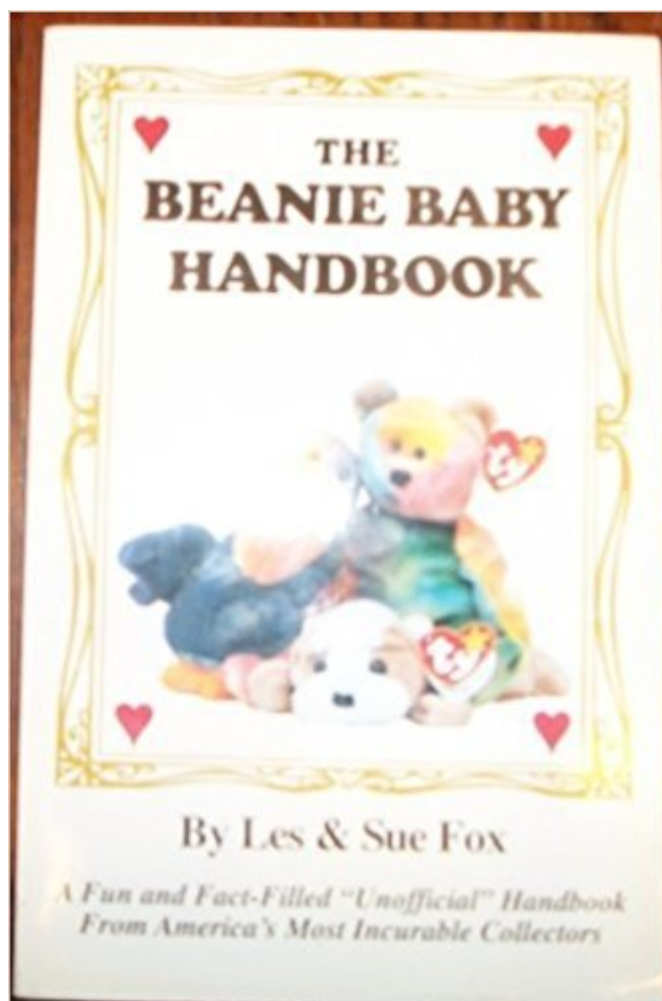


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# The Beanie Baby Handbook



## Synopsis

Contains full page color photos of all NEW Beanie Babies, and includes photos and current values for all 200 Beanie Babies. This edition includes 52 fabulous recipes from the authors and Beanie Chef Jeanette Long. Both previous editions have been on the New York Times Bestseller List, as well as on the USA Today Bestseller List. There are over 3 million copies of The Beanie Baby Handbook in print! --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

Crazes come and crazes go. Hula-Hoops twisted themselves into oblivion, deely-boppers never quite made it out of the 1980s, and the worldwide obsession with the Spice Girls, well, without Ginger should the others now hang up their Union Jack micro-dresses as well? But one craze that isn't going anywhere is the obsession with Beanie Babies, those oddly endearing beanbag animals. This craze becomes easier to comprehend when you realize some retired Beanie Babies are fetching several thousand dollars at auction. With random Beanie Babies being retired every year, who knows what your Bongo the Monkey or Gobbles the Turkey will be worth in a few years? Beyond the mercenary level, Beanie Babies are also fun little toys to have around (but remember, keep the tag on or the value is seriously diminished). Les and Sue Fox's The Beanie Baby Handbook is an essential reference guide for Beanie Baby fanatics. Every known Beanie Baby is pictured in full color, with an estimate of its 1998 value and a speculative value for the year 2008. (Although this is only an estimate, who knows if Beanie Babies will hold their value like Microsoft stock does). Also included is some sensible advice for collectors--don't blow your life savings on

one Beanie Baby; spend within your means! The Beanie Baby Handbook is jam-packed with essential Beanie tips and topics, and even includes the lyrics to the (unofficial) Beanie Baby song, "I want it! I want it! I want a Beanie Baby!" Sing it loud, folks. --Naomi Gesinger --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

