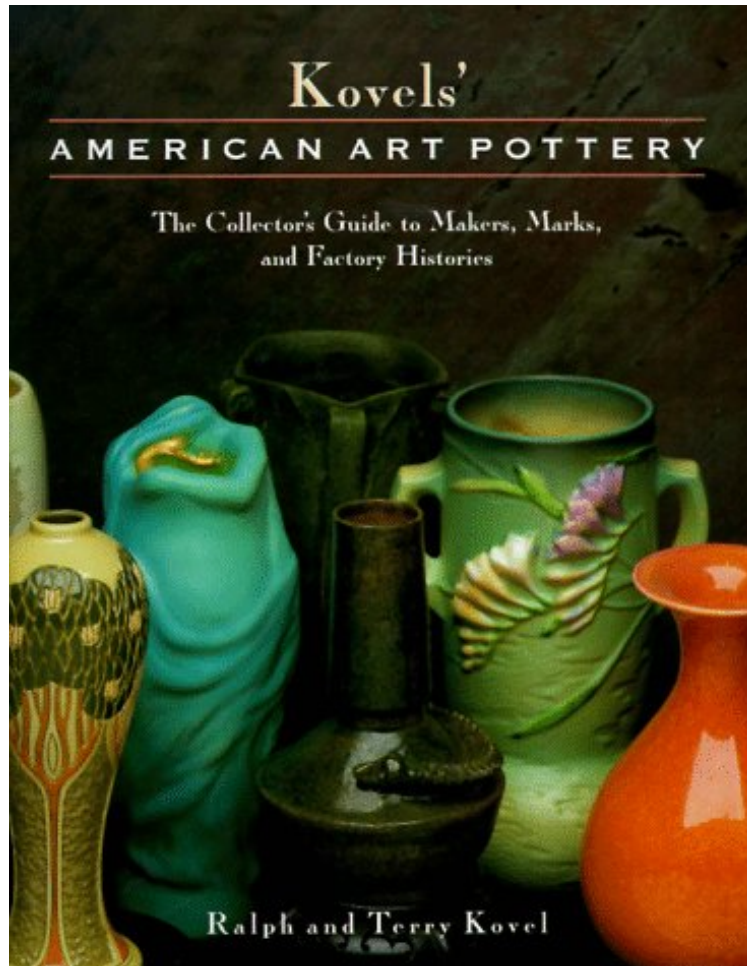


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Ralph and Terry Kovel are the best-known writers on antiques and collectibles in America. They have written more than 75 books, including the annual *Kovels' Antiques Collectibles Price List*. Their national newsletter, *Kovels on Antiques and Collectibles*, has over 150,000 subscribers. The Kovels also write columns for *House Beautiful* and 150 newspapers, publish articles, and appear on television and radio talk shows.