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**Jeff Walters : Classic soda machines: A field reference and price guide** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Classic soda machines: A field reference and price guide:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy RonVery informative!9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. excellent book for antique soda machine buffsBy The VendorlatorExcellent book overall covering the older soda machines from the 1940's to 1950's, of which, these books are few and far between. (There is another great "companion" book that picks up where this leaves off, covering the "flat/square-look" machines from the 1960's to 1970's called "Vintage Coca-Cola Machines" that is also a must read for collectors. But, besides these two, I have yet to find any other books covering this lost era-I wouldn't be interested in machines from the last 20 years, as they don't have the "personality" of the original machines.) I'm still waiting on a book, however, that actually covers the original factories, inventors, and engineers of the first soda machines. These people deserve credit for coming up with amazing innovations so early on. It would be interesting to know and see behind the scenes pictures of these companies, i.e.; the C.E.O.s' bios, old factory pictures/photos (my growing up in Indiana, I was surprised to read that 2 major companies from the 50's started in Indiana; the F.L.Jacobs Co. from Indianapolis,IN and Glascock Co. from Muncie, IN.), interviews with workers (I'm sure some are still alive from the 1950's era!), and the takeover of Vendorlator by Vendo. And why were Pepsi machines more likely found in the north/Canada and Dr.Pepper/Royal Crown found more in the south? Was this due to taste? Distribution? I know most people aren't interested in this info, but it would be another avenue to cover as little is known about these facts outside of maybe going to a local library and doing intense research. This book is worth having, as the price guide and photos help you to zone into your

particular taste/budget when it comes to purchasing your first cola machine.

Soda vending machines were made in a large variety of shapes and sizes. Their colorful and often stylish design have made them a hot collectible. Classic Soda Machines illustrates hundreds of these machines with entertaining and enlightening commentary. Values are provided in captions.