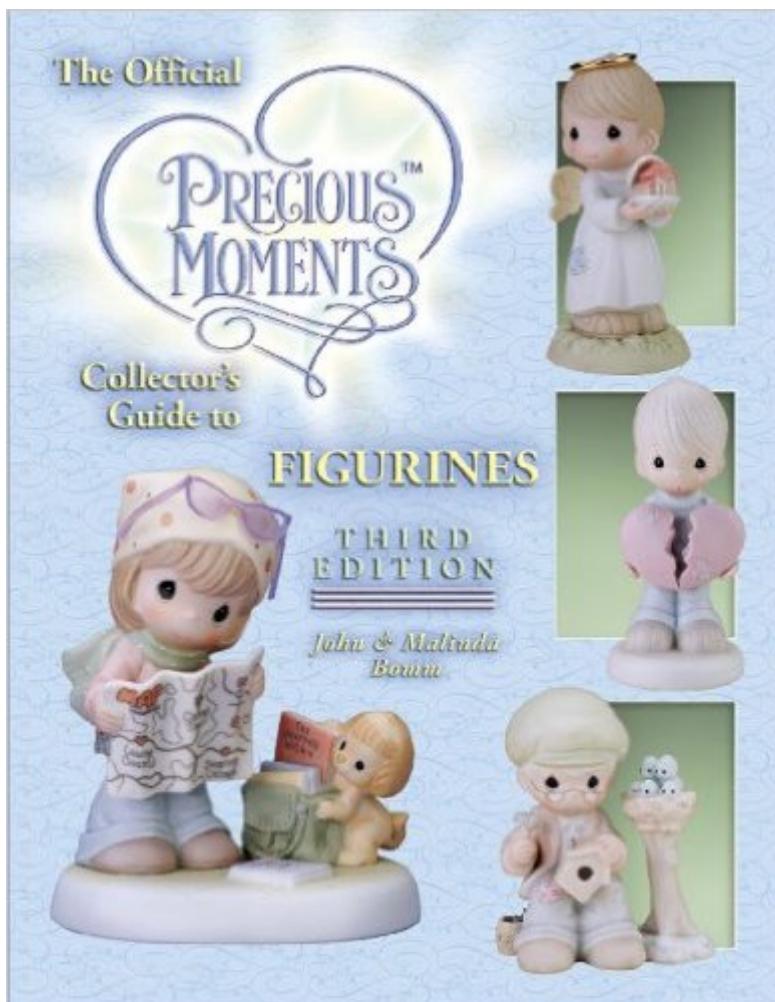


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# The Official Precious Moments Collector's Guide To Figurines, 3rd Edition



## **Synopsis**

Carrying messages of loving, caring, and sharing, the Precious Moments children have grabbed the hearts of collectors everywhere. This newly updated book, now in a larger, 8 1/2 x 11 format, will become an indispensable resource for collectors around the country. This new third edition presents approximately 2,700 bisque figurines. It includes current as well as retired pieces. It contains new pieces and more updated and accurate information, plus new sections. This book is undoubtedly the most comprehensive official guide to Precious Moments figurines on the market. Each figurine is pictured in color and item number, date of issue, availability, and secondary market values are given. There are spaces provided for the collector to record the amount paid and the dates they purchased their pieces. A must have for every Precious Moments fan! 2008 values.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Just received this book in today's mail, and frankly, other than the pictures of the pieces, it is, in my opinion, not worth the paper it is printed on. There is NO secondary market except internet auctions for Precious Moments any more. This guide lists "Free Puppies," for example, as a value of \$2,100 - they sell regularly on auction for \$300 - \$450, depending on whether or not they have a box. Last week, one with an original brown cardboard box (extremely unusual), went for just under \$600 in mint condition - a beautiful piece. The rest of the "Original 21" are priced through the roof - some of them 10 times and higher prices than what reality is. There is a disclaimer in the book claiming that

the prices vary from spot to spot, and they got this information from dealers and collectors around the country. I wish they would give credit to these so-called knowledgeable people, and it would be nice to know who paid \$2100 for "Puppies" and how many years ago that happened. For the pictures, the guide is fine, but beyond that, DO NOT rely on it for accurate price information - even many of the suggested retail prices in the book are incorrect. I give this one a thumbs-down. There is no secondary market to amount to anything in collectibles any more, in my opinion, and this book's prices just encourage disillusionment among collectors so they keep buying (or investing?) in pieces, hoping to make good money when they sell. It ain't gonna happen - there is a ton more merchandise out there than anyone ever guessed back 30 years ago at the beginning of this. Buy what you like, like what you buy, and don't expect to put your kid through college when it's time to sell - you might not get back enough money to even pay the bookstore bill! For what it's worth - my opinion!

If you want to see photos of figurines, get the guide. If you want accuracy and information about the pieces get another guide. 1. There are pieces included in the guide that were never produced. 2. There are a lot of mark errors throughout the guide. 3. Basic PM information in the guide is completely wrong which lends you to believe that the authors are definitely not PM collectors.

This guide is an essential reference for any serious collector or anyone buying or selling Precious Moments figurines. The lack of serious competition will make sure this sells. However, there is little improvement in this 3rd edition over the 2006 second edition. The addition of the newer figurines and an update in pricing, which seems to average about 16% increase, are the main differences. There is also a size difference. The second edition was a handy 8.5" x 5.5" but the third ed is 11' x 8.5", which I believe is too large for a soft cover book. There is no new information about each piece that is not in the earlier version. It would have been nice to include the size of each item. There is an annoying change in the index that consolidates several previous entires into entries by series. For example, instead of separately listing the sugar town skating pond there is one listing for the series 'sugar town' with 18 page numbers. Overall, I was disappointed in this guide and would recommend that anyone not needing information on the last 2 years figurines stays with the 2nd edition and awaits the 4th.

I think this book is a great way to keep track of my Precious Moments and give me a current value of each one. However, because values change from year to year, it could be a lot of work

transferring them to a new book each year. I think every couple of years would be fine to keep track of what you have unless you purchase numerous figurines every year.

This book works great , you get a better idea on the price on what you paid for it and what price you could try to sell them for .

Item as describe .. A good book to have for collectors .

Nice clean book in new condition. Thanks

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