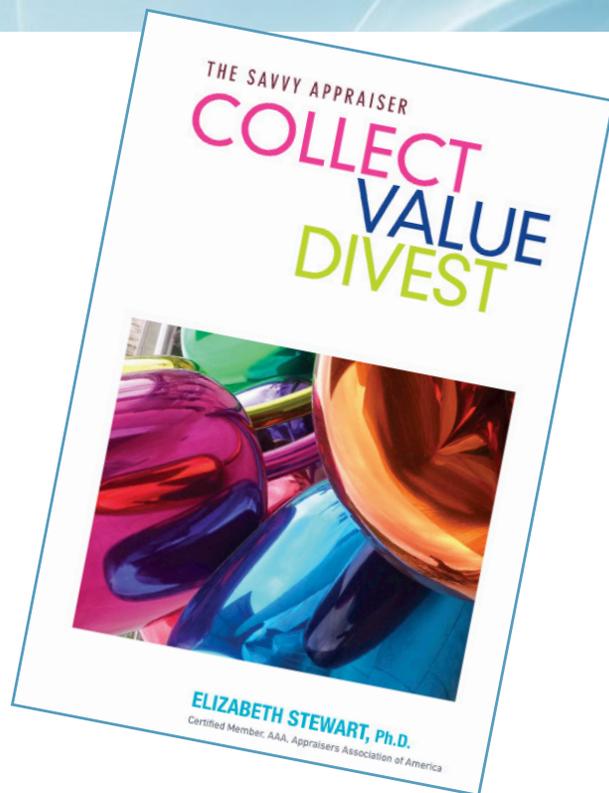


Collect Value Divest: The Savvy Appraiser

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Collect Value Divest: The Savvy Appraiser delivers short, concise chapters so that any collector can easily learn how to value their paintings, books, artifacts, and treasured possessions. Dr. Elizabeth Stewart condenses her thirty years as a certified appraiser into easy-to-read anecdotes that cover commonly asked questions about value. She provides tips on how to buy, sell, insure, and auction, and explains how to bequeath pieces.

Stewart shares her secrets of the art and antiques marketplace. Learn what appraisers don't want you to know—all the tools to assess value, beauty, rarity, market level, provenance, and quality. Having appraised many estates for celebrities and CEOs, Stewart knows value and can detect frauds, and nothing, no matter how quirky or unusual, is beyond analysis.

Most people possess some family treasures that have been passed down through generations, but are these items valuable or just part of the family's history? With this guide, family members facing the hurdle of divesting of their parents' belongings can judge what is worth having appraised and what can be given away. The book is great for seniors who are downsizing and trying to evaluate what to keep and what to give to family or donate, including that "prized" family china.

Using real-life cases and rich images, Stewart instructs on the Dos and Don'ts of collecting: how, what, and where to collect; the next big thing; clues to identification and worth; online tools for finding value; how to sell and what to donate; and what your kids do not want.

Whether you're a serious collector or someone trying to value family belongings, *Collect Value Divest: The Savvy Appraiser* will answer your questions on how to evaluate your collections.

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Learn more about Elizabeth's appraisal services at:
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"If you need to downsize (like most of us), learn to do it like a savvy appraiser. Elizabeth explains how to look for clues to authenticity, determine origin and provenance, and understand today's market. You'll enjoy her true tales of wise, regret-free divesting."

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