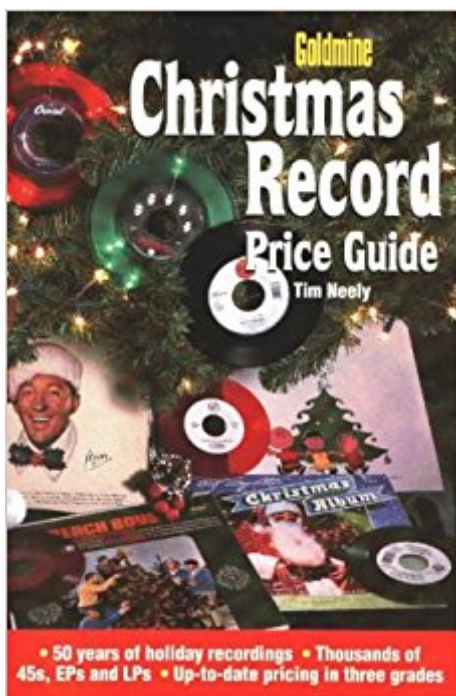


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Goldmine Christmas Record Price Guide



Synopsis

This is a guide for record collectors, providing comprehensive listings of collectible Christmas records. It includes 50 years of Yuletide recordings, with more than 600 listings and 18,000 prices, ranging from Bing to Sting and from the profound to the profane.

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Customer Reviews

This book covers Xmas records (45s, 7 inch and 12 inch Lps) up to 1997, giving the years and which songs a performer also had on compilation albums. The entries are listed alphabetically by artist. There is a pricing guide but I wouldn't rely on it. I like the information on compilation records with song listings. However there is no such listing for the albums per the performer. There is no index. I also recommend Christmas in the Charts 1920 - 2004 that provides Charting information.

I want to discount the idea that the prices listed should be taken literally. I think any reasonable record junkie knows that anyone paying \$12 for a mint Jim Nabors Christmas Lp would be a stroke of the wildest luck in any used record shop retail setting (cue Handel's "Hallelujah" chorus and a major BS topic of conversation with all the owner's regulars, "...he paid WHAT???" with knowing snickers all around for several weeks), and an act of either uninformed desperation by an Ebay buyer or naked shill bidding (add the \$4 for media mail postage)--as applies to something in the pop/easy listening genre(s), such as Jerry Vale, Mathis, Como, Williams, Martino, King Family, Burl

Ives, ad nauseam... As a discography source, invaluable. Nifty little book. I suggest an essential addition, JOEL WHITBURN PRESENTS CHRISTMAS IN THE CHARTS, 1920-2004. Between the two, you'll have 95%+ of the genre sewed up. Great for knowing what you don't have (most important) and might be able to run down. And if you want to pay \$15 for Wayne Newton's SONGS FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS, Capitol ST 2588, you're far, far braver than I am. If you're looking to verify something worth listening to, Buck Owens, Haggard, Hank Thompson, or some legitimate rock stuff, priceless.

Goldmine's Neely has once again produced a gem of a book, this time focusing on the oft-neglected niche of Christmas music. Well documented, with lots of color glossy pages of rare album covers, this is a must-have for those of you addicted to holiday vinyl. The book's only shortcomings: (1) It has now been almost seven years since its publication, it would be nice if Goldmine would issue an updated version of the book every few years to update its content; and (2) the book contains few international titles, of which there are hundreds if not thousands, particularly from the Western European countries (where most of our modern-day Christmas celebration traditions originated!). It would be nice to see more of them incorporated into a future edition. Well organized and written by someone who obviously is passionate about the genre, I highly recommend this publication.

Even during the off season I find myself thumbing through this book, it's a great source of information on collecting rare, hard to find holiday records. Plenty of singles and albums are listed that are worth hundreds of dollars if they're in mint condition and have a picture sleeve cover. It is also fun to look up the names of favorite artists & groups to see what, if any, holiday tunes they may have recorded. So next time you're cleaning out your attic, basement or in back of your closet, if you come across an old box or bin of 45s and/or albums-poke through, you never know if some hidden treasure is in there, and not just Christmas music either! Tim Neely has a few Goldmine Collectors guides out there and all are tops. Very highly recommended.

If you are into collecting Christmas Music of every variety whether traditional, pop, rock, etc. than this is the book for you! It lists every artist who ever recorded Christmas songs and hymns, and it also gives a listing of the worth of the original vinyl record (according to the condition of it, of course). A fun book to browse through even if you just want to see what's out there & perhaps to make some additions to your collection.

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