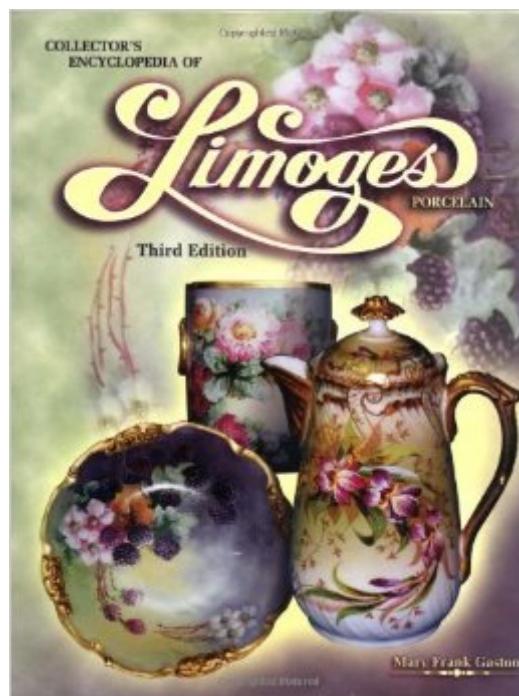


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# Collectors Encyclopedia Of Limoges Porcelain, 3rd Edition



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Mary Frank Gaston's third revised edition includes over 100 companies, including Haviland & Co., with hundreds of different marks illustrated, many not shown in the earlier editions. With almost 1,200 beautiful full color photographs, this book contains more than twice as many pictures as the second edition, over 75% being new examples. A new format presents the history, marks, examples, and values together under each Limoges company for an easy to use reference. A section on Limoges miniatures, not discussed in previous editions, has been added. 2005 values.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Although this book covers makers marks and has beautiful photos it is not recommended for those seeking info on porcelain hinged boxes. The book is for plates and such.

I really enjoy this book. I think that it is a valuable guide to those interesting in collecting or learning more about Limoges porcelain. Covers so many different porcelain pieces! Wonderful color pictures. Full index of Makers marks. Very useful. Easy price reference. One of my best collectors books yet.

Fabulous photos; especially useful are all the examples of Limoges factory and studio marks and associated dates of use. A must-have book if you're a Limoges fan.

As an educated person, not knowledgable in the area of Limoges, I sought out two books on the subject of LIMOGES porcelain; this book and "Living With Limoges" by Debby Dubay. Of course I compared the two. The Encyclopedia of Limoges is published by Collector's Books. The quality of Collector's Books are poor and the photography is terrible - no reflection on the author - other than she did not use a professional photographer. It is a difficult read and does not keep me interested or even excite me about the subject matter. I highly recommend Living With Limoges by DuBay, Schiffer Publishing Ltd.

This book contains the most comprehensive and orgainized listing of Limoges factory and decorator marks ever. The thought that has gone behind the order of the companies and the numerous examples of marks is wonderful. I have found all but two marks from all 50+ pieces in my private collection mentioned or shown within this book. This guide should be taken with you on every flea market spree! For the reader who was unable to determine how to contact the writer to inform her of patterns or marks that are not included can send information to: Mary Frank Gaston, P.O. Box 342, Bryan, TX 77806.

Mary Gaston's The Collector's Encyclopedia of Limoges Porcelain is a good reference book for a beginning collector such as myself. The photographs are breathtaking. The marks are a must and the most useful item in this book.I learned from all the history, but it is "nice to know" information. To me, this space would have been better spent on early china patterns and photographs.I have bought and I will buy other books by Mary Frank Gaston--she knows her stuff! There's nothing cheap looking about this book. It is a first-class production and a value for the price.

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Mary Frank Gaston is the leading expert! This book is a must for the library. I found Limoges Antiques Shop through this book. Highly recommend DuBay's book LIVING WITH LIMOGES to complement Gaston's encyclopedia -- then Limoges collectors have it all!!

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