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commercial catalogs and serial numbers have in-depth knowledge and insight into areas that astute collectors will find invaluable. The best horological books that I have read have been books that speak to the history and fascination of the clock. Some may find fault with this book for not delving into that perhaps most often asked question of antique clocks, "What's it worth?" To those, I say, and I think the Demeters wisely recognized, that education is worth more than all the gold in California. A good Chelsea clock bought yesterday for a fair price, will be worth more today and even more tomorrow. When the prices of yesterday are long forgotten, the history the Demeters have chronicled will be a sought after commodity. This book is a must have for students of the American clock."