

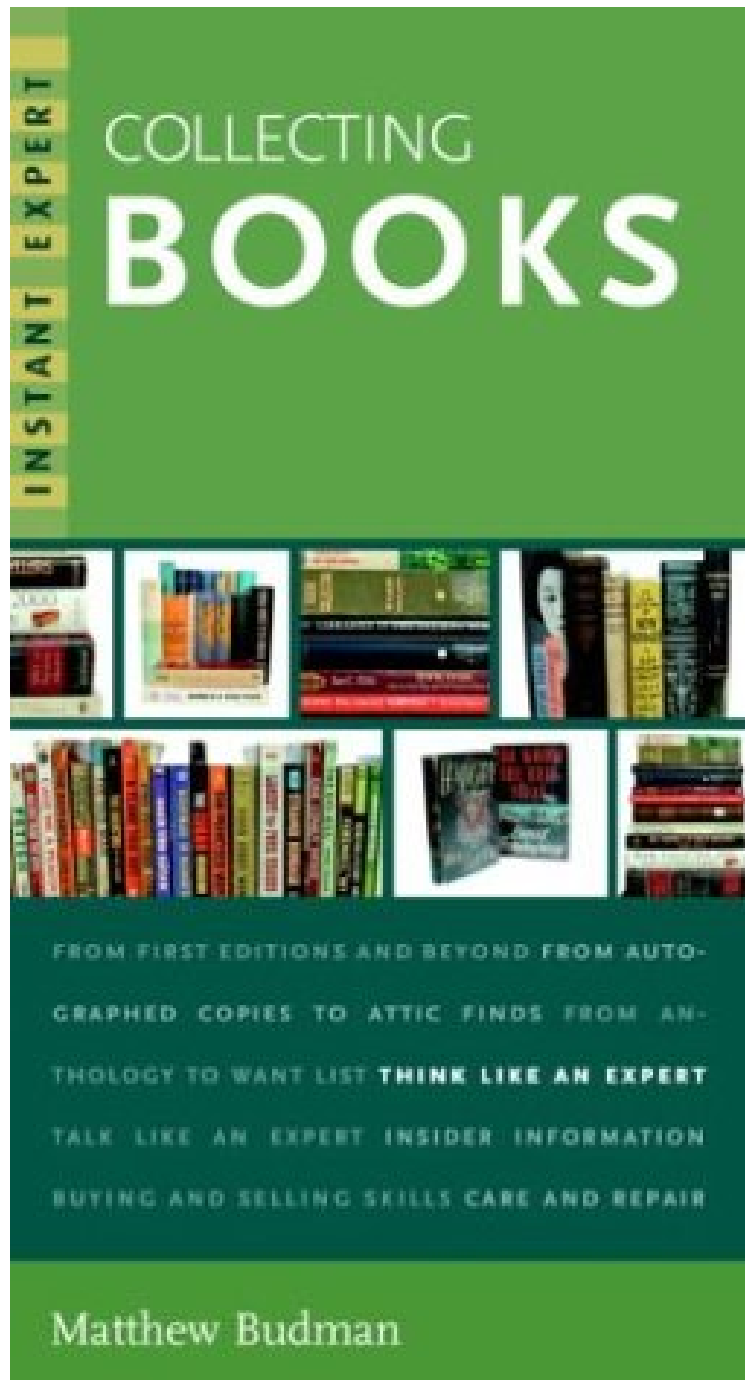
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By One-Reader
This short introduction to book collecting is a quick, witty and entertaining read. The author's enthusiasm for collecting is obvious. This is an easy to read, entertaining, and opinionated guide to book collecting. If you are new to this hobby, and have an interest in building a collection that may increase in value over time, this book can be strongly recommended, especially in view of its low price. The book focuses more on the financial, rather than the reading or educational aspects of this passion. The author spends much more time providing advice on how to collect books that may gain value compared to helping you find inexpensive reading editions, nor does he provide or point the reader to focused reading guides. However, Mr. Budman does present a clear discussion of the pitfalls of entering this hobby with the hope of making money. Experienced collectors will find a kindred spirit, although probably little new information. There is the occasional editing error, as when the author mentions the term "toned", referring us to the glossary to find its meaning, although "toned" is not in the glossary. In summary, more experienced collectors, or those focused more toward reading or education, may want to examine this at their bookstore or library before buying. However, for new collectors this will be a valuable addition to their library, one that can be highly recommended.
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By Todd Noren-Hentz
Let me add my voice to those who characterize this book as a concise and unsnobbish introduction to book collecting. I purchased and read this book because I own a small bookstore and wanted to learn more about the collectible end of the business. There was a lot of information that was more of a review for me, but I found lots of little nuggets that will help me in my line of work. Some of these included:- A discussion and list of publishers which are primarily reprint publishers and have little value and are ubiquitous on the used market- A discussion of grading older books and how it is different from grading newer books- A bibliography and running commentary of other books on books for further study- A discussion about the fluidity of the market, especially on the internet, but also in auctions. While, I have more interest in selling books than I do in collecting them, I found the book to arouse a desire and passion in me for the possibility of beginning my own collection. I also found Budman to be witty and appreciated his politically progressive undertones. For the moment, anyways, this is one book I won't be reselling.
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A very informative and useful resource for a beginning collector.

Everything you need to know: what is collectible, strategies for buying and selling, the value of an author autograph, how books are made and more. This is a comprehensive guide to online resources, conferences and conventions, shops, organizations and an annotated bibliography. For the millions of reader who love books!

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From the Author
Hi all! I've been collecting books since high school, usually on an extremely limited budget, and I wrote "Collecting Books" for people who love books but are justifiably leery of the intimidating antiquarian book hobby. It's a hobby that anyone can engage in, at any price level. "Collecting Books" encourages novices to leap in by choosing a focus that speaks to them personally, and it delivers enough information to get them started. It's easier than you think! --Matthew Budman
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Matthew Budman is editor-in-chief of a New York-based management magazine. He lives in Manhattan with his wife, political theorist Cristina Beltrn, and several thousand books.