

**SELECTED SOURCES ON COWAN POTTERY  
AND AMERICAN ART POTTERY IN GENERAL  
(PRINT AND ONLINE)**

As Les Roberts' detective, Milan Jacovich, learned in *The Duke of Cleveland*, Rocky River Public Library has a "state of the art collection of materials on ceramics and porcelain, the best in greater Cleveland!" (p.166)

This list is just to get you started. Most materials on pottery, ceramics, collecting, and antiques can be found in the 738 and 745 sections of the library in the Adult, Teen, AV and Children's departments. A few fiction or folk tale books in the Children's department also deal with the subject of clay or pottery.

**FICTION:**

Baylor, Bird, *When Clay Sings* (J970.4-B344W, and Children's Books on Tape)

Ginsburg, Mirra, *Clay Boy* (J398.2-G435C)

Park, Linda Sue, *A Single Shard* (Children's Fiction)

**NON-FICTION:**

Bassett, Mark and Victoria Naumann, *Cowan Pottery and the Cleveland School*. Schiffer Publishing Co., 1997. RRPL#: R738.30977131-B294C

Boram-Hays, Carol, *Bringing Modernism Home: Ohio Decorative Arts, 1890-1960*. Columbus Museum of Art & Ohio University Press, 2005. RRPL#: 745.09771 B644B

Gibans, Nina Freedlander, *Creative Essence: Cleveland's Sense of Place*. Kent State University Press, 2005. RRPL#: 709.7713 G35C

Kovel, Ralph & Terry, *Kovel's American Art Pottery: the Collector's Guide to Makers, Marks, and Factory Histories*. Crown, 1993. RRPL#: 738.30973 K849KA

Levin, Elaine, *The History of American Ceramics, 1607 to the Present*. H.N. Abrams, 1988. RRPL#: R Q738.0973 L578H

McCready, Karen, *Art Deco and Modernist Ceramics*. Thames & Hudson, Ltd., 1995  
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Miller, Judith, *Antiques Investigator: Tips and Tricks to Help You Find the Real Deal*, 2007. RRPL #: 745.1-M615A

Pina, Leslie, *Pottery: Modern Wares, 1920 – 1960*. Schiffer Publishing Co., 1994. RRPL#: 738.0973 P65P

Rago, *Collecting Modern: A Guide to Mid-Century Studio Furniture and Ceramics*. Knickerbocker Press, 1997. RRPL#: 745 R127C

Saloff, Tim and Jamie, *Collector's Encyclopedia of Cowan Pottery*. Collector Books, 1994. RRPL#: R738.37 SA36C

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**PERIODICALS:**

*American Artist*  
*Antique Trader Weekly*  
*Antiques*  
*Antiques & Collecting Magazine*  
*Antiques Roadshow Insider*  
*Artists Magazine*  
*Ceramics Monthly*  
*Journal of the American Art Pottery Assoc. (Curator's Office)*  
*Kovels on Antiques & Collectibles*

**ONLINE SOURCES:**

American Art Pottery Association: <http://www.aapa.info/>

American Art Pottery and 20<sup>th</sup> century design: [www.markbassett.com/cowan.htm](http://www.markbassett.com/cowan.htm)

American Ceramics Society: [www.ceramics.org](http://www.ceramics.org)

Ceramic Arts Daily (free ceramic arts newsletter): [www.ceramicartsdaily.org](http://www.ceramicartsdaily.org)

Art Deco Society of New York: <http://www.artdeco.org/>

Chicago Art Deco Society: <http://www.chicagoartdecosociety.com/>

Cowan Pottery Museum: [www.rrpl.org/cowan\\_pottery/cowan\\_index.html](http://www.rrpl.org/cowan_pottery/cowan_index.html)

Cowan Pottery Museum Associates: [www.cowanpottery.org/](http://www.cowanpottery.org/)

Detroit Art Deco Society: <http://www.daads.org/>

Kovel's price guide and newsletter: [www.kovels.com](http://www.kovels.com)

News and information about antiques: [www.news-antique.com/](http://www.news-antique.com/)

Prices4Antiques: access via the list of databases on RRPL's website ([www.rrpl.org](http://www.rrpl.org))

Viktor Schreckengost Foundation: [www.viktorschreckengost.org/home](http://www.viktorschreckengost.org/home)