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## BUTTONS

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## **Synopsis**

Buttons have been made from almost every known material and by every manufacturing technique. Their study provides insight into fashion trends, the clothing industry and social history in general. This book introduces the wonderful array of these treasures from the past, to show the variety of materials and the intricate design and workmanship incorporated in the making of the humble button. Military and civilian uniform buttons are not included. Buttons can still be found amongst small items of silver or jewellery on antique stalls. The discerning eye can also spot interesting examples at boot fairs or charity shops. Collecting buttons can therefore be a hobby for everyone, however much or little they have to spend.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Alan and Gillian Meredith have been button collectors for over thirty years, undertaking much original research and writing articles for leading antiques magazines, as well as appearing on television and radio. They owned the first and only button museum in Great Britain, creating a focus for those interested in the history, design and manufacture of buttons, as well as introducing a fascinating subject to the general public.

This book has been such a help to me. I have always loved buttons since I was a child. Several years ago I started collecting buttons and selling them at an Antique mall. I cringe every time I think

of the valuable buttons that I practically given away. It is so much fun now to go to my Buttons book and be able to research my new treasures. Great illustrations, history, and descriptions.

Wish I had ordered it in hard copy instead of Kindle. It is a good reference book, but a little difficult to handle on Kindle. Buttons (Shire Library)

This little book is extremely well written and informative. It covers important basic informative to help new collectors. There are numerous colored photos which illustrate a good cross section of buttons covering history and materials. It's a great book for any lover of buttons to add to their library and is very affordable.

I chose my purchase by the reviews, as I've wanted a book on buttons. I collect from thrift stores & 2nd hand shops. The buttons in this book are not the kind of collecting I am doing. I wanted explanations for ID'ing less elaborate & fancy buttons. This book just wasn't what I expected or was looking for. thank you

Great first book for the new collector. Wish it was longer.

Very informative.

I enjoyed reading and looking at this book. It helps me identify buttons. I enjoy collecting old buttons and have added it to my library.

book was very slow arriving. much shorter than i hoped for

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