

ANTICS: Passionate Stories About Folks in the Antiques Trade

Fiction by award-winning author Carol Bergé

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ANTICS : Passionate Stories About Folks in the Antiques Trade is a delight to read, with witty, engaging tales about the men and women who people America's flea markets and antique malls, from the high-end shops to the five-n- dime swaps. What's more, it offers up many secrets of the trade. Within these 22 interlocking stories a sense of authenticity and a deep caring about humanity and its precious objects prevails.

From the Author: "Antiques sellers are a fascinating subculture. They run the gamut from barely literate to graduate degrees from Ivy League schools, and in age they can be so young as to hardly see the value in the items they purvey, or so ancient as to almost be antiques themselves... Everyone who has ever shopped for antiques will enjoy reading these gossipy, emotional stories of the folks selling stuff under the tent, behind the counter at the shows."

Why *ANTICS* is Timely and Timeless:

- Antiquing & Collecting is a national phenomenon – consider the popularity of "Antiques Road Show" and "History Detectives" and other similar TV programs.
- For every Buyer, there is a Seller – over forty vendors of gorgeous, sexy, odd, rare, funky and kitsch artifacts comprise Bergé's careful rendition of age-old conflicts: fad, fear, fidelity, love, lust, trust, values and valuable items.
- No other book of fiction so accurately describes this thriving subculture.

Critic's Corner: Rainbo Electronic Reviews, April 2007

"As a recovering collectibles dealer, I couldn't resist this title. And I was truly gratified for my effort. Ms. Berge... creates characters with feeling and substance, and a passion for the trade and the rewards it can bring."

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