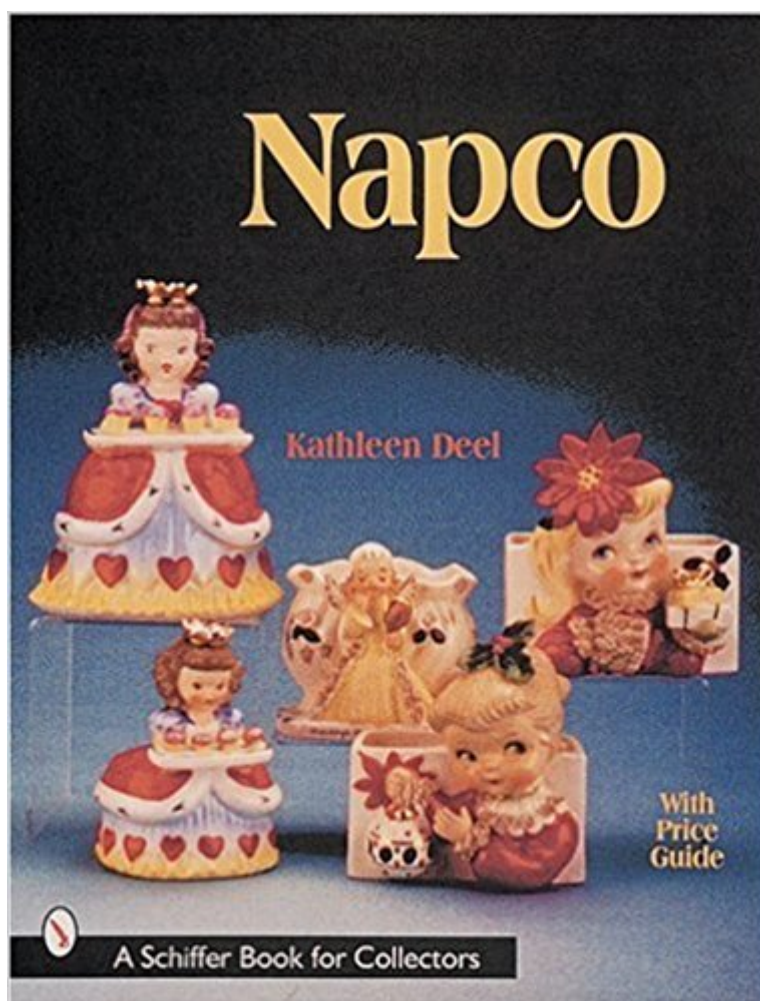


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Napco*^t (National Potteries Corporation) ceramic animal figures, birthday sets, decorative items, kitchenware, figurines, planters, and head vases of the 1950s and 1960s, from all the Napco lines including their sister company Inarco, are studied here. There is a directory of major importing companies, over 1,000 color photos, and a price guide.

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Kathleen Deel's collecting interests are diverse, and her love of collecting Napco has led to the creation of this book on National Potteries imports. Recently retired after 20 years as a payroll director, she resides in Abingdon, Virginia, with her husband, Elmer.

When I was a girl of ten 55 years ago, the phrase "Made in Japan" was usually uttered in derision. Anything ugly, cheaply made and garishly painted was said to have been "Made in Japan." There was some truth in that. However, by the early 1950's, Japanese artisans were once more creating delicate beauty, just as their ancestors had done. Not long ago, I decided to make a small collection of hand-painted porcelain figurines of nuns and monks made in Japan for American companies. Most of these figurines were made during the '50's by a large number of firms, including Napco. At their best, these items are charming and beautifully modeled. Every part is painted delicately and correctly, especially the faces. Thousands of items were produced during this period. Companies often copied the models of other companies, with no thought to copyrights and trademarks. If the

Lefton company ordered a figurine of a nun holding a baseball bat--or an accordion--or a pot of flowers, then Napco/Napcoware, Nikoniko, Chase, and many others would copy the figurine almost exactly. Forgive me for going into this history, but it is necessary to understand why books like this one are vital to collectors. "Napco" is part of the Schiffer series of books for collectors. Every page is filled with photos of various lines of Napco men and women, animals, angels, mugs--even a few of their nuns. No category is complete--that would require an encyclopedia. But the hundreds of photos are infinitely valuable. After a useful introduction to the subject, the author limits the text of the book to special features and suggested values for these collectibles. Alas, there exists no "catalogue raisonne" for Napco. But this book is a very useful source of both information and photos. For anyone who collects items of this kind, it is essential.

Well written, good information and photos. An excellent resource for collectors.

All colored pictures. My sister LOVED it!

my company need it , Received as described. awesome and very well. great, i love the product, it is very well balanced, has lot of weight to it, and it is very sharp. it cuts through bread so easily and makes perfect slices. quality. I'll be buying again.

I am a huge Napco collector. I have collected about 75 figurines with the help of this book. Good photos and it has a nice variety of all types of Napco figurines. This is really the only book available for those of us who love to collect these figurines. The two reasons that I did not give it a 5 rating was 1)I would have liked a better explanation of the numbering system and 2)the book does not show many of the figurines that are available. The sets are incomplete. I have many more that aren't in the book. You can look at my gallery at [...]. They are not for sale. I hope that someone writes another book and completes the sets.

This is by far the best book on Napco figurines and has MANY of the hard to find items fully photographed. I have been looking for a book to help me on my Storybook collectables for years and this one is a dream come true! Also has birthday angels and many, many more! So much information all photographed and in beautiful full color! Kathleen Deel knows her Napco collectables and now I will too! I highly recommend this book!

This is the best book you can find on the subject of NAPCOS. It is not 100% complete, since so many thousand NAPCOS were issued since the mid 1900's; however, this book will give the collector a very nice basis on the subject. Excellent photos. Printed on nice paper!

This is a fantastic book for the Napco collector. It offers beautiful pictures of some of the best figurines ever made. If you're a fan of Napco, this book is a must have!

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