

## Small Categories Series

### Streetlamps

Hmmmm...OK, I admit it; I don't really see the attraction here. Streetlamps? But, that's just me. I don't appreciate jazz or modern art, either...Maybe it's a left brain/right brain thing. In any case, there are collectors who collect streetlamps.

They *do* have a certain character, I suppose. They're all 'old fashioned', of course, looking like what they were—outdoor lighting fixtures from the late 1800s, turn-of-the-century. But, they're certainly not all the same. There are different sizes, different shapes. Most, for example, have one lamp, but there are some that have two, maybe even three. And even the ones that are basically the same are usually pictured differently on the actual covers—different perspectives, different lengths (full view, top half, etc.).

The use of streetlamps these days, whether the real thing or used in graphic design, is meant to convey a certain 'quaintness', so it won't come as a surprise, I'm sure, that almost all you're likely to see are associated with restaurants, inns, taverns, and the like. Those categories are going to be your main source of these covers, and you'll find them in all sizes and probably just about all types, plus both old and new.

I don't have any stats on this category, but I *have* had traders in the past who were looking for Streetlamps. I would imagine that a collection of several hundred would be a good-sized collection for this category.

