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 A Collectors Handbook of Miniature Perfume Bottles, Minis, Mates and More by Jeri Lyn Ringblum

A few of the following websites could be helpful in supplementing your collection:

- Bottles and Scents http://www.bottlesandscents.com
- Perfuminis.com Vintage and Modern Perfume Miniature Bottles – http://www.mignon.pair.com
- Miniperfume: Parfums Miniature de Collection

- http://www.miniperfume.com

Many fragrance vessel designs were artistically inspired by themes depicting nature, architecture, the animal kingdom, and the human body.

The International Perfume Bottle
Association (IPBA) is the largest worldwide network of perfume bottle collectors and dealers. Its purpose is to
provide information about the uses,
history, manufacturing, and collecting of perfume and scent bottles, as
well as promoting fellowship among
its members. To learn more about
IPBA, visit their website at www.perfumebottles.org.

The Fragrance Foundation, established in 1949, has become an international

Amber and frosted clear glass bottle and frosted glass stopper with long dauber, 5.5" (14 cm.); the surface acid is etched to reveal various decorations, including a bird on one side. Bottom is signed "Grant"

Est. \$100 — \$200.

labels applied to mismatched bottles. These items are of no value. Taking the time to investigate for legitimacy could save you an incredible amount of money.

There are some cases where miniature vessels did not come in their individual packages. Some perfumeries created presentation boxes for a designated promotional period (i.e. Christmas, Mother's Day, Fathers Day, etc.), and offered these bottles at a special price.

If you are an avid collector, it comes as no surprise that there are more resources devoted to the art of collecting miniature fragrance vessels than one might think. If you are a beginner, here's a partial listing of books that will provide some fascinating information and photographs about the extraordinary world of miniature perfume containers:

- Monsen and Baer Perfume Bottle Auction Series by Randall B. Monsen and Rod Baer
- Miniature Perfume Bottles: A Schiffer Book for Collectors by Glinda Bowman
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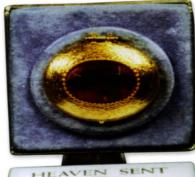
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source for historic, cultural, scientific, and industry-related reference material. They develop educational programs about the importance of fragrances for the American public, the largest fragrance market in the world. Visit their website at www.fragrance.org to get more information.

Be mindful about the preservation of your collection. Avoid storing your treasures near sunlight, intense artificial light, fire-places, high humidity locations, or other areas where there is an extreme fluctuation in temperature. These environments are destructive to your fragile collectibles.

Every collector possesses a heart-driven desire and passion for their mélange of treasures. You will be compelled to admire the individual personalities and beauty of each piece while sim-

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Helena Rubenstein "Heaven Sent" gold, oval, solid perfurne container, 1.6" (4.1 cm.) long, brilliant red stone at center, label on bottom, in its ariginal box. Est. \$75 - \$125.

ply walking by with a casual glance. While fragrance is ethereal, distinctively designed vessels are the quintessential accessories to a consummate collection. These miniature fragrance vessels epitomize attention to detail and functionality. Regardless of your personal appetite in collecting fragrance bottles, it's easy to become addicted to these breathtaking, timeless masterpieces. The craftsmanship of miniature fragrance vessels is captivating, regal, and magnificent; they are truly works of art.



Opaque turquoise glass battle with metal cap, 5" (12.7 cm.), decorated in the French 19th-century style with leaves and Greek key motifs, unsigned, probably from a French manufacturer. Est. \$300 – \$400.

Two Items, Est. \$50 – \$125. Left – Christian Dior "Miss Dior" clear glass bottle with gold cap, bottom signed CD, in its original box. Right – Christian Dior "Miss Dior" clear glass bottle and stopper, 3.7" (9.4 cm.), flask-shaped, full and sealed, bottom is signed CD, in original white and gray box.



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