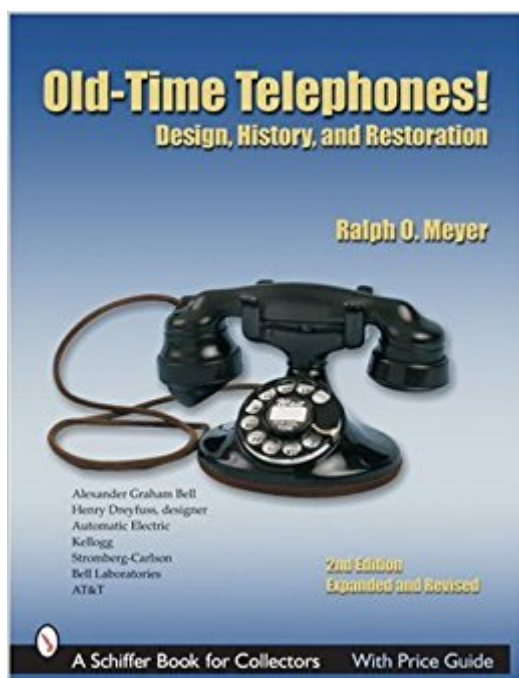


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# Old-Time Telephones!: Design, History, And Restoration (Schiffer Book For Collectors)



## Synopsis

Over 120 black and white photos and 175 patent drawing, charts, diagrams, and schematics trace a century's development of telephones, from Alexander Graham Bell's first box of 1877 to Trimline models from Western Electric. This valuable reference also provides technical information about their electrical circuitry and electrical measurements required to successfully repair, restore, and maintain a collection. Also included are a bibliography, an index, and a price guide for the telephones displayed. This reference is essential for every serious telephone collector, dealer, or restorer.

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## Customer Reviews

Ralph O. Meyer has been studying, testing, and collecting antique telephones for many years. This is his second book on the subject.

Great! There seem to be only a few books out there on this topic, and this covers a lot of ground. So far I've read the early chapters, which helped me identify which old phone I have (A Western Electric 317 that was in my grandparents farmhouse). Now I'm in the chapters on circuits, which I think will help me to understand how my particular phone needs to be wired (mine has almost no internal parts; someone in the family at one time wanted to make a radio out of it). Later chapters cover restoration. I'll try to remember to return and edit this review when I've read the whole book.

So far I've learned enough to make it worth the price and worth 4 stars. I kind of wish the book had more info on sources of replacement and restoration parts. But, I suppose that may change frequently, and Google is your friend, ya know?

Dr. Ralph Meyer's book, *Old-Time Telephones!* is scholarly with resources well- documented, yet it is very readable and easily understood by readers with little technical knowledge. The book is full of clear illustrations of phone circuitry and wiring diagrams which makes it a gem for those wanting to work on old phones. The book traces the history of the development of telephones and the major manufacturers of these phones. There are many great pictures of early phones and a section on estimating the value of vintage phones. This is one of the best books I have seen on vintage collectibles. There is not much you could want to know about vintage phones that is not addressed in this book!

Gift for my Grandson. He really loves looking at it. Used several times a week.

This is a wonderful and well written book. Great illustrations and photos. A nice mix of history, development, description of the evolution of phones..and of course the technical aspects of how phones work. I never knew! This is a must have!

If you enjoy old phones, this is a must have. It has saved me money when I go to the shows, and see that what was being sold, had some incorrect parts. You pull out the book, and suddenly the price goes down.

If you want to understand the way telephones function, from the earliest to the modern, this book is a must read. Not only does it contain pictures of all the various phones through the years, but proceeds to describe in detail, with diagrams, all the different internal configurations and the way they interfaced with the central switchboard.

This was a nice surprise after buying a different book that turned out to be a waste of good money. Even if I don't get to repair any of my phones, this book is a really nice reference tool to old telephones. Just what I was looking for.

It came in 1st class condition. If you are into old phones, this is one good book for you. Also look up

Telephone Collectors International. Well worth joining the organization. They are how I found out about this book. Thank You

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