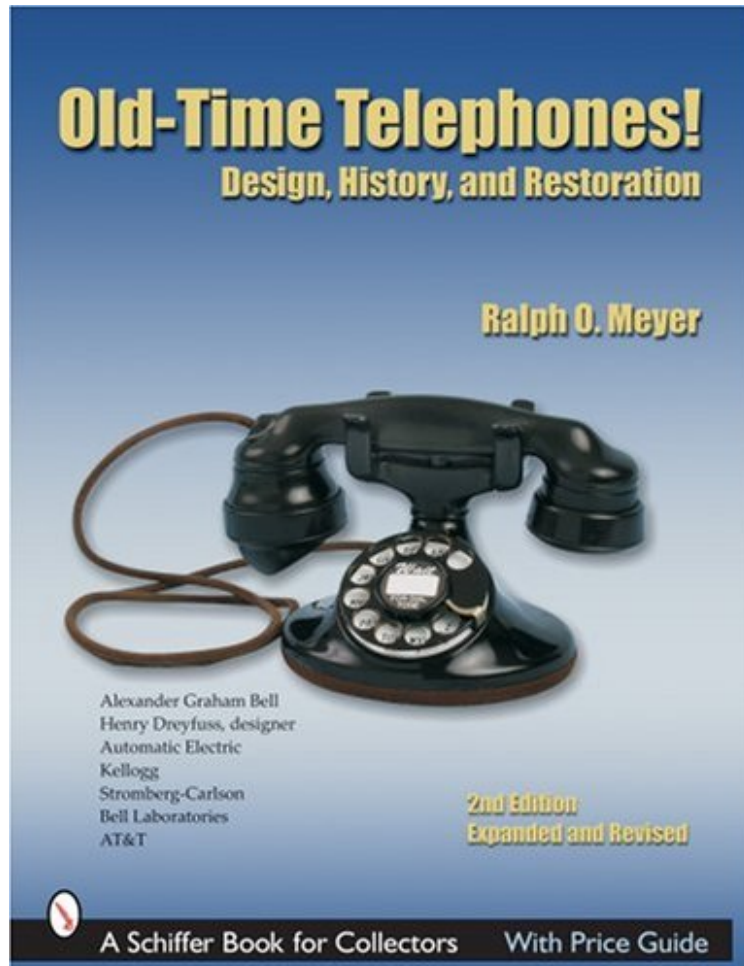


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Ralph O. Meyer has been studying, testing, and collecting antique telephones for many years. This is his second book on the subject.