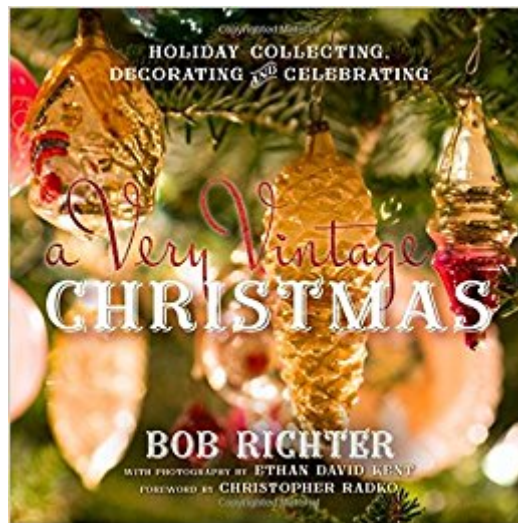




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A Very Vintage Christmas: Holiday Collecting, Decorating And Celebrating



Synopsis

A Very Vintage Christmas embodies the nostalgia and sentimentality associated with the holiday season. Vintage ornaments, lights, decorations, cards and wrapping all conjure up happy memories of Christmases past and serve as tangible mementos of holidays shared with family and friends. In fact, finding these objects, decorating with them and sharing them with others brings an instant feeling of comfort and joy. Coupled with beautiful photographs, tips on collecting, and secret shopping haunts, A Very Vintage Christmas offers a 360-degree look at holiday décor in America and gives suggestions on how to make vintage finds work for today's audience. While each chapter of A Very Vintage Christmas is unique, there is a common thread that runs through them all: the love of beautiful holiday decorations, and the interest in their history, value, and preservation. The book helps the everyday collector and enthusiast to build their own collection and offers tips on how to make the most of what they've got.

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Customer Reviews

Learn to make old things new and entertain the vintage way with this full-color tribute to Christmases of old. Each chapter celebrates a unique component of an old-fashioned Yuletide, from ornaments to gift-wrapping, with tips for curating your very own throwback holiday. (Parade.com)

Bob Richter's passion for collecting holiday décor began as a boy. One day his father, who would take him to auctions, handed Bob a box of beautiful ornaments, including a blue jay, a

Santa Claus, some bells, and other special figures, and said, "It's time you started collecting something and I know you like Christmas." So collect he did •and still does. That original box has grown into a collection that hovers at around 2,500 and counting. Regularly featured in media outlets including the New York Times, Entertainment Weekly, The Huffington Post, The Associated Press, Redbook, the Boston Globe, FOX, CBS, ABC, and HGTV, Bob delights in sharing antiques, design, and bargaining advice. As "The Designer" •and breakout star of the PBS series Market Warriors, Bob uses his personality and expertise to strike deals at flea markets all over the country and he remains a fan favorite. He also hosts Flea Market Minute and Minute Makeover. As a correspondent for The Huffington Post, he writes for the Home, Style, Travel, and Arts sections. He is also a Tastemaker for "Vintage and Market Finds" •on the high-end shopping portal One Kings Lane where he curates special sales with art, antiques, and rescued objects. Specializing in a marriage of comfort and smart design, Bob offers up a fresh take on living with "stuff." •His tongue-in-cheek mantra, "More is More," •speaks to his love of art and antiques, which he culls from around the globe. As a contributor to PBS.org, Bob has profiled Pop Artist Peter Max, written about art pottery, WWII collecting, vintage Christmas décor, vintage clothing, and more. He has also served as Guest Editor of NYC Arts and offers antiques advice in eHow and The Intelligent Collector.

Mr. Richter of the PBS show Market Warriors has a great eye and an amazing aesthetic. He has written a comprehensive book about Christmas collectibles that is a collectible in itself! With beautiful photography and highly specific annotation, all lovers of Christmas will want to give this book to themselves and to their friends and family. There is joy on every page! Thank you, Bob Richter, for writing this wonderful book. I will buy and give this book away many, many times.

