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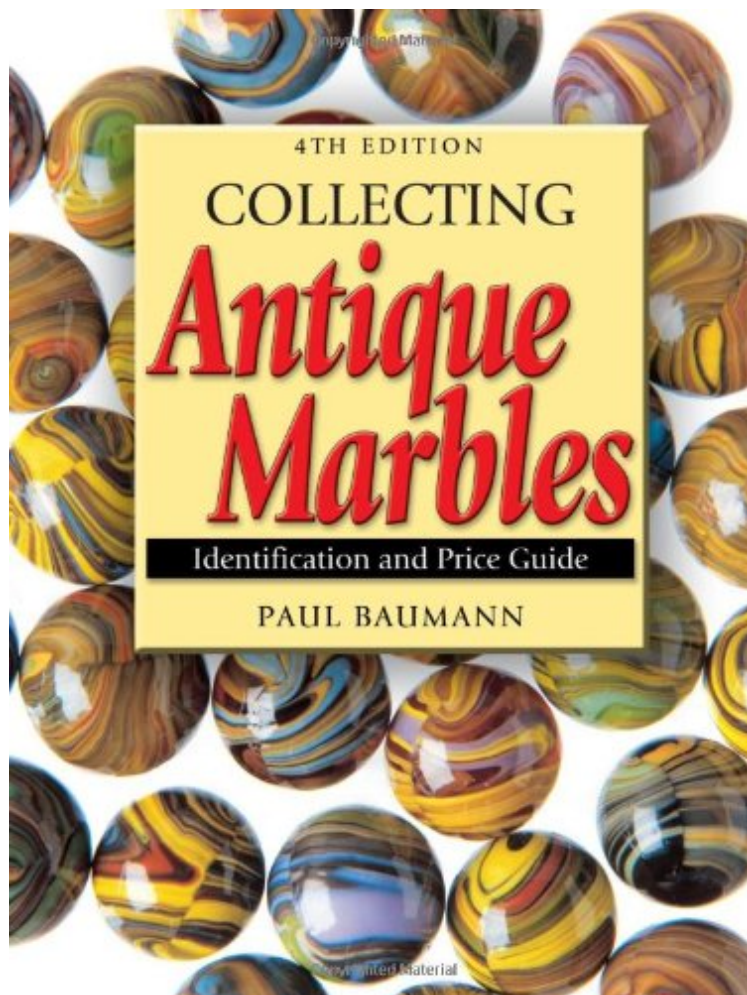
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About the Author A child of antique collectors, Paul Baumann was encouraged to find his own collecting niche; he found it in marbles, and has been an avid collector since 1952.