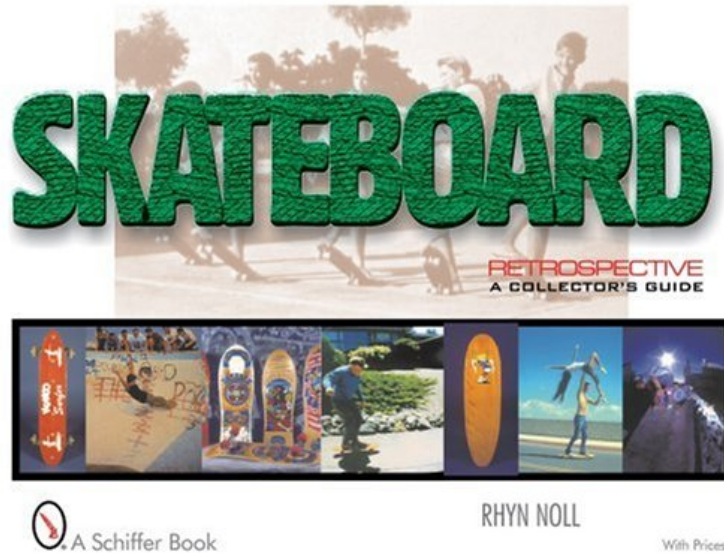


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Rhyn Noll : Skateboard Retrospective: A Collector's Guide before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Skateboard Retrospective: A Collector's Guide:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A waste of time...There are better publications out there. By The Ol' CaptainUgh, where to start. This book is full of mistakes, inaccuracies and I found one skater's name misspelled 3 different ways within 2 consecutive pages. The period between 1980 and 1985 is all but missing, and if anything, this book is a blatant self promotion of the author, Rhynn Noll, who happens to be the son of Greg Noll, legendary big wave surfer. I'd love to know how the publisher, Schiffer books let this slide through with so many mistakes. If skateboard collecting is your thing, there are much better books out there, notably Sean Cliver's "Disposable". It doesn't offer price guides, but then again, Noll's are probably guesses anyway. "Disposable" and its counterpart, whose name escapes me right now, (something about a bible) are the most complete archive of skateboard art in print that I know of. Avoid this one, not worth the money. 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. great starter book By David Jones Skateboard Retrospective by rhyn noll is filled with lots of wonderful pictures showing skateboard decks/completes. The antique, vintage, old school skateboard pictures are simply fantastic! The pictures helped me formulate a plan, then execute a vintage skateboard purchase strategy using this book. My hardcore sidewalk surfer days were 1973-87, on the hills of Univ Calif Berkeley, and flatlands of Palo Alto, Ca. Obviously the vintage section of the book was my favorite!! I actively buy and use collector books as a guide due to an ebay addiction :-)) I have a pretty good idea as to what is a good collector guide book and what is not. Thus, I recommend Skateboard Retrospective for skateboard collectors or anyone interested in general skateboarding history. I am not suggesting this as the historical skateboarding bible. It is interesting reading and the pictures fabulous!! Oh, this book got me back into sidewalk surfing again! Yep, in my suit/tie, bald and fat. Started, 2001 am going strong as long as I don't fall!! I can be seen on Sand Hill Rd, the venture capital location of the world... Guess a skateboarder never really grows up! 16 of 19 people found the following review helpful. A misinformation guide By A Customer The selective history of

skateboarding thrown into a blender and set for puree. While there's some good historical action photos, and neat collectible skateboards, this book is so full of misinformation and jumbled facts that I don't know what to take for the truth. For example it says that Danny Way was an early pioneer of the air in the 70's. Danny was instrumental to taking vert skating to the next level, but not until the late 80's. The book is also merely a tool for the author to promote his own obscure line of skateboards, and for a small group of collectors to inflate the values of their private collections. As proof that the author has not done his homework, mixed in with the "glossary of skateboarding terms" are rollerblading terms! The book best covers the 60's, but after that it just falls apart. I could site more examples, and rant about how bad it is, but you get the point.

Heads up, collectors and enthusiasts! Rhyn Noll has put together a detailed look at the evolution of skateboarding that starts in the early twentieth century--with rollerskates, 2" x 4" boards, and some improvisation. Catch the concrete wave through the decades, as skateboarding developed into a popular pastime, a competitive sport, and a unique culture all its own. As skating continues to evolve and gain popularity, it's no wonder that the boards of yesterday are in growing demand on today's collector's market. This incredible book combines 693 color photos of decks, wheels, trucks, and other gear that illustrate the sport's dramatic changes in design and graphics; photos of famous riders in action over seven decades; a huge list of skateparks in the USA; and a useful glossary to help the newcomer get a handle on skateboard lingo. Full pricing information is provided. This book is a required reference for skateboarders, past and present, an excellent resource for collectors, and a fascinating look at an evolving popular culture!

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