

Trunk Treasures

Introduction

Trunk Treasures is the definitive guide to antique trunks, providing a wealth of information on their history, construction, and care. Whether you're a seasoned collector or just starting out, this book has something for everyone.

In the first chapter, we'll take a look at the history of trunks, from their humble beginnings as simple wooden chests to the elaborate and stylish trunks of the Victorian era. We'll also discuss the different types of trunks that were made, from steamer trunks to wardrobe trunks to hat trunks.

In the following chapters, we'll take a closer look at some of the most popular types of antique trunks, including steamer trunks, humpback trunks, Saratoga

trunks, Jenny Lind trunks, Louis Vuitton trunks, stagecoach trunks, campaign trunks, blanket chests, and wicker trunks. We'll discuss their unique features, construction methods, and how to identify them.

We'll also provide tips on how to care for your antique trunks, including how to clean and polish them, how to repair them, and how to store them properly. We'll also discuss how to appraise antique trunks and how to spot fakes.

Whether you're looking to buy your first antique trunk or you're a seasoned collector, Trunk Treasures is the perfect resource. With its wealth of information and beautiful photography, this book is sure to become a treasured addition to your library.

Pasquale De Marco is a lifelong collector of antique trunks. He has written extensively on the subject and is considered one of the leading experts in the field. He is also the founder of the Antique Trunk Collectors Club.

Book Description

Trunk Treasures is the definitive guide to antique trunks, providing a wealth of information on their history, construction, and care. Whether you're a seasoned collector or just starting out, this book has something for everyone.

In Trunk Treasures, you'll learn about:

- The history of trunks, from their humble beginnings as simple wooden chests to the elaborate and stylish trunks of the Victorian era
- The different types of trunks that were made, from steamer trunks to wardrobe trunks to hat trunks
- The unique features, construction methods, and how to identify some of the most popular types of antique trunks, including steamer trunks, humpback trunks, Saratoga trunks, Jenny Lind trunks, Louis Vuitton trunks, stagecoach trunks,

campaign trunks, blanket chests, and wicker trunks

- How to care for your antique trunks, including how to clean and polish them, how to repair them, and how to store them properly
- How to appraise antique trunks and how to spot fakes

With its wealth of information and beautiful photography, *Trunk Treasures* is the perfect resource for anyone interested in antique trunks. Whether you're looking to buy your first antique trunk or you're a seasoned collector, this book is sure to become a treasured addition to your library.

Pasquale De Marco is a lifelong collector of antique trunks. He has written extensively on the subject and is considered one of the leading experts in the field. He is also the founder of the Antique Trunk Collectors Club.

Chapter 1: Antique Trunk Origins

History of Trunks

Trunks have been used for centuries to store and transport belongings. The earliest trunks were simple wooden chests, often bound with leather or iron. These chests were used by travelers, soldiers, and merchants to protect their belongings from the elements and from theft.

Over time, trunks became more elaborate and stylish. In the 18th century, trunks were often made of fine woods, such as mahogany and walnut, and were decorated with brass fittings and leather trim. These trunks were often used by wealthy travelers and were often used to store clothing, jewelry, and other valuables.

In the 19th century, the Industrial Revolution led to the development of new materials and manufacturing techniques, which made it possible to produce trunks

that were lighter, stronger, and more affordable. These trunks were often made of canvas or leather and were often used by travelers, immigrants, and soldiers.

In the 20th century, trunks continued to be used for storage and transportation, but they were also increasingly used for decorative purposes. Today, antique trunks are highly sought-after by collectors and are often used as decorative pieces in homes and offices.

Trunks have played an important role in history, and they continue to be used today for both practical and decorative purposes. They are a reminder of our past and a testament to the ingenuity of our ancestors.

Chapter 1: Antique Trunk Origins

Types of Trunks

There are many different types of antique trunks, each with its own unique history and purpose. Some of the most popular types of trunks include:

- **Steamer trunks:** Steamer trunks were designed to be used on transatlantic voyages. They were typically made of wood or metal and had a flat top and bottom. Steamer trunks often had multiple compartments and drawers to keep clothes and other belongings organized.
- **Humpback trunks:** Humpback trunks are characterized by their distinctive humped shape. They were popular in the 19th century and were often used to transport clothing and other goods by stagecoach.
- **Saratoga trunks:** Saratoga trunks are named after the Saratoga Springs resort in New York.

They were popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and were often used to transport clothing and other belongings for leisure travel.

