examples indicate. In figures, a house costing $10,000 in 1953 should have cost $42,000 in 1987, and by the same calculation should have cost $3,100 in 1860. Clearly the user of these indices needs additional information for specific cases.

McCusker explains how the user might keep the reference tool up to date by obtaining the monthly and annual consumer price figures compiled by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics and its British equivalent.

The book ends with a really useful bibliography of electronic resources, a list of American and European postal addresses to contact for archival information on primary documents, and an extensive, twenty-page bibliography of printed materials and resources.

As a reviewer of the 1992 edition wrote, it made him “a happy fool at the calculator.” It is an invaluable reference to turn to again and again.
