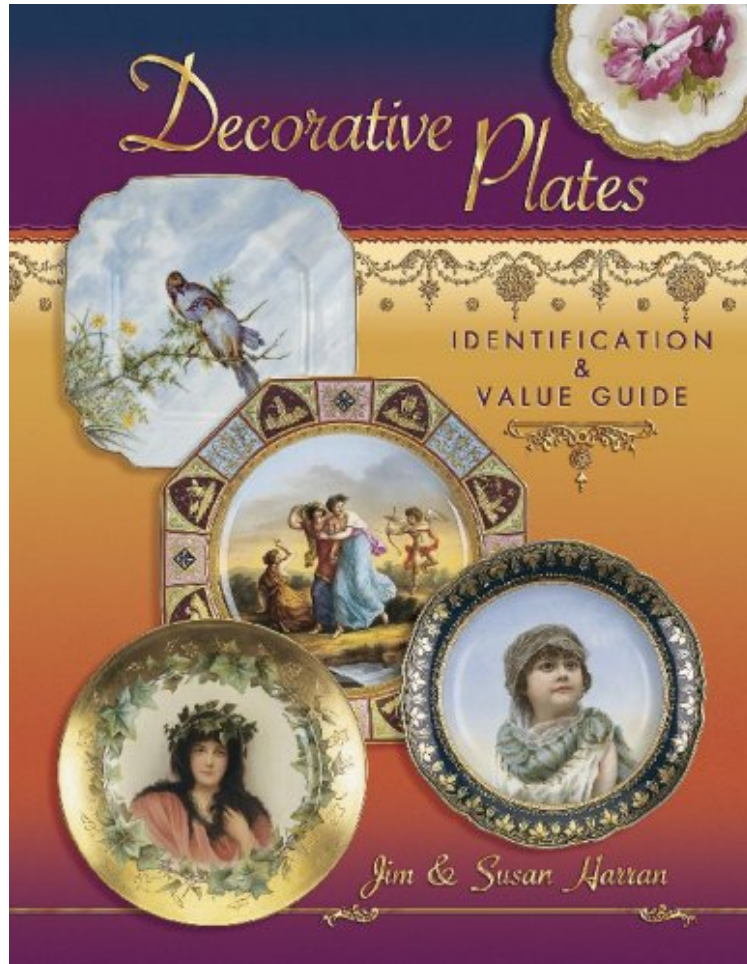


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birds, flowers, fruit, and scenes in a variety of colors. I have gotten bored looking at some books with the variations limited to changing the color or person in the portrait. As a person more interested in craftsmanship, I just keep coming back to turn the pages and be awed. I bought a "like new" copy at a steep discount and am very satisfied. I looked at Mary Frank Gaston's Limoges Encyclopedia but I prefer this book. I viewed Debby DuBay's Limoges Boxes to Vases and found too many dark or out of focus examples. Her book is good for those who only are interested in that area's porcelain but Decorative Plates has better photos and variety of scenes on plates. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By paula hallgood information 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Collections strong in specialty identification and values guides need DECORATIVE PLATES IDENTIFICATION VALUE GUIDE By Midwest Book Review Collections strong in specialty identification and values guides need DECORATIVE PLATES IDENTIFICATION VALUE GUIDE, a survey of English, German, American and other European plates which includes notes on their marks, makers, and changing values. Excellent detailed color photos pack a survey strong in both history and values, appealing to any library catering to collectors.

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