

Found, Free, and Flea: Creating Collections from Vintage Treasures

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Tereasa Surratt : Found, Free, and Flea: Creating Collections from Vintage Treasures before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Found, Free, and Flea: Creating Collections from Vintage Treasures:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Found, Free Flea By Wendy Ann Henry This is an OK book. It isn't what I thought it was...it's about a young couple who take over an old camp and outfit it with antiques...everything from the cookware and towels in the kitchen to the picnic baskets, etc. It really is kind of neat the way they did it, so if you're a fan of summer camps, this is a great book for you! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Love this book! By S. Brown I received this book very quickly after ordering and I spent the entire evening reading it cover to cover. Once I started reading it, it had so many interesting pictures I found it hard to put down. This book brought back a lot of my own camping memories. I can't wait to get to the flea markets to look for some of these treasures. The

history of the camp was very informative. 6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. wonderfully inspiring
By Jane Goodrich "Found, Free Flea" by Tereasa Surratt is a treasure in itself. She truly is a design inspiration! I just moved into a new house and I struggled with decorating the whole place. It was perfect timing to buy this well-written, thought-out book. I love the photography - it really helps bring the story and collections to life. I know some people can find treasures from flea markets or yard sales but I used to dread going to them. I felt so overwhelmed and couldn't imagine what could be done with other people's junk. Now I go with a different point of view - I feel like I can visualize what these pieces could become in my place - all thanks to this great book. Over the last month, I have gone to at least 3 yard sales each weekend - feeling inspired to start my own collection and now I have the beginnings of a home. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who loves design, a great story, vintage, flea markets, DIY photography. A bargain in itself! Thanks Tereasa.

Grandmas rusty teakettle, old fishing lures, a broken antique camera from the attic these are your foundation pieces for building authentic collections on the cheap. When Tereasa Surratt's husband convinced her that they should buy a derelict summer camp in Wisconsin, they had no idea the treasure trove they'd inherit with the property. While renovating the decrepit cabins at Camp Wandawega, they kept stumbling upon curious objects, some dating back ninety years or more: a Boy Scout patch, an old sled, a pristine set of Fiesta Ware, dozens of midcentury aprons, an untouched box of board games in their original packaging. Tereasa knew the power that one mundane object has when grouped with its siblings. So rather than discard everything, she set out on a five-year expedition to turn the more than 150 found items into full-fledged collections. Relying on her own thriftiness, she only acquired pieces for free or at a bargain price: items that she found, negotiated for free, or unearthed at a flea market. Found, Free Flea explores Tereasa's passion for collecting while encouraging you to tap into your own with ideas on where to look to see collectibles. Throughout the book, she shares her secrets and historical tidbits behind these prized antiques, now used to create innovative displays and for entertaining guests at her renovated lakeside retreat. From vintage wine taster cups turned into a wind chime to cheese boxes reinvented as drawer organizers, to a chicken feeder that houses old tea cups for impromptu coffee bar setups, everything at Camp Wandawega earns its keep. Learn how to navigate flea markets and how to best negotiate, why localvore collecting should matter to the thrifty shopper (and what finds to expect on your travels), which vintage collections are easiest to start and the quickest to fill out, and what tips you should employ for turning even the most simple items into stunning displays. The beautiful photography and Tereasa's clever DIY projects and sharp eye for design will inspire anyone to add charm and personality to interiors with a few well-worn objects. A celebration of Americana and ingenuity, Found, Free Flea is a must-have for knowing how to spot treasures, complete collections, and display them artfully.

About the Author TEREASA SURRATT, cottage and camp design junkie as well as author of *A Very Modest Cottage*, is an advertising creative director at Ogilvy, where she has helped to create campaigns for brands such as Dove (including the Campaign for Real Beauty), Suave, Motorola, Craftsman, and FLOR. Her interior design, entertaining, and renovation projects have been featured on NPR and in *Country Living*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *ReadyMade*, *Dwell*, *CS Interiors*, *Chicago Home + Garden*, and more. To follow her found, free, and flea adventures, visit Tereasa.com.