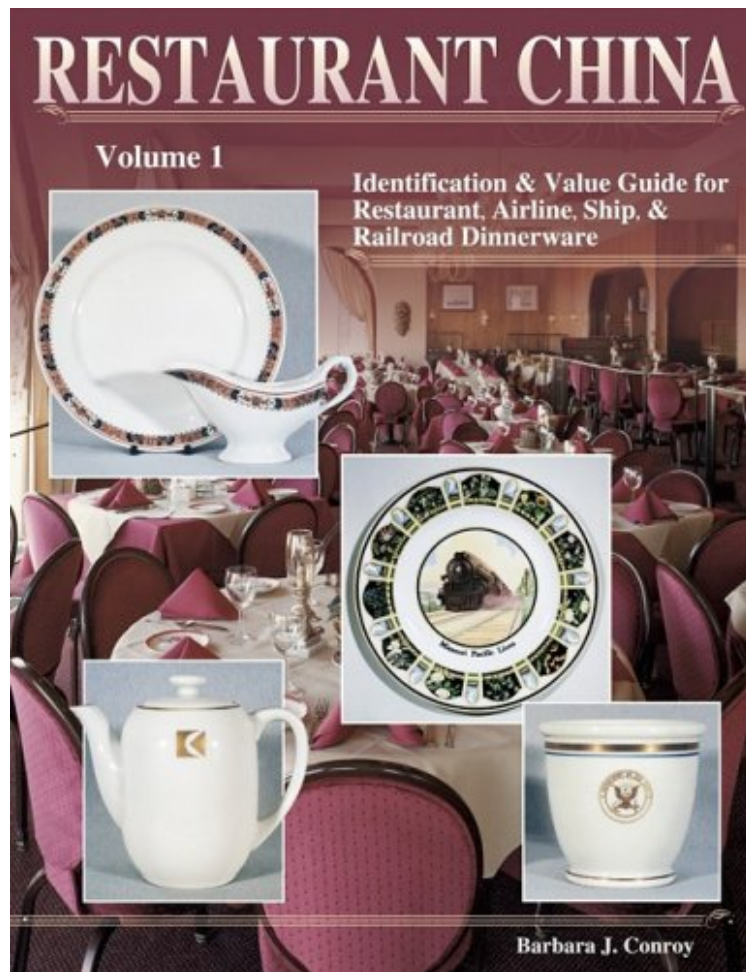


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**Barbara J. Conroy : Restaurant China : Identification Value Guide for Restaurant, Airline, Ship Railroad Dinnerware (Volume 1)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Restaurant China : Identification Value Guide for Restaurant, Airline, Ship Railroad Dinnerware (Volume 1):

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Picturesque but not as helpful as expected! By Customer I was very disappointed in this book. The colors in the photographs are beautiful. But as a reference for china patterns, it is seriously lacking. Except for a select few companies, the author seems to offer only one example rather than a more complete listing of the different china patterns used by each company over the years. There are some very nice photographs of railroad dining cars, steamship dining rooms, and airline meals being served, but again as a reference,

the pictures do not show the china in these photos very clearly at all. In addition, the listings and descriptions of company logos as well as time-frames for china patterns are sometimes inaccurate and other times incomplete. As always, price guides become outdated quickly and would have been better in a separate addendum instead of being placed with text and captions throughout the book. I feel the book was too generalized. As a new collector I wanted help in identifying the different china patterns used by these transportation companies, when each pattern was used, and who manufactured them. All this book provided were scattered bits and pieces of that information. I do not intend to buy Volume II.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. good for pictures of Railroad China, but...By V. ShadlowFirst I need to preface that this book was purchased solely for the information on the Railroad China. As my title says, this book is good for the pictures of the Railroad China, but I take issue with the prices displayed....[Either she got really gyped/cheated or she had lots of money to burn and "price was no object". Neither my spouse nor myself would spend the kind of money price-wise that was quoted in this book. Prices were over three times what we would pay in certain cases. Going back to the pictures, \*color\* pictures - very nice. Whether the pictures are color correct, I can't necessarily say, which brings us to the next point. They are pictures of patterns that I hadn't seen previously in either the two better known railroad china books. In the books favor, there is section about "how" the china was made, that included decorated/decaded and the like. That section appeared to be quite good reading. Lastly, if you want to know about the Restaurant, Airline and Ship aspects of the book - I can't tell you. I hate to say it, but the book, now purchased will probably be kept for the photos.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. GREAT REFERENCEBy SwissmissI love researching Syracuse China other vintage china collectibles. In my opinion this, along with Conroy's volume II are invaluable, easy reference tools.

This giant new reference book covers dinnerware, oven-to-table serving pieces, and accessories specifically designed for use in commercial food service, as opposed to household tableware. This fine china is used in restaurants, in addition to hotel, government, company, military, hospital, school, church, club, fraternal organization, department and drugstore, railroad station and airport dining rooms and cafeterias, as well as on trains, ships, and airplanes. Restaurant china brings a hint of nostalgia of pre-freeway cross-country vacations by car or rail, when fast food stops were nonexistent and dining out was a big event for people. In addition to 690 color photographs, Conroy has included lengthy alphabetical topmark lists, logo illustrations, value ranges, and in-depth sections on manufacturing and decoration techniques. 2003 values. 8.5 X 11.

This 368-page volume begins with airline dinnerware, then moves on to ship and railroad china before examining military, western, and oriental motif china. Also covered is china used in casinos, amusement parks and fairgrounds, and company dining rooms, although the bulk of the book is devoted to airline, ship, and railroad dinnerware. A selection of manufacturers' pieces that include samples and employee gifts is provided. About the Author Barbara Conroy and her husband have collected restaurant china together for about 20 years. She spent more than six years in intense study for her two volumes on Restaurant China, and her careful research is evident in the two volumes.