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Juan Manuel Clarke : Collectible Lighters (Collectibles) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Collectible Lighters (Collectibles):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A museum tour of lighters By V. R. Padgett The photographs are superb. Each page features one lighter, and has a few lines describing that lighter. Sometimes the text provides interesting and useful information; other times it simply repeats what you can see by looking at the picture. The book gives you the museum experience--well-displayed objects, each with a small card of info. French lighters are heavily favored, but there are 40 or so pages of Zippos (40 or so lighters), two Ronsons, and no IMCOs at all. There is no info on how the lighters work (or whether they work). If you are interested in how things work, you will find this book frustrating. I kept asking myself "how do you put the fluid in this thing?" The writing seems odd at times. It is translated from the French, and the translations don't always work. Do nearly all the lighters in the book really work with "gasoline"? There are a few weapons-connected errors-- the copper driving bands on an artillery shell are not there to make it go faster, as the text states. And there are two mistakes on page 220, which shows "a butane lighter in the shape of a P38 revolver." The P.38 was not a revolver. It was a semi-auto. Also the lighter is not in the shape of a P.38. It looks more like a Mauser HSc. I think there are two mistakes about Zippos: On page 362, we read that the Zippo Slim is the "slenderest of the Zippo models." Maybe it should have been translated as "slenderer" of the models? On p. 368: "Here is a Slim model ..." but it is not. Finally, there was just way too much information about the

French Tax Act of 28 December 1910. Way more than I wanted to know.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy CustomerI learned a great deal not covered elsewhere. Superb, high quality, and plentiful photos.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Good reference.By RevkevExcellent photography and some very detailed information on some lighters (especially liked the soldiers lighters section).As another reviewer stated a lot are French, but there's a good cross section of types.I really liked the introduction and learnt a lot about the history of lighters.Would be great if there were price ranges, but they don't stay current for long anyway.Index at rear makes it easy to find common lighter manufacturers.Enjoyable book I'll be revisiting regularly, and I now have even more lighters on my wish list!For the price, \$5.50 used mint condition it was a steal.

The lighter was invented less than a century ago and has since become an extremely popular collector's item, available in every imaginable shape and style. The contents of this richly illustrated volume range from the humble Bic (albeit with stylish James Bond designs), to the most luxurious of lighters. There are, of course, many examples of the archetypal Zippo, as well as brands like Dupont, Dunhill, and Polaire. *Collectible Lighters* is a perfect source on the topic for all those interested in lighters, whether vintage or novelty, elegant or fun.

About the AuthorJuan-Manuel Clarke also wrote *Collectible Fountain Pens* in the same series.