Great book. Beautiful photos. Unique and original. Big on Christmas nostalgia. Sure to bring back lots of Christmas memories from your childhood and your parents' childhood. The author gives many ideas on how to use or repurpose your own vintage ornaments during the holiday season. I bought this book to give to my mom for Xmas, very pleased, I will get more to give out as x-mas gifts for others.

I purchased a book for myself and my mother. I can't express in words how much I love this book. I love vintage Xmas decorations and Bob summed it up the joy of collecting in one book. My mother

grew up in the 40's and 50's and it brings back so many memories of her childhood. This is a must coffee table book for the Xmas holidays.

It seems that everyone loves Christmas. Bob Richer's "A Very Vintage Christmas" helps people to embrace the season with a love for the past which helps to bring a more meaningful, sincere love for the holiday than your everyday commercial decor, with no history and no true sense of the moment. "Very Vintage Christmas" brings warmth to this wonderful holiday. It is a read that will make you sing with joy.

Wonderfully written and great information. I love Christmas as the author of this book does as well. He offers many photos that will inspire you to love decorating for Christmas. Richter offers some good advice and information that you will find very helpful.

Saw this when I was reading a blog for tea-lovers I follow. Since I am always looking for "another holiday book"---I have more than 75 that I display on our entertainment center: children's Christmas books, a copy of the script for "It's a Wonderful Life", Christmas customs around the world, etc.---this one looked promising. After reading the reviews (and being a fan of vintage Christmas decor), I decided to buy it, and am glad I did. It is written by someone with a real respect for Christmas past, and beautifully photographed. Have decided this the gift I am giving to friends and family next year.

A great book with lots of pictures for inspiration. I loved it!

I believe that Christmas is not just a season, but also a state of mind. For that reason, I am so happy I purchased A Very Vintage Christmas and highly recommend it to everyone, either for gift-giving or personal treasure. From being able to see pictures of vintage decorations and learning about their origins and other details about them, to reading about ways to find and preserve vintage Christmas decorations (and just about everything in between), this book has a little something for everyone. The book lends itself well to reading it either all at once or by the chapter of your choosing. It is written in a conversational style and it is like the author is speaking with you. I really liked that. Upon its arrival, I paged through the book. My jaw dropped when I saw a picture of an ornament that was like one my family has that was on my Uncle William's first Christmas tree (it is over 100 years old). It is very simple, but it is

part of our family history. Our tradition is that it is the first ornament on the tree and the last one taken off when the tree is taken down. Then I saw a picture of an ornament that was on my brother's first Christmas tree. There are pictures of all kinds of vintage Christmas decorations: Christmas albums, cards, lights, sheet music, etc., each one providing a visit back in time – not only from my experience, but remembering stories Mom and Dad told me about Christmases when they were young. A big smile was on my face with each turn of a page, wondering what I would see next. It reminded me of child-like Christmas anticipation! Then, my brother and I paged through the book together. We were saying, "I remember that!" and "Remember when?" And even, "Hey what about?" It was a fun evening of nostalgia that I know will be repeated. I love to decorate for Christmas. And as each decoration (some in their original boxes) is carefully unpacked, I recall Christmases past as the memories associated with each of them come to mind. As I mentioned above, reading *A Very Vintage Christmas* brought back those memories for me too. "De-decorating" (when the decorations are lovingly packed away) is not something I look forward to because the house looks so stark for a few days after. But now I don't have to wait for Christmas to look at decorations, because this book will not be packed away for the season. It will have a spot on my bookshelf throughout the year, right next to my copy of *Little Women* that Mom gave me for Christmas when I was a little girl. I just know that decorating this holiday season will be even more joyous having read this book! Ask Santa to bring you *A Very Vintage Christmas* this year. Better yet, why not buy it yourself and have it on the table next to Santa's cookies and milk so he can enjoy it too!

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