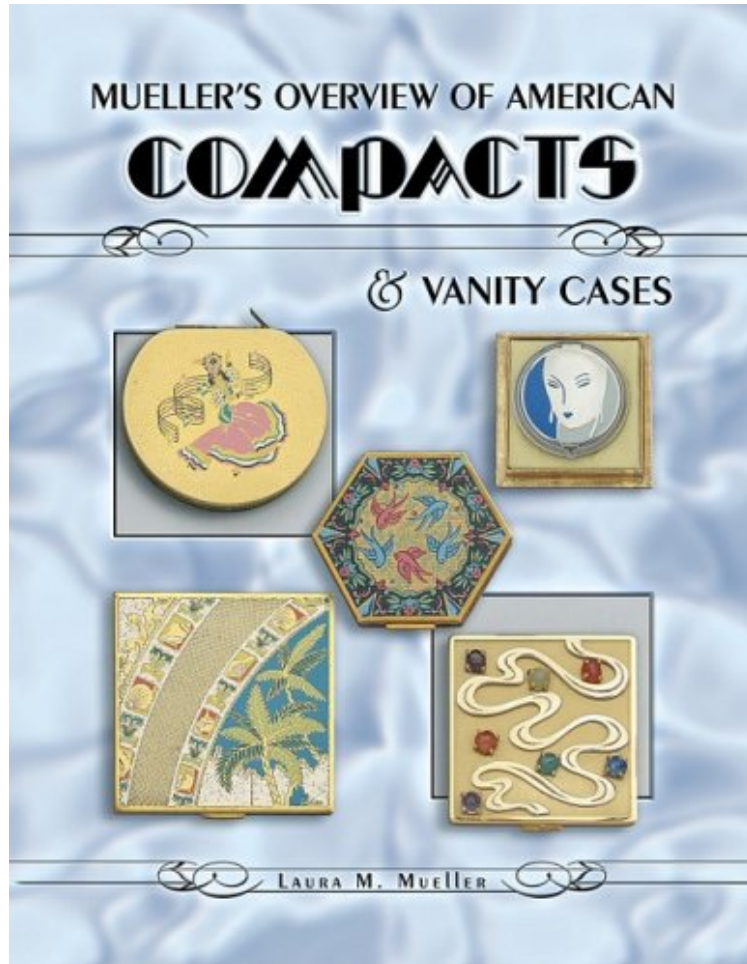


Mueller's Overview of American Compacts Vanity Cases

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Laura M. Mueller : Mueller's Overview of American Compacts Vanity Cases before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mueller's Overview of American Compacts Vanity Cases:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful!By BuckyAnyone who collects powder compacts should be familiar with Laura M. Mueller from her splendid 2 volume work, Collector's Encyclopedia of Compacts, Carryalls Face Powder Boxes: Identification Values. In this great new book, she focuses primarily on powder compacts of American design and manufacture, with a few pieces from Europe added into the mix. The book is filled with full-color photographs of exquisite powder compacts, many of which are quite rare and sought after. There are also reproductions of print ads for some of the powder compacts pictured in the book. One thing that isn't in the book is prices and values for the compacts, which I think is an excellent decision, as values will only cause a book to be quickly dated. She also includes fascinating discussions of the histories of the designers and companies that produced

these tiny works of art. One that I found particularly interesting was the circumstances surrounding the creation of Dali's "Bird In Hand" compact. There are also a few patent drawings for various compacts, which are always fun to look at. This is an in-depth look at American powder compacts during their heyday of production and sales. I have spent hours going through it and drooling over the gorgeous, cute, and rare items that are contained within. It is well worth the investment for any collector. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Best Compact Book of them all! By MNAZAussieI have about 5 of the Compact books. I actually found almost my entire collection in this one book. Could not be happier. Sure would like a resource for pricing estimates though. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Information! By Carol CarltonI loved the first two volumes by this author, and this latest does not disappoint! She has a very organized and efficient way of gathering and dispersing information about the compacts. I personally like to have the prices included, which they are not in this book, but I also understand that values on these collectibles are variable in many instances. Good photography too, I am happy I purchased it!

Laura M. Mueller, author of two volumes of the Collector's Encyclopedia of Compacts, Carryalls Face Powder Boxes, is back with a new title. Though written on the same subject as her previous books, this new book is unique. It is largely an overview of American compacts, with just a few European examples for interest, accented with museum pieces and backed by years of research. Readers will learn about Richard Gaige and his works, Rex, and collections of Volupté, as well as pieces that are real 'knockouts,' items that reflect what most people think of when they think of American compacts. The idea for this volume began with a Volupté compact from the Richard Gaige family, and the book presents the definitive biography of Gaige, the major designer for Volupté. Descriptions, sizes, and pertinent facts about every compact showcased are presented, and there are more than 200 dazzling full-color photographs. 2008 values.

Hundreds of compacts, as well as some of the advertising, patent drawings and more, are pictured in the book. A compact is defined as a small cosmetic case containing only face powder and a mirror; a vanity case, sometimes called a double compact, also contained rouge. There were other variations. A triple case added a place for lipstick. A combination case might contain a coin holder or a place for a comb. Whatever style a woman chose, or was given as a gift, it was an important fashion access. About the Author Laura Mueller is a third generation of family authors, editors, and biographers. She is an Alumnus of Ohio State University (O.S.U.) Faculty Club, Alumni Association, Friends of the Library. She has received two Distinguished Alumni awards from Notre Dame Alumni Association. She is a member of the International Perfume Bottle Association (I.P.B.A.) and a previous member of the U.K. Compact Club, Ohioana Library. She has written three books on Compacts and vanity cases.