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### Editorial Review

#### Amazon.com Review

Okay, folks, are you ready for a talking bowl? In *The Collector Collector* author Tibor Fischer has chosen to tell his story from the perspective of an erudite piece of pottery. No mere chachka from Pottery Barn, Fischer's narrator is several hundred years old, has a very long memory, and an astounding command of 5,000 languages. What's more, this bowl has witnessed more human depravity than the Marquis de Sade ever dreamed of: "Things are done in front of me that wouldn't be done in front of pets," it points out. Yet this inanimate object keeps its secrets--until it falls into the hands of Rosa, a London art appraiser with the ability to read the memories of objects and a history that shocks even the usually unflappable urn.

Rosa's sad-sack love life, a kidnapped advice columnist imprisoned in a well, and a kleptomaniac houseguest are just a few of the curve balls Fischer throws into this ribald tale of sex, murder, and frozen iguanas. *The Collector Collector* will certainly appeal to readers who revel in bad puns, bawdy stories, and wild flights of improbable fancy.

#### From Library Journal

The narrator of this wacky fantasy is a sentient (and garrulous) antique bowl of ancient lineage that has seen virtually everything. Booker Prize nominee Fischer follows *The Thought Gang* (LJ 5/1/95) and *Under the Frog* (Free Pr., 1995) with a bawdy romp suitable for readers who are particularly willing to suspend disbelief. Our unusual hero has developed some interesting talents involving shape-shifting, mind reading, and image projection. The bowl is intimately involved in the problems of Rosa, a talented but lovelorn London art appraiser, which include the criminal and sexual goings-on of Nikki, Rosa's uninvited guest. Throughout, the author skillfully stitches farce, social satire, slapstick, and even a bit of romance into a crazy quilt of literary entertainment. Buy where sophisticated whimsy is appreciated.?Starr E. Smith, Marymount Univ. Lib., Arlington, Va.

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#### From [Booklist](#)

When is a bowl more than a bowl? When it is also a voyeuristic, shape-shifting, and wickedly hilarious narrator in a clever, sexy, and audacious novel by the witty Brit who presented us with *The Thought Gang* (1995). In all its centuries on earth, this diabolical vessel has rarely come in contact with a human who can sense his power, but young Rosa is an exception to many rules. An art appraiser, she is quite lovely but desperately lonely, so lonely, in fact, she becomes enamored of this mysterious bowl that, when she touches it, tells her fantastic tales. Rosa also allows a perfect stranger, the extraordinarily libidinous and larcenous Nikki, to move into her apartment. Nikki is cheek incarnate and brings utter chaos to Rosa's world, but Rosa is curiously unaffected. The truth is, she has other things on her mind, like the advice columnist she is holding captive at the bottom of a well. Whip smart and boundlessly funny. *Donna Seaman*

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##### Russell Wade:

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**Rosalie Castillo:**

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**Ronald Smith:**

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