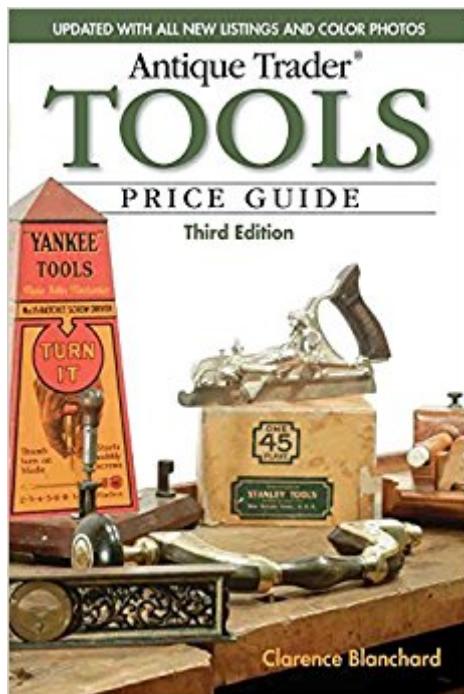


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# Antique Trader Tools Price Guide



## **Synopsis**

The new edition of Antique Trader Tools Price Guide takes its role seriously as the only significant guide of its kind on the market. International tool authority Clarence Blanchard has assembled the definitive guide showcasing 700 large color photos and 2,000 listings of tools from the late 18th century through the middle of the 20th century, with actual prices from recent tool auctions. Among a myriad of other items, the guide features braces, bits, drills, edged tools, hammers, levels, machinery, planes and scrapers, rules, squares and gauges, saws, tool chests and benches. Readers will also enjoy coverage of advertising, displays, salesman's samples and ephemera.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Clarence Blanchard, a leading expert in antique tools and their value, is the president of Antique & Collectible Tools, Inc., the corporation that owns Fine Tool Journal and Brown Auction Services. Blanchard's auctions hold every world record price realized for nearly every type of antique tool.

I'm an eclectic collector so I don't have a lot of knowledge (just enough to be dangerous) about antiques, in general, to be able to identify something of value. I just know it's old. I came into possession of an old folding ruler and wanted to see if I could find a possible origin and value for it. Plan on using it, not selling it, so it doesn't really matter but I was curious. This book has a little bit of

general info, then lists of individual tools divided by type with values for the better survivors of time with very few pictures. There are over 100 different folding rulers with limited descriptions and only one picture. For the unfamiliar, how the heck do you identify your tool without pictures of all known survivors and grading of wear? Eh. Everything I've learned about my ruler I learned from eBay, of all places, just by looking at the listings there. My ruler is worn enough to only have personal value left, so this book was bought to satisfy curiosity alone. Curiosity unsatisfied. Wish I'd made a trip to a book store and flipped through this one before buying. Keeping it, though. Just enough info to peek more curiosity about other tools. Wonder if Dad has any of them....

It is nicely illustrated. I was really looking for an up to date (2013 or near) price guide for woodworking tools. Stanley and others. This book has mostly quality museum examples of outrageously priced tools, not the every day run of the mill stuff. I have a 1990 version of John Walter's "Antique & Collectible Stanley Tools a guide to identity and value" and I was looking for something along those lines with up to date values. This book by Blanchard is impressive to look through but, has no descriptions of types or dimensions of tools, to speak of, mostly pictures. I wanted to believe the best reviews about this book and I didn't pay enough attention to the more critical reviews. I'll look more carefully after this before I buy. It's a nice "coffee table book" for people that really are not into value or collecting. There's an entire page and more dedicated to Boxes that tools came in that could have been covered in a small paragraph. If you are a 'tool collector', you'll not be impressed. Sorry.

Prices quoted in book seem preposterous and out of line with anything on ebay. Also seems this volume is outdated, even though that was not clear to me when I made the purchase. Pictures are interesting to see variations of tools available, but prices are useless.

This was a gift for my dad who collects carpenter planes antique tools. He thoroughly loves the book and enjoys trying to find the tools he buys in this book. It was a great buy!

excellent

We like this tool price guide book, but we just wish it was set up so you could look up tools by their maker rather than by just what they are. If you wanted to look up a certain Stanley Plane you would have to go to the planes section and read each description to find a Stanley plane. The index does

not go by the maker of the tool, it just goes by what type of tool you are looking up. Still a useful price guide with beautiful photos.

Very handy for the tool collector but not as broad in scope as I would have liked. Books like these of necessity would have to be sold as multi-volume sets to cover all tools. Still a good book and I have had borrowed by some friends who purchase and sell old tools.

It is a valuable resource, nothing else like it.

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