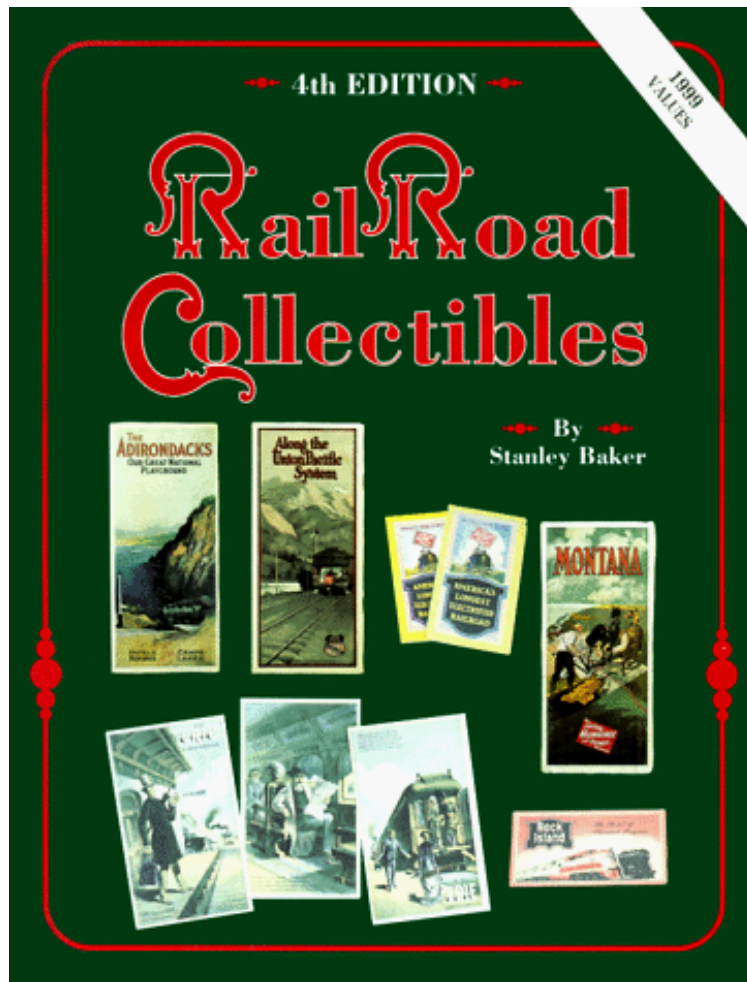


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and you can extrapolate a price through similarity of function, design, materials, complexity, etc. So, consider this a starting point. Mint condition items will bring more, perhaps, unless the attraction is its used condition. For instance, which would be worth more, a pristine switch lock never used in a hundred years, or one that sat on the switch to Walong Siding at Tehachapi Loop for 100 years? In the end, nostalgic collectors' items are worth whatever one feels like paying at the moment. I've seen items, listed here for about \$40, sell for over \$1000. Depends on the item and who is bidding. Still, it's nice to have some attempt to document even a tiny cross section of the thousands of items out there, which gives some idea of what someone thought they were worth 20 years ago. 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Comprehensive Guide To Railroad Collectibles By Irvin Goodman This is the 4th revised edition of the popular railroad collectibles volume. It features 200 pages with thousands of listings and hundreds of black and white photos. 1999 values are shown. There's plenty of informative text and item descriptions are very comprehensive. Topics range from art, baggage, books, badges, keys, to passes, playing cards, stereo view cards and wax sealers, wood tokens and time tables. Railroad enthusiasts will find this volume of real value. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By charlesgood book

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