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A first book of antiques / Cyril Bracegirdle. London, Heinemann, 1970

A question of polish: the antique market in Australia / Terry Ingram. Sydney, Collins, 1970

A-Z of collector's terms / Therle Hughes. London, Chancellor, 1993

Caring for your family's treasures / Jane S. Long et al. New York: H N Abrams, 2000

Carter's price guide to antiques in Australia [Annual] / Cremorne, NSW: Australian Antique Trader

Journals

Antipodes: antiques & fine art

Antique collecting

Australian antique trader

The Australasian antique collector

Carter's price guide to antiques in Australia

AUSTRALIAN ARCHITECTURE

Art deco in Australia: sunrise over the Pacific / editors Mark Ferson and Mary Nilsson for the Art Deco Society of New South Wales. St Leonards, NSW: Fine Art Pub., 2001

The Australian colonial house: architecture and society in New South Wales 1788-1842 / James Broadbent. Potts Point, NSW: Hordern House in association with the Historic Houses Trust of New South Wales, 1997

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The fibro frontier: a different history of Australian architecture / Charles Pickett. Sydney: Powerhouse Publishing, 1997

ASTRONOMY

The astronomy thesaurus / Robyn M. Shotbrook. Epping, NSW: Anglo-Australian Observatory for the International Astronomical Union, 1993

An Australian Geographic guide to space watching: the amateur astronomer's guide to starhopping and exploring the universe / Robert Burnham,... [et al.]; consultant editor John O'Byrne. Terrey Hills, N.S.W.: Australian Geographic, 1999.

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A chronology of momentous events in Australian history 1788-1846 / George Mackaness. Dubbo, NSW: Review Publications, 1976

The concise Oxford dictionary of Australian history / Jan Bassett. Melbourne: Oxford University Press, 1986

The Origins of Australia's capital cities / Pamela Statham. Cambridge University Press, 1989

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Australia and Australians in civil aviation / Ron J Gibson. Sydney: Qantas Airways, [1971]

Aviators of the Charles Ulm and Kingsford Smith era / Bob Boulton. Sydney: Echidna Publishing, 1993

Black box: David Warren and the creation of the cockpit voice recorder / Janice Peterson Witham. South Melbourne: Lothian, 2005

Born to fly / by Nancy Bird. Sydney: Angus & Robertson, 1961

John Flynn: of flying doctors and frontier faith / Ivan Rudolph. Rockhampton, Qld.: Central Queensland University Press, 2005

Flying boats / Seaplanes

Flying-boats and seaplanes since 1910 / Kenneth Munson. London, Blandford Press, 1971

A history of marine aviation, 1911-68 / John Killen. London: Muller, 1969

Famous aircraft: the seaplanes / Henry R. Palmer. Dallas: Morgan, 1965

Journals

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Riverboats of the Clarence / Stuart Lee. Yamba, NSW: Port of Yamba Historical Society, 2003

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The life and death of the merchant sailing ship 1815-1965 / Basil Greenhill. London: H.M.S.O, 1980

BUILDING

Built from nothing: a history of the building industry in Australia / Oscar Gimesy. Carlton, Vic: Building Careers Resource Centre of Australia, 1992

CERAMICS/POTTERY

American ceramics: 1876 to the present / Garth Clark. New York: Abbeville Press, 1987

Ceramics source book / Errol Manners Leichhardt, NSW: Sandstone Books, 1997

The collectors encyclopaedia of English ceramics / G. B. Hughes. London: Abbey Library, 1968

Dictionary of ceramics: pottery, glass, vitreous enamels, refractories, clay building materials, cement and concrete, electroceramics, special ceramics / by A.E. Dodd. Totowa, N. J.; Littlefield, Adams & Co., 1967

An illustrated dictionary of ceramics defining 3,054 terms relating to wares, materials, processes, styles, patterns, and shapes from antiquity to the present day / George Savage. New York, NY: Thames and Hudson, 1985

Miller's 20th century ceramics / Paul Atterbury, Ellen Paul Denker. Tenterden: Miller's, 1999

The potter's dictionary of materials and techniques / Frank and Janet Hamer. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1997

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Marks

Encyclopaedia of Australian potter's marks / Geoff Ford. Wodonga, Vic.: Salt Glaze Press, 2002

Encyclopaedia of British pottery and porcelain marks / G.A. Godden. London: Barrie & Jenkins, 1992

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COMPUTERS

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COSTUME / DRESS HISTORY

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Clothing & accessories from the 40s, 50s & 60s: a handbook and price guide / Jan Lindenberger. Atglen, PA: Schiffer Pub, 1996

Contemporary fashion / editor, Richard Martin. New York: St. James Press, 1995

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Visions of a republic: the work of Lucien Henry - Paris - Noumea - Sydney / edited by Ann Stephen. Sydney: Powerhouse Publishing, 2001

Decorative arts and household furnishings in America, 1650-1920 an annotated bibliography / Gerald W.R. Ward. Winterthur, Del Charlottesville: Henry Francis du Pont Winterthur Museum, 1989

Guide to the Archive of Art and Design, Victoria & Albert Museum / Elizabeth Lomas Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers in assoc. with the Victoria and Albert Museum, 2001

Materials & techniques in the decorative arts: an illustrated dictionary / edited by Lucy Trench. London: John Murray, 2001

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Craft arts

Craft horizons

The journal of decorative and propaganda arts

Fashion theory

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The Conran directory of design / Terence Conran. London: Octopus Conran, 1985

Contemporary designers / Andrea Arsenault. Chicago London: St. James Press, 1990

The design encyclopedia / Mel Byars. New York: Wiley, 1994

The elements of design: the development of design and stylistic elements from the Renaissance to the postmodern era / general editor, Noël Riley; consultant editor, Patricia Bayer. London, [England]: Mitchell Beazley, 2003

Journals

Artichoke: quarterly journal from the Design Institute of Australia

Design issues

Journal of design history

Websites

<http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/>

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Museums and the interpretation of visual culture / Eilean Hooper-Greenhill. New York: Routledge, 2000

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History of education review

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How electronic things work-- and what to do when they don't / Robert Goodman. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1999

Newnes Dictionary of electronics / S.W. Amos, R.S. Amos. Oxford; Boston: Newnes, 1996

Journals

Annals of the history of computing

Electronics International

Electronics world

Silicon chip

Websites

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The history of engineering science an annotated bibliography. New York: Garland, 1989

The Penguin dictionary of civil engineering. London: Penguin, 1989

Websites

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<http://www.ieee.org/portal/site>

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Fashion theory

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Sotheby's concise encyclopedia of glass. London: Conran Octopus, 1998

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INDUSTRIES

Making it: innovation and success in Australia's industries / Robert Renew. Sydney: Powerhouse Publishing, 1992

SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE

Building the Sydney Harbour Bridge / John Nicholson. St Leonards, NSW: Allen & Unwin, 2000

The construction of the Sydney Harbour Bridge [videorecording]. [Sydney]: Audio Visual Unit, University of NSW for the Institution of Engineers, Australia, Sydney, 1995

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