During the heyday of the Beanie Baby craze, there were many price guides available for the collector to reference. The most fun and entertaining ones came from Les and Sue Fox. They had funny commentary for each Beanie which added to the fun and joy of collecting. They had predictions for when each then current beanie would retire. Its interesting for collectors to now look back and see which predictions came true and those that didn't. The last entry in their Beanie Baby Handbook series was an unusual but appetizing one; Recipes of various food and drink attributed to various beanies. It starts off with the usual commentary but only for the May 1998 releases. Like any cookbook, the recipes are divided by sections. I've tried some of these and they are very good. The recipes have an adorable photograph of the dish with the attributed beanie beside it. The Fox family wrote the most entertaining beanie guides and this was their best one.

Fun trip down memory lane! I was never a Beanie maniac, I only bought a few I thought were cute and still have them, never intending to sell them for a fortune. But as many of us do I remember those who thought they were going to get rich in Beanies. Les & Sue Fox were independently publishing this book and ended up as NY Times Bestselling authors because of this "guide".... fun to remember!

This book is out of date.

When I first got this book, the Beanie Baby craze had hit a high point. My sister and I would read it over and over again for the articles on different Beanie Babies at the time, and dream of all the rare Beanie Babies we'd probably never have. As we got older, so did the craze, and all we were left with was a glorified cookbook. However, the recipes in this book are actually quite good. One recipe in particular has been my most favorite over the years: the gingersnap recipe. I can't remember the exact name of the recipe, so I haven't been able to find it online. All I can remember is the delicious taste of those sweetly soft ginger cookies with a side of milk and fresh out of the oven. The only reason why I want this book again is solely for this recipe.

It was such a fun trip down memory lane! I remember the Beanie craze and although I was not a crazed collector (I only own 6 Beanies to this day and only bought the ones I really liked because I liked them not because I thought they would be valuable) it was fun to look back.. the book has every Beanie as of 1998 in it, their poems, and their "projected" values! It is amazing to me what people spent on them... In spite of the craze the fact remains that Beanies are incredibly cute and after seeing all of them in this book there might be a few I will look for here on to add to my small collection. A great way to remember Beanies and look back on the fun that turned into a craze and then crashed like the Internet stock bubble! (An interesting book to go along with this one is called "The Great Beanie Baby Bubble" and that interesting book describes all that went on that led people to spend hundreds or thousands on Beanies and how the craze started, peaked, and then crashed suddenly. A good read!

I haven't read the first couple of editions of this book but I found this one to come in handy. I collect Beanie Babies for my 8 year old niece and I use this book to keep track of the ones she has and the ones she desperately wants!...I'm sure the prices are off a bit but who of you knows how much money a plush toy with a perfect tag will be in the year 2000!!?? Chill...The Authors are just estimating. Of all the Beanie Baby books that I have seen out there, I feel that this book is the best and that it is funny and interesting. One thing I would do in the next addition would be to leave out all the extra fluff of games and food and just stick to the Beanie Baby stuff. Also, the authors might want to lighten up on all the family/self photographs....We want to see Beanie Babies...Not your family album!

A lot of people I know liked this book, and I do too. I have the 1997 and 1998 edition, and they were great! How can people not like it? I do agree, the retirements were way off, but I still enjoyed reading it! There is no reason for people to criticize the book because I would like to see them write their own book THEIR way! LOL! I love beanie babies, Me and my friends have been collecting for a long time. They are just so cute and adorable, you just fall in love with them! I can't wait for The fall 1998 edition to come out. It will have the new beanies in it and the newly retirees!!! I will definitely love this book too!

"The Beanie Baby Handbook" - 1998 Fall. It tweaked my interest while thumbing through it. I liked the way the authors involved ideas for children and the recipes. I'll most likely try most of them. The book has nice pictures, and lots of information. I also, have "Collector's Value Guide" - Summer

1998, it too has good information, "Rosie's Price Guide for Ty's Beanie Babies" is a nice book, but, I don't think it has as much information as the other two. "The Beanie Baby Handbook" by Les & Sue Fox is worth the nominal price.

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