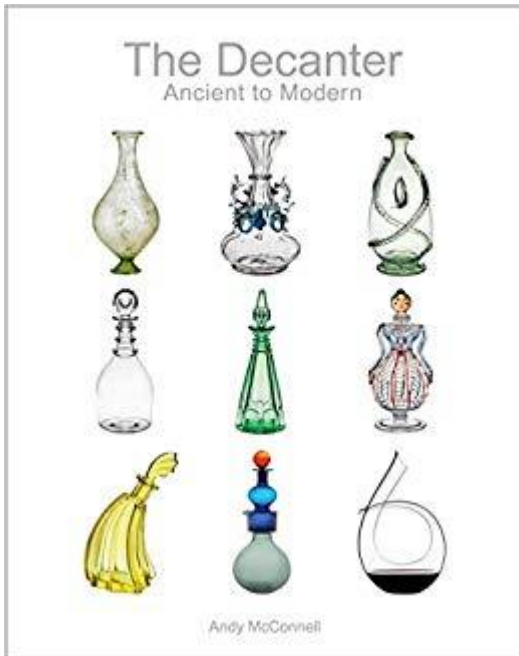


ANDREW CHARLES VERGETTE MCCONNELL (R66-71)

He began buying and selling antiques when he was 14 and is now a leading authority on glassware of all types & his books have covered the subject from ancient to modern. He was the first glass specialist recruited to BBC TV's *Antiques Roadshow* for which he has now recorded 15 series.

He lectures widely on glass & writes for journals as diverse as *The Times* & *Daily Telegraph*, *Country Life*, *Homes & Antiques* & *Glass Matters*.

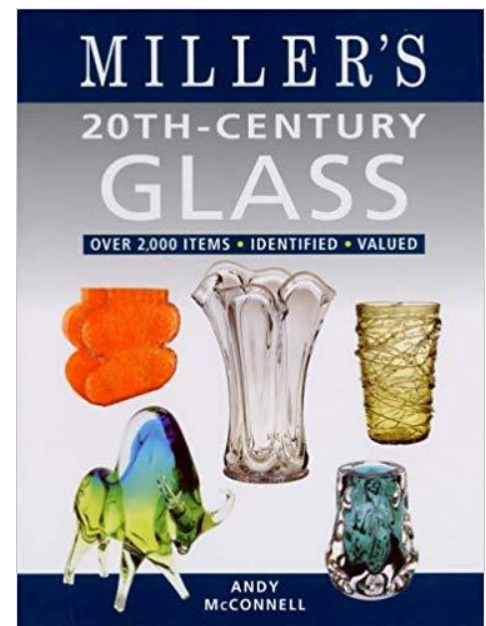
His 550-page opus, *The Decanter, An Illustrated History of Glass from 1650*, published in 2004, has just been entirely re-worked & will be published in November 2018: *The Decanter, Ancient to Modern*, 535 pages, 165,000 words with 3,000+ examples illustrated.



Research for his *20th Century Glass* [2006], led him on a voyage of discovery across Europe & the US. This quest, involving visits to glassworks in Denmark, Sweden, Finland, the Czech Republic & Venice, resulted in his richly-decorated book, now sold out.

Andy is a witty, spontaneous speaker who is delighted to share his knowledge & enthusiasm for the subject with audiences. He says that his mission is to engage, entertain & educate. He has never delivered the same talk twice, doesn't

work from notes & rearranges his images for every talk. As he sees it, 'I'm dead-serious about my subject, but a lecturer's primarily responsibility is to take the audience along for the ride. By the end of a talk, nobody should be left regretting their decision to abandon a comfy fireside armchair for a hard seat in a hall'.



Andy has Britain's largest antique & vintage glass shop, Glass Etc, Antiques & High Class Junk, in his hometown of Rye, on the Sussex coast. He also owns around 25,000 pieces of glass & 30,000+ glass-related images, & admits that he need all the help he can get!

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