

# OKLAHOMA BOTTLES

## DOSE GLASSES & CROCK JUGS

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If you're a collector of antique bottles and related items, you'll soon learn that there always is something new under the sun and another thing you'll learn is to expect the unexpected.

So you decide to write a book about all the bottles used by druggists, soda bottlers, distillers, dairies, brewers and patent medicine men in your state.

That's what Johnnie Fletcher, of Mustang, Oklahoma, wound up doing, publishing *Oklahoma Bottles, 1889-1920*, in 2006. Then it was the most complete listing of Sooner bottles in existence.

Now, not so much. During the decade plus 3 years since that book appeared, collectors including Fletcher have unearthed even more varieties of Oklahoma bottles, not to mention pharmacies' dose glasses and numerous whiskey jugs.

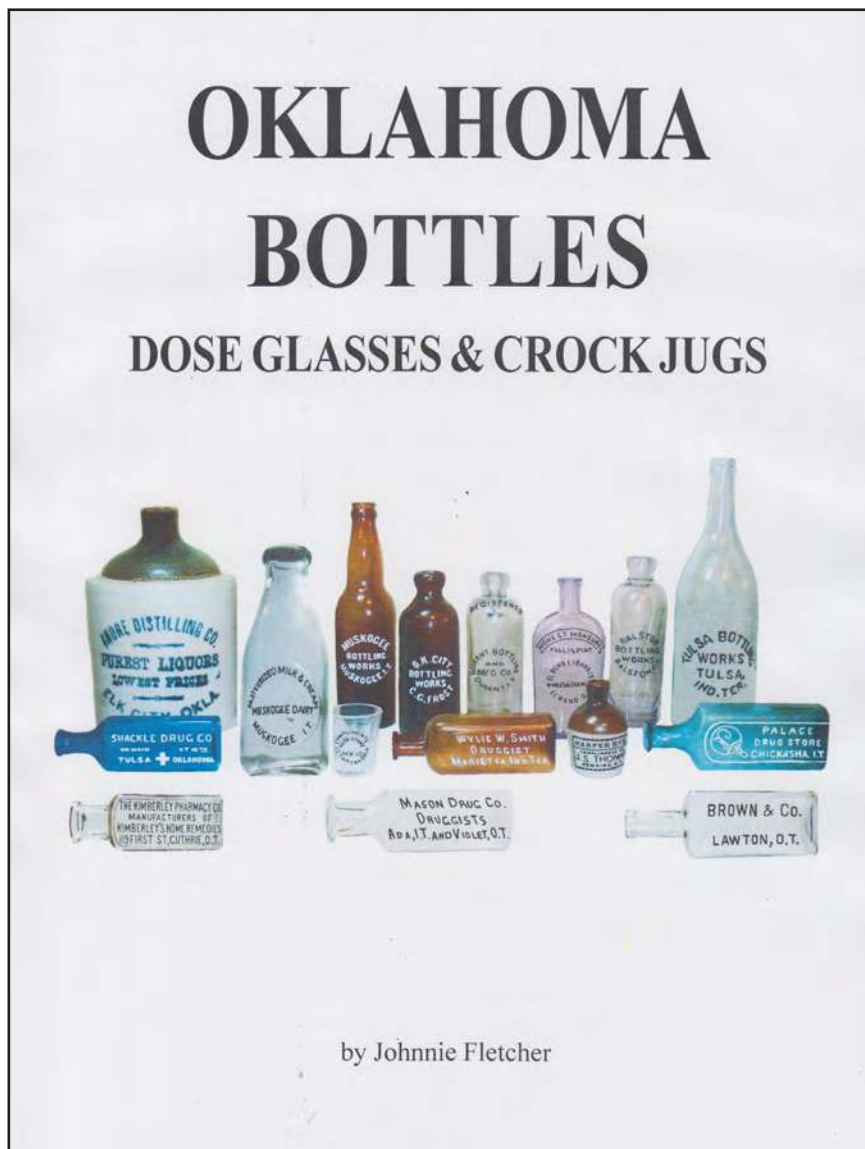
So almost in self defense, the Mustang, Oklahoma resident has published a revised edition of his 2006 book and this time added collectible dose glasses and what he calls "Crock Jugs." Those items boosted the book's pages to 228.

Thanks to popular demand from previous buyers, the author has used the numbering system found in the 2006 edition, but has changed a few things around for easier reading. One change is the format.

"The old book had different sections for Bottlers, Druggists, Miscellaneous and crock jugs with price lists at the end of each section," he said. "This book combines everything from each town and then lists them in the following order: Druggists, Bottlers, Miscellaneous and crock jugs."

Another change is that the estimated value or pricing of each item is listed at the end of each description, eliminating the necessity of flipping to the end of the book each time you want to know how much each item is worth.

"Accurately pricing a bottle is probably the most difficult task associated with doing a bottle book," Fletcher said. "I have attempted to place values on bottles in this book using my years of experience, bottles sold on the Internet and at bottle shows, along with input from other collectors. My pricing is for undamaged bottles, dose glasses and jugs."



*Oklahoma Bottles, Dose Glasses and Crock Jugs* is Fletcher's eighth bottle book. Others are *Oklahoma Soda Bottles* (Scott Leiter Illustrations), 1989; *Oklahoma Drug Store Bottles* (Scott Leiter Illustrations), 1991; *Kansas Bottles, 1854-1915*, 1994; *Oklahoma Bottles, 1889 to 1920*, 2006; *Embossed Bottles, Jugs and Go-Withs of Arkansas, 1850-1910*, 2012; *A Collector's Guide to Kansas Bottles, 1854-1925*, 2013, and *Missouri Bottles, Crock Jugs and Dose Glasses*, 2018.

The softbound edition costs \$20 plus \$5 media mail shipping. The hardbound edition includes a dust jacket and sells for \$40 plus \$5 shipping. Endorse personal checks or postal money orders to Johnnie Fletcher, 1300 Blue Haven Drive, Mustang, OK 73064. His e-mail is [privyguy@aol.com](mailto:privyguy@aol.com).

