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Whether you’re a beginner or you’ve already gotten your feet wet, this fun, friendly guide will give you the savvy you need to cruise, schmooze, bargain for, and care for antiques with confidence. In no time you’ll be able to:

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- Develop an antique hunt plan of attack
- Select antiques based on the 5 key points of the “RADAR Test”
- Discover hidden treasures at garages, estate sales, auctions, and shops
- Get the best deals when buying and selling antiques
- Decorate with antique glass and porcelain from around the world
- Clean and care for your precious finds
- Work an auction—real-time and online

Writing with humor and common sense, Ron Zoglin and Deborah Shouse demystify the highfaluting terminology of the antique world. And step-by-step they walk you through all the antiquing essential, including:

- Different furniture styles and periods of furniture and how to distinguish them
- Dovetails, nails, and other construction elements that offer clues to a piece’s age
- Where to go for the best antique bargains — includes tips on how to bid at auctions in person or online
- All about antique glass, ceramics and silver
- Integrating antiques into your life at home and at the office

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