

GARAGE SALES

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LUXURY GOODS

You may not stumble on a Louis Vuitton (if you do, we need to start going garage saling in your neighborhood), but you may find other higher-end brands. Just make sure you know your stuff and beware of knockoffs.

ANTIQUES

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COLLECTIBLE TOYS

Those toys in the attic could be worth a lot of money. Here are some of the most valuable old toys according to Good

Housekeeping.

- **Garbage Pail Kids Cards:** Who would've guessed these 1980s collectibles would sell for more than \$1,000? Well, on weirder corners of the Internet, they certainly do.
- **Comic books:** Action Comics No. 1 from 1938 sold for \$3.2 million on eBay. Pow!
- **American Girl Molly doll:** The new ones are pricey, but the no-longer-made Molly can go for more than \$10,000 with her original clothing and

accessories.

- **Atari cartridges:** Some of the more rare and popular games can sell for hundreds.
- **Masters of the Universe Eternia playset:** He-Man, She-Ra and Skeletor's battleground goes for more than \$1,600.

ART

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stuff. You hear stories all the time about someone finding a rare piece of art on a folding table in someone's yard for \$10. It could be you! But, more likely, you'll just find a great piece to hang on your wall.

If you think you've snagged something special, though, you can hire a professional appraiser. The Smithsonian American Art Museum says to seek an appraiser with an expertise in the type of artwork you own.

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BUYER'S TIP

Hallmarks of Quality Work

Look for the hallmarks of quality work when buying luxury goods at a garage sale. Hardware like buckles should be heavy, not hollow, and stitching should be tight and even. Also look for misspellings, off colors and errors in labeling.

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