# **#63 Candlewick Dealer Catalog**



#### **Candlewick Imperial Glass Dealer Catalog-1950**

#### **Description:**

Candlewick Crystal by Imperial Glass Dealer catalog is 8 ½" by 11". I am guessing that this catalog dates to 1950 although I couldn't find a date. Candlewick was made by the Imperial Glass Corporation Bellaire, Ohio. This was actually used by my grandmother to order for her antiques and gift store which she opened in 1950! The cover is worn and it is missing a red piece of the corner. 15 pages.



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### **The Story**

In 1950 my grandmother started ordering gift items for her store. Her business has always been called Cheryl Leaf Antiques & Gifts. From day one she knew that the gift business was a good complement to her antiques. It also kept her informed as to which companies were reproducing older glass patterns. Some of the first gift companies she carried were Fenton, Royal Copenhagen, Bing & Grondahl, Imperial, St. Clair and Steiff.

Every year she would get a new catalog and price list from each company, either in the mail or when she went to the Seattle Gift Show. She kept every single one! I tried and tried over the years to throw them out. "No way!" she would say. I was not going to ever succeed in getting these into the "circular file" as she called the wastebasket.

They all ended up in a huge file cabinet in the basement. I was lucky enough to try a few of the Fenton catalogs on eBay while she was still alive. The 1958 sold for \$76.99, the 1969 sold for \$66 and the 1971 also sold for exactly \$76.99. I couldn't believe it and couldn't wait to tell her. When she came to the shop that week I showed her the auction pages and told her, "Grandma, you were right again." She just looked at me so happy with herself. She was "pleased as punch."

This Candlewick catalog from Imperial glass was an interesting one. It was from one of my grandma's first years in business and it sold for \$77.50! Then, after the auction ended, a woman who had missed bidding emailed me. She was devastated. 1950 was the year she had gotten married and they had chosen Candlewick as their crystal. She begged me to make a copy of the catalog for her and offered me \$50 to do it. I checked for copyright notices and could find none so I did it. A total of \$127.50! My grandmother obviously knew what she was doing and would have "laughed all the way to the bank"-another of her favorite savings, of course.

