested in the All American Hand Made Case knives, this book is a must. It talks about Case knife construction, different handle materials past and present. The book also has a separate sections about each knife pattern. All photos, and there are a lot of them, are in color. It is easy to spend hours reading the book. I hope there will be a book 2 soon to include more detailed background of each pattern, why they were designed and what they were used for, caring and displaying of Case knives and to include information on newer patterns such as Trapperlock, Russlock, Tony Bose knives and Commemorative issues. Overall, it is a great Case book.

This book didn't get too far into values of all case knives as expected. It did tell about the wonderment of the knives and some values but I was looking for collectors knife values more than this book provided.

I collect Case knives and this book is great for giving me price, dates, and authenticating the Case knives I have and want! This book explains every year and has pictures to show the real deal vs pictures showing what to look out for. This is my go to when I buy from individuals or pawn shops. Has saved me lots of headache and money!

I bought this book for a good friend of mine, he's been collecting case knives for years, I took it to him, stayed about two hrs and he never put it down, could have of at least waited till I left, all I can say is it must be a really good book to hold his attention like that, well worth the money.

Case has been in business for over one hundred years. They have a long history with many products and changes over this time. Collecting Case knives is great fun but you need knowledge to understand what you are looking at and/or bidding on. Published in 2009, this book is current as possible. The author's style is informative and easy to read. There is an abundance of full color pictures illustrating the knife styles and handle materials. Where a picture is not possible, they have an illustration. I never found myself trying to figure out what they were describing. This book covers Case Pocket or Folding Knives only. It is no use to a collector of fixed blade knives but might make you switch preferences. This is not a problem for those collecting pocketknives. The one weak area is the "Case Pocket Knives Value Guide". It contains little information that can help do more than establish a basic idea of price. Pricing is always dynamic and no guide is ever current.

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