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Transistor Radios: 1954-1968 (Schiffer Military History Book)



Synopsis

Kick off your shoes, put on your sunglasses, and get ready for a nostalgic trip back to the heyday of portable music. Transistor radios, those quintessential '50s and '60s accompaniments for the beach, backyard, and shirt pocket, have become one of the most popular and colorful collectors' items of recent years. Packed with over 460 full color photographs, this book provides an overview of the endless variety of transistor radio types, sizes, and styles produced during the prolific early years of their development. Over 1,000 radios are featured here, from American manufacturers such as Admiral, Bulova, Emerson, Philco, Regency, and Zenith and from Japanese manufacturers such as Hitachi, Koyo, NEC, Realtone, Sony, and Toshiba. Each radio is identified by manufacturer, model number, number of transistors, special features, country of origin, and date. Wherever possible, the sets are grouped to show radios which share common features, such as manufacturer, marketing organization, type of radio, or style. Shown as well are the color variations and cabinet variations which exist for many of the most popular radios. You'll learn which of the manufacturers marketed their sets under different names or to different organizations and which sets, although bearing different names, are virtually identical. A complete value guide is included to help collectors determine the value of various models with similar styling and features.

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Customer Reviews

Norm Smith is a long-time collector of transistor radios who is also the author of Zenith Transistor Radios: Evolution of a Classic. Norm and his wife Susan reside in Bradenton, Florida.

this is a very nice book with large clear photos. My husband has a T Radio collection and he was very happy with this book as a gift. as always packaging and delivery were good and on time.

I purchased this book to use as a reference. It is nicely printed and has wonderful glossy photos of transistor radios but it lacks a detailed index which would list radio maker with model number. If I want to find a particular radio I need to page through the entire book! I've thought of building an index myself using Microsoft Excel to relate manufacturer to Model number to page number in the book. Why couldn't the author Norman Smith have done this in the first place?

This book was not very complete I couldn't find a Motorola radio I had from 1961. I realize there were thousands of brands of these radios built during this era but expected a little more information on American brand names. Robert McCleary

Nice reference book

I like the pictures.

My husband is a collector of transistor radios. He loves this book and has gone through it and found that he has several. He has learned quite a bit from it. The book has enhanced his interest and his collection.,

This book is chock full of very very good color pictures of many many transistor radios from the past that many will recall and remember, and some may still have these radios laying around and using them. A pleasing site for the eyes with some general information about these radios accompanying the pictures.

Mere mention of a radio in this book improves its selling price, and a big color photo--well, phew! Pretty much the pricing Bible, (along with Bunis books) Beautiful photos, a minimum of text, lots of radios. This would be the perfect collector's guide--the one you would want if stranded on an island, except for two things. First, there is no (bleeping) index. I made my own. And, second, since people

really swear by this book, they sometimes get stubborn when buying or selling radios if the set's price does not meet, or exceeds the book value. This is not the fault of the author, so don't take it out on him. Times change. eBay is having its way with prices. Roll with it.

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