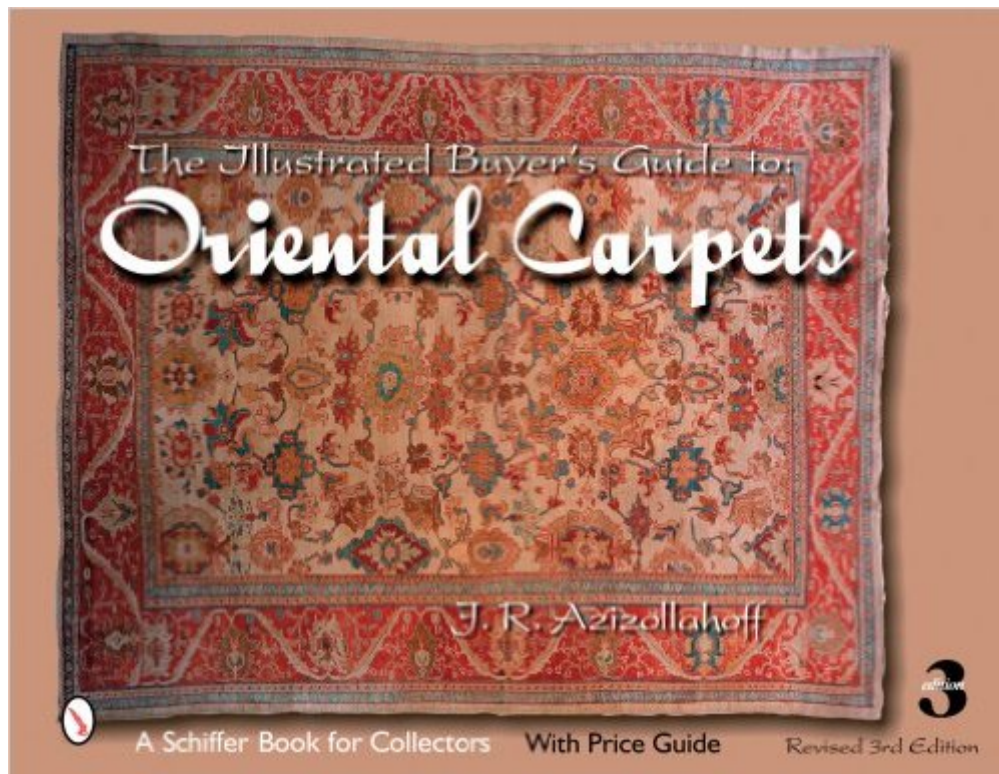


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# The Illustrated Buyer's Guide To Oriental Carpets (Schiffer Book For Collectors)



## Synopsis

A beautiful, practical introduction to Oriental carpets for laymen, designers, and collectors, presented from the perspective of a successful, third-generation wholesaler. Using concise text, over 370 vivid color photographs, and more than 45 detailed line drawings, J.R. Azizollahoff explains the complexities, intricacies and irregularities in old handmade carpets and identifies the more important rug types. The combined text, photographs and drawings also bring to light what dealers look for and examine when evaluating an antique carpet. Also provided is a look at new carpets, which gives the reader a glimpse of the wonderful energy and creativity to be found in modern rugs. Approximate values, newly revised to reflect current prices, are included with the photographs as a helpful guide for consumers and collectors. The book's bibliography provides useful listings for further research.

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The book is mostly full of beautiful pictures of rugs of all ages. Most, however, are higher end and not the market I can afford to be interested in. I had been hoping the book would at least comment on the (quality of the) thousands of rugs being sold on ebay each day for hundreds (not thousands) of dollars. I had been also hoping for more background information regarding the various types of rugs, but there was little. I am seeking a more comprehensive text than this, I think.

Basic rug construction information. If you're looking for pricing this book will give you an idea of the

going rate for many types of rugs. Mostly new rug pricing with some older and antique rugs pricing at back.

This book is an excellent addition to any one interested to find out what the contemporary rug market has to offer. It gives a very comprehensive review of different types of design. Anyone interested to purchase a new rug can easily use the book. It is especially recommended for interior designers. Samy Rabinovic New Horizons International Inc. Cultural and Rug Study Tours to Turkey and Central Asia P.O.Box 187 Newtown, Pa 18940

Of the half dozen books on oriental carpets I have, this is far and away the best. While most books on the subject are often somewhat snobbish in their approach, this book is refreshingly realistic and inclusive. And this comment is from someone who enjoys buying and selling oriental carpets and rugs. Jim B., Florida

This is one of the few carpet books available that isn't a decade old. The picture quality and pricing information is great. Indian carpets make up 50% of the new carpet section with the rest being from Turkey, Pakistan, China, and other regions. What is missing in this section is any mention or pictures of contemporary carpets from Iran. The antique carpet section has a broad selection of carpets from all appropriate regions--including Iran. There is also around 10 pages of information on rug care and cleaning, knot count, new machine made carpets, buying carpets overseas, and judging antique carpet condition. Overall, great book!

Somewhat useful for checking prices, but it is now out of date. I prefer Azizollahoff's other oriental rug book for lots of good information.

As a professional Antique Persian Rug Dealer I have used this wonderful book in many aspects of my work. This book's value in educating someone through the beautifully presented pictures and wide variety of ages and styles of rugs can't be overstated. Beautifully done, simple to understand and a pure pleasure to browse through. Highly recommended to beginners and old hands alike!

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