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Hidden Treasures: Searching For Masterpieces Of American Furniture



Synopsis

Since childhood, identical twins Leigh Keno and Leslie Keno, familiar to millions from their appearances on *Antiques Roadshow*, have devoted their lives to the field of antique American furniture and have had a passion for discovering unexpected rarities. When they were teens they went to flea markets with their parents; today they are sought out by wealthy collectors and are at home in the world's top auction houses. Here, in this stunning program, the brothers describe their most fascinating treasure hunts and extraordinary discoveries, demonstrating that even today rare and precious antiques can be found anywhere. Accompanied by a colorful cast of characters including colleagues, connoisseurs, and amateur collectors, Leigh and Leslie take you behind the scenes of the world of antiques, reliving the thrill of the hunt and revealing the secrets of their trade. Along with their experience and expertise, they share their love and appreciation of fine craftsmanship and beauty. *Hidden Treasures* will inspire you to take a second look at your own neglected family heirlooms and dust-covered relics. This audiobook is a joy to listen to, a useful reference, and a valuable find.

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Customer Reviews

In deliberately alternating voices, twins emerge as two clear and distinct identities as they share their passion, enthusiasm, and expertise in early American furniture: Leslie Keno, the Senior Specialist and Director of Business Development for Americana at Sotheby's, New York, and Leigh Keno, the more sensual and sanguine, independent dealer who owns and operates Leigh Keno

American Antiques in New York City. Those who pick up this book and are familiar with the Kenos by way of being "Roadshow groupies" will no doubt receive a satisfying fix. However, be prepared as the brothers turn it up a notch and go well beyond the scope of the celebrity status afforded by their regular participation in the PBS series. Through the writing of Hidden Treasures, the authors have selected an adequate medium which displays and secures for the general public their highly regarded reputation in this esoteric field. Clearly that reputation has already been well established in the world of antique collecting. The amusing anecdotes present chronologically, allowing readers to document and measure the area under the authors' personal and professional learning curve that eventually adds up to their deserved position in the field as scholars and experts. So, too, are the pages lush with historical and technical information, beautifully supported by photographs in color and black and white, that this contribution (however commercially publicized and marketed) becomes a serious and useful reference for those readers with a casual interest in Americana as well as those with a more active bent. Particularly fascinating are the descriptions of what may well be routine, yet painstaking, labor intensive processes to dissect and determine the history and authenticity of the furniture before them.

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