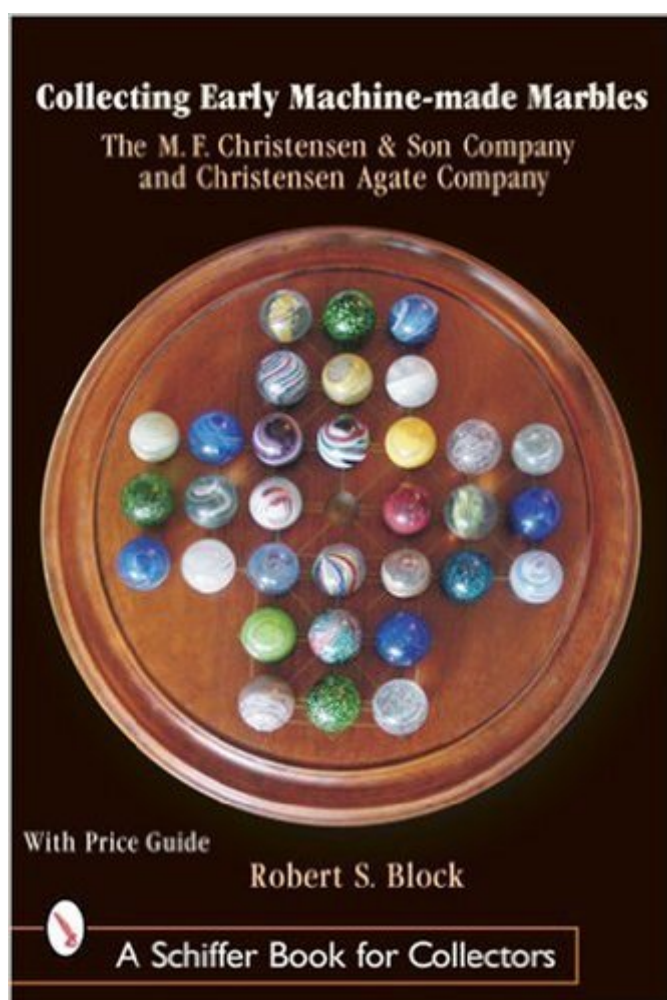


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# Collecting Early Machine Made Marbles From The M.F. Christensen & Son Company And Christensen Agate Company



## Synopsis

With this book, readers will discover machine made marbles from the early 1900s to the 1930s that revolutionized the glass marble industry. Over 700 beautiful color photos display marbles produced by both Ohio-based companies, M. F. Christensen & Son Company and Christensen Agate Company. Among the examples displayed are bricks, cobras, guineas, opaques, slags, single pontil slags, swirls, and hand-gathered swirls. Additionally, early slag marbles known as transitionals are featured. The text includes histories of these two important glass marble companies, descriptions of their various marble types, and their methods of manufacture. Values for the marbles displayed are found in the captions. This book will be treasured by all those who collect and enjoy marbles.

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I didn't buy this book, my great-grandson (Jonathan, 13 years old) did and had it delivered to my house where his marble collection is housed (he lives only a few blocks away and there's no one here to mess with his "stuff") But I examined the book - every page, and after the deserved panning I gave to Block's nearly useless and still outdated "Revised and Expanded 5th Edition of the Marbles Identification and Price Guide" (Schiffer, 2012) I am compelled to write a well deserved, 5 star rave of "Collecting Early Machine-Made Marbles: The M. F. Christensen & Son Company and Christensen Agate Company" (CEM-MM). While written in 2003 and as yet not updated, CEM-MM cannot be outdone in its scope of photos of examples of American and German Transitionals, M F Christensen & Son Company (MFC&SCo) and Christensen Agate Company (CAC) marbles. While no scholarly tome, Block's genius as applied to the making of this book was getting the very top

collectors and well connected experts in regards to the marbles and histories of these marble manufacturers to weigh in and, most importantly, to allow Block access to theirs and others marble collections to photograph and assemble the massive library of over 700 photos of the best you will ever see from these companies in one edition. The text, aside from the marble photo captions, a mere fifteen pages out of 150 including the one page introduction, the three page glossary and the one page bibliography, still, is entertaining, informative and concise. Whatever might be lacking in this book is dwarfed by the beauty and seemingly endless parade of the most stunning array of early American machine made marbles beyond what anyone could possibly imagine before seeing this magnificent book for themselves. A must for anyone who still wonders what all the fuss is about collecting American machine-made marbles.

All illustrations are exceptional and descriptions perfect. A must have for marble collectors.

Both of the books I purchased from [Marble Mania and collecting early machine marbles] are great and helpful addition to my marble collecting. Thank You very much sphere

A very good book too have on your shelf. I enjoyed very much and was helpful and I use it a lot

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