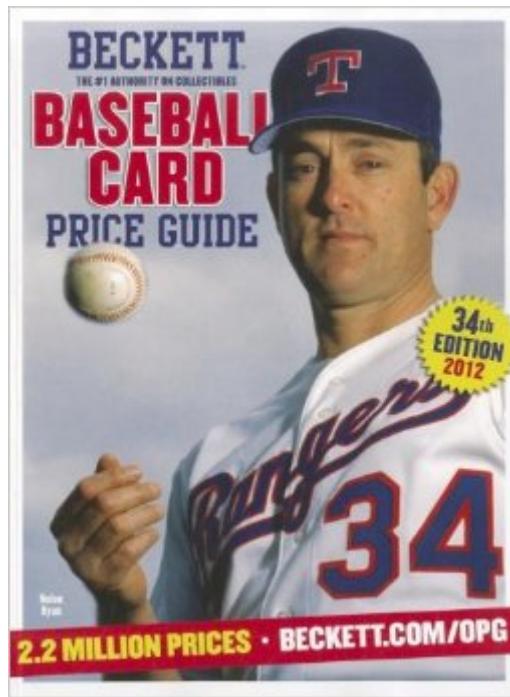


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# Beckett Baseball Card Price Guide



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## **Customer Reviews**

If you want a comprehensive book then find something else. This book is crap. Organized and listed poorly. Excluding brands at the their whim that they deem not fit to collect. Find another book or buy the monthly but even that has gone down over the years. Hopefully someone will offer a book that offers a true view of the hobby for EVERYONE with a full spectrum of brands, years, and rarity that will give every collector a complete grasp of this great hobby.

I decided to buy it despite some bad reviews I have read before. I read no Pinnacle brand crads are listed, but didn't look prices for any of those.I looked for 3 sets so far, and none of those are listed! These are not rare brands, Im talking about Topps Gold Label, Topps Tek and Fleer Brilliants. All these sets are listed in the monthly guide, but not here.Keep in mind this 2012 guide lists de cards by alphabetical order by brand, not by year like I was used to with the monthly guides.I would not recommend this guide even to my worst enemy!

Becketts seems to rest on its name. You have to buy it for the authority's pricing so they don't really

care about how the pricing is organized. I have cards that I can't find in the guide - I know who made them, what year they were printed, but I can't find them in the guide. Becketts organizes the cards alphabetically by maker then chronologically by maker --- sometimes. In the topps section, sometimes its broken down by year card was issued, then they'll go alphabetically again by version of topps cards (Chrome, etc). Topps may have 10 varieties per year, you're thumbing through the guide for topps cards from 2007 - every card printed by the Topps company in 2007 should be in the same section. For the newer cards, it is very difficult to find their pricing. I would recommend any other guide, it can't be harder to find newer cards.

We have purchased previous copies of this price guide. They are hardbacks and the print is easy to read. This was a soft cover book, very thick, and the print was very, very small. I think they tried to print too much information in one volume and there is a lot more product today than there was in the past, so they needed to make a larger book. We returned the book.

While this catalogue contains a great many prices for most major brands of cards it comes up short for the less popular manufacturers like Ted Williams, and The Sporting News among others. Also, its format is very confusing as I was expecting it to be exactly like their monthly price guides which it is not.

Do not buy this book if you want a comprehensive guide to baseball cards from the last 30 years. I was so disappointed by the exclusion of many important cards that I wrote a letter to Beckett.com. (A lot of good that did. They never responded). They don't just exclude certain sets, they don't list any years of Pinnacle or Select and other Pinnacle brands. I have not purchased an edition of this once fantastic guide since 1997 so I needed an updated one. This book is almost useless as I collect many of the cards that they don't list.

The last comprehensive book I had was the checklist #16 put out by sports americana. That had almost everything I had.....this one comes close. That book had 1100 pages. This one has 816 but it is bigger and has more listings per page. Sure no book is going to have everything. This one has over 2.2 million prices....and everyone is probably going to find something in their collection that isn't in the book. I love that it is alphabetical by company and not by year like the sports americana book was printed. For instance, I have a lot of the Kellogg's 3D cards from the 70's. They aren't in the book...oh well....a lot is. It is not a checklist per se. There are no boxes next to the names to check

off if you have the card...but if you find the set you want..all cards are listed. It is a big book....8.5 x 11. I am very happy with it and can make due without boxes....put your dashes in pencil in front of the names of the cards you have if you so desire....works like a box. Other than the issue of you finding some sets you may have that are not in it.....look at all you have that is in it.....nothing has everything in this day and age. Also the printed price of the book is \$35.00...so it was a good bargain to begin with.

Beckett's buying guide for baseball cards is a must have for anyone with an interest in either adding to their baseball card collection or looking to sell cards from their personal collection.

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