- **Jenny Lind trunks:** Jenny Lind trunks are named after the Swedish opera singer Jenny Lind. They were popular in the mid-19th century and were often used to transport clothing and other belongings for concert tours.
- **Louis Vuitton trunks:** Louis Vuitton trunks are made by the famous French fashion house Louis Vuitton. They are known for their high quality and craftsmanship and are often used to transport clothing and other luxury goods.
- **Stagecoach trunks:** Stagecoach trunks were designed to be used on stagecoaches. They were typically made of wood or metal and had a flat top and bottom. Stagecoach trunks often had multiple compartments and drawers to keep clothes and other belongings organized.

- **Campaign trunks:** Campaign trunks were designed to be used by military officers. They were typically made of wood or metal and had a flat top and bottom. Campaign trunks often had multiple compartments and drawers to keep clothes and other belongings organized.
- **Blanket chests:** Blanket chests were designed to store blankets and other linens. They were typically made of wood and had a hinged lid. Blanket chests often had multiple compartments and drawers to keep blankets and other linens organized.
- **Wicker trunks:** Wicker trunks were made of woven wicker. They were popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and were often used to transport clothing and other belongings for leisure travel.

Each type of antique trunk has its own unique history and purpose. By understanding the different types of

trunks, you can better appreciate their beauty and craftsmanship.

Chapter 1: Antique Trunk Origins

Materials Used

The materials used to make antique trunks varied depending on the time period and the intended use of the trunk. Early trunks were made of wood, with leather or canvas coverings. As metalworking techniques improved, metal trunks became more popular, especially for travel. However, wood remained a popular material for trunks, especially for those that were intended to be used for storage.

The type of wood used for trunks also varied depending on the time period and the region. In the early days of trunk making, oak was a popular choice for its strength and durability. However, as other hardwoods became more available, they were also used for trunks. Some of the most popular hardwoods used for trunks include mahogany, walnut, and cherry.

In addition to wood and metal, other materials were also used to make trunks. Leather was a popular choice for coverings, as it was both durable and water-resistant. Canvas was also used for coverings, especially for trunks that were intended to be used for travel. Papier-mâché was also used to make trunks, especially during the Victorian era.

The materials used to make antique trunks also varied depending on the intended use of the trunk. Trunks that were intended to be used for travel were often made of lighter materials, such as wood or canvas. Trunks that were intended to be used for storage were often made of heavier materials, such as metal or hardwood.

No matter what materials they were made of, antique trunks were often works of art. They were often decorated with carvings, paintings, or other embellishments. Some trunks were even made of exotic materials, such as ivory or tortoiseshell.

This extract presents the opening three sections of the first chapter.

Discover the complete 10 chapters and 50 sections by purchasing the book, now available in various formats.

Table of Contents

Chapter 1: Antique Trunk Origins * History of Trunks
* Types of Trunks * Materials Used * Trunkmakers *
Trunk Hardware

Chapter 2: Steamer Trunks * History of Steamer
Trunks * Construction of Steamer Trunks * Popular
Steamer Trunk Brands * Sizes and Styles * Restoration
of Steamer Trunks

Chapter 3: Humpback Trunks * History of Humpback
Trunks * Construction of Humpback Trunks * Popular
Humpback Trunk Brands * Sizes and Styles *
Restoration of Humpback Trunks

Chapter 4: Saratoga Trunks * History of Saratoga
Trunks * Construction of Saratoga Trunks * Popular
Saratoga Trunk Brands * Sizes and Styles * Restoration
of Saratoga Trunks

Chapter 5: Jenny Lind Trunks * History of Jenny Lind
Trunks * Construction of Jenny Lind Trunks * Popular

Jenny Lind Trunk Brands * Sizes and Styles *
Restoration of Jenny Lind Trunks

Chapter 6: Louis Vuitton Trunks * History of Louis Vuitton Trunks * Construction of Louis Vuitton Trunks * Popular Louis Vuitton Trunk Models * Sizes and Styles * Restoration of Louis Vuitton Trunks

Chapter 7: Stagecoach Trunks * History of Stagecoach Trunks * Construction of Stagecoach Trunks * Popular Stagecoach Trunk Brands * Sizes and Styles * Restoration of Stagecoach Trunks

Chapter 8: Campaign Trunks * History of Campaign Trunks * Construction of Campaign Trunks * Popular Campaign Trunk Brands * Sizes and Styles * Restoration of Campaign Trunks

Chapter 9: Blanket Chests * History of Blanket Chests * Construction of Blanket Chests * Popular Blanket Chest Brands * Sizes and Styles * Restoration of Blanket Chests

Chapter 10: Trunk Care and Maintenance * Cleaning
and Polishing Trunks * Repairing Trunks * Storing
Trunks * Displaying Trunks * Appraising Trunks

This extract presents the opening three sections of the first chapter.

Discover the complete 10 chapters and 50 sections by purchasing the book, now available in various formats.