



Marketplace Expert Says ‘Don’t Frisbee Your Old CDs into the Bin!’

‘Forget vinyl,’ say collectables delivery experts Fastlane International: ‘CDs are the next big trend’.

The online-marketplace delivery expert [Fastlane International](#) is warning: don't frisbee your old CDs into the bin, they could be valuable. Fastlane's Head of Consumer Research, David Jinks, former Editor of *Model Price Guide*, *Coins Market Values* and *Area 51: Sci Fi Collecting*, says that CDs could become the next big collectable, and enjoy a boom similar to that which vinyl records are currently having.

Says David: 'Nostalgia's not what it used to be! Even though you can still buy shiny new CDs, music streaming is rapidly making them more obsolete than 45s, cassettes and video tapes. But, with the exception of vinyls made deliberately for the collector's market; CDs will be the final music format with attractive artwork covers you can hold in your hands. iTunes and Spotify have sounded the Last Post for CDs; and I've been guilty of flicking some into the bin like a frisbee, but it might pay to have a look through your collection before you turn them all into drinks coasters.'

Explains David: 'It is precisely because they are being thrown out faster than you can say "Now That's What I call Music 4" that they will become collectables in the future. Right now it's a fascinating market. For example, the CD release of 'Now That's What I call Music 4' is actually worth £500. That's a surprising amount for a CD you may still have sat on the shelf.'

However, David warns not every scarce CD is worth its weight in gold. 'Some valuations are blindly optimistic. Some popular guides list Prince's Japanese only CD compilation 'My Name was Prince' as being worth \$5000 – but in fact the most recent sale achieved just £500. So be careful which CDs you invest in!'

Here's Fastlane's official Top Ten countdown chart of some of the most valuable and elusive CDs to have sold recently - and that you might just still have gathering dust on a shelf:

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Bruce Springsteen – ‘The Future of Rock and Roll’ (Japan-only compilation): £549

1988 Japanese promo-only release and one of 'The Boss's' rarest.

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Bob Dylan – ‘50th Anniversary Collection’: £590

Only 100 copies of the album released in 2013, containing unreleased early material. Prices vary wildly with some lists saying a copy sold for over \$2,500. Did it really? The answer is blowing in the wind.

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Eminem – ‘Slim Shady EP’: £695

The 1997 release of only 500 copies was Eminem's breakthrough and surprisingly rare

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'The Radio 2 Janet and John Stories'. 6 CDs Read by Terry Wogan: £733

It's not only music that's collectable! Since the legendary broadcaster's death Terry's Old Geezers have been snapping up memorabilia such as this charming CD collection: be prepared to write a blankety blank cheque.

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Coldplay – 'The Safety EP': £1200

Only 500 versions of the 1998 album, Coldplay's first, were made. That's 500 too many in some people's opinion; but we couldn't possibly comment.

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Michael Jackson – 'Smile': £1200

1997 withdrawn Austrian/ South African CD. This cancelled commercial release was supposed to be destroyed, but some escaped. A number of fake copies exist to wipe the Smile off your face however...

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David Bowie 'Sound + Vision' Limited Edition Wood Box: £1260

Literally a box set: 350 wooden boxes were made to mark the Rykodisc re-release of Bowie's back catalogue - and all were signed by David Bowie himself. Scarcer Bowie CDs are rising in value following his recent death.

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Jackie Evancho – 'Prelude to a Dream': £1600

Self-released CD album of the America's Got Talent's youthful winner was withdrawn when Jackie signed with SYCO. Values are falling but did climb as far as £1600, a collector's dream: or at least a prelude to one.

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Rolling Stones – 'Steel Wheels Japan Tour' (Japan-only compilation): £2000

Japanese-only release of the band's 1990 tour. Hard choice between 'Steel Wheels Japan Tour' and another Stones CD: 'The Rolling Stones 94/95 Voodoo Lounge Tour Souvenir' which is worth similar money. If you are looking for either you might get no satisfaction.

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Rolling Stones/Paul McCartney/Queen – 'The Greatest 3' (Japan-only box set): £2,500.

The Greatest on our list! Japan-only release box set of the famous trio is sought after by fans of the Stones, the Beatles and Queen alike.

For details of how to ensure the cheapest eBay deliveries for small collectibles such as CDs, see:

<https://www.wedelivertheworld.co.uk/courier-services/ebay-delivery/>

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Note to Editors

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