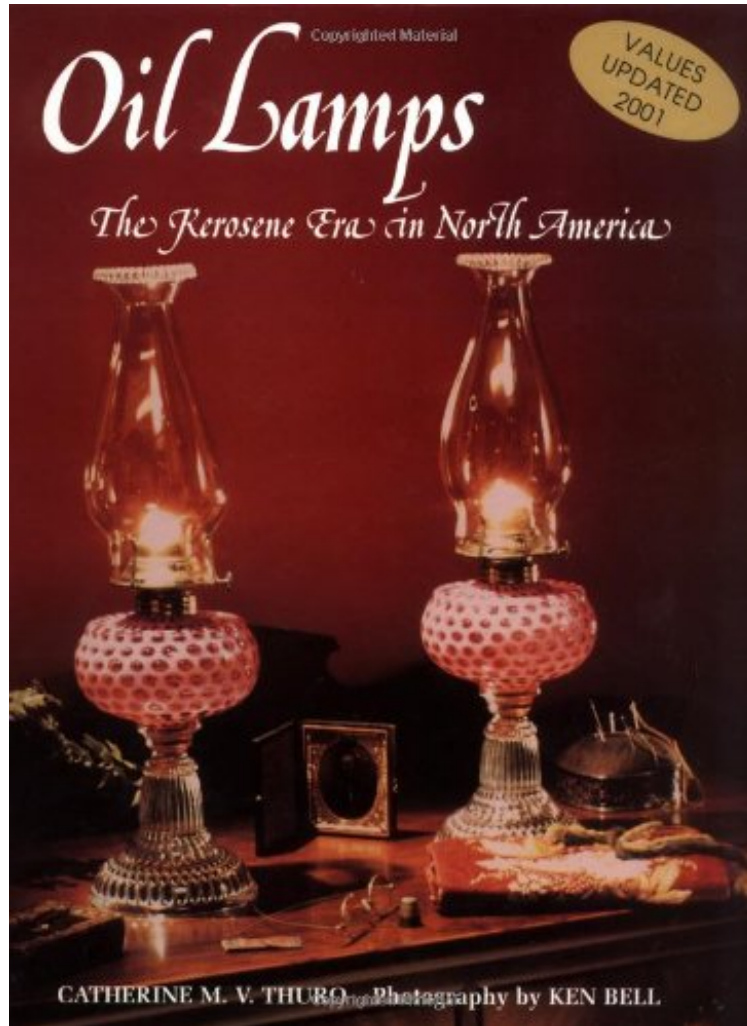


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Hundreds of detailed photographs and illustrations are showcased in this beautiful guide to kerosene oil lamps. Inspired by the process and the people involved in the manufacturing of these marvelous lighting devices, Catherine Thuro has documented extensive historical information in this wonderful hardbound volume with over 350 pages. Oil Lamps illustrates the broad range of kerosene lamps that exist today, places them as closely and accurately as possible to the period in which they were first used, and gives the area of original use and manufacturer as known. Readers may view numerous lamps that may have illuminated family gatherings, meetings, or other events that occurred hundreds of years ago. Years of research led the author to present this historical and informative book, which covers companies who manufactured oil lamps, materials, and the process used, and styles of different lamps. This first book in a three-volume series is essential for collectors. 2004 values.

This is the first volume in a three-volume series by author Catherine Thuro, one of Canada's leading authorities on early lighting. Her books are highly acclaimed and are considered required reading by collectors. About the Author Catherine Thuro is a researcher, lecturer, writer, and museum consultant in the field of early lighting. She has authored three volumes on oil lamps, which have become standard references in the field. She has lectured to museums and clubs in the U.S. and Canada, including the Sandwich Glass Museum, The Royal Ontario Museum, The Ford Museum, The Huntington Galleries, The Early American Industries Association, and The Early American Glass Club.