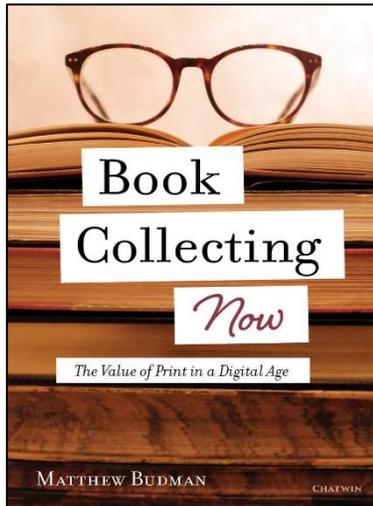


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Book Collecting Now: The Value of Print in a Digital Age

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Book Summary:

Budman first looks at how an influx of women and younger people is changing book collecting and then offers new collectors a comprehensive, illustrated guide to starting a collection.

Book Collecting for a Digital Era

With millennials unexpectedly preferring print books, suddenly book collecting has a future, not just a past. In *Book Collecting Now: The Value of Print in a Digital Age*, Matthew Budman offers a concise, engaging guide to building a book collection and celebrates the young, diverse collectors revitalizing what he calls “the world’s greatest pastime.”

“This is exactly the right time to focus on books,” says Budman. “Especially now that so many of us spend our days in sterile, digital, seamless environments, we need more life in our lives. Books—as much as any objects can—forge an immediate connection to real people, real lives, real emotions, real ideas, real imagination.”

Book Collecting Now examines the changing demographics of modern-day book collectors and demystifies the process of starting a collection. Budman’s guide explains fundamentals like: identifying first editions, how to get the best deals, understanding the value of autographs, care and repair of books, and the history of book collecting.

Recognizing the sea change already sweeping through book collecting, Budman writes to the new generation of young and increasingly female collectors. He encourages readers that anyone, regardless of budget or experience, can build a collection. It’s simple: if you love books, you are ready to be a collector.

Novices and experienced collectors alike will benefit from Budman’s up-to-date materials, while booksellers and librarians will find his observations on changing trends in book collecting particularly informative.

About the Author

Matthew Budman lives in Manhattan with his wife, political theorist Cristina Beltrán, and all the books they can squeeze into their apartment. Budman previously published *Instant Expert: Collecting Books* (House of Collectibles), which sold nearly 10,000 copies.

Advance Praise for *Book Collecting Now*

“An enthusiastic, clear-eyed look at book collecting in the digital age and an info-rich primer for those who want to begin, expand, or refocus their collections.... *Book Collecting Now* is itself a collectible gem for fans of the printed word.”

- Foreword Reviews

“An engaging and informative tour guide to book collecting in the twenty-first century, from navigating online marketplaces to understanding the etiquette of author signings to building a collection from overlooked and obscure subject areas. *Book Collecting Now* ... is sure to inspire another generation of collectors.”

- Amy Stewart, author of *Girl Waits with Gun*

Excerpt from *Book Collecting Now*

Defying stereotypes and predictions, young people are increasingly enthusiastic about print, both as readers and collectors. And after years – centuries! – of being treated as second-class collectors, women are finally full-fledged equals in bookshops, at antiquarian fairs, and everywhere else.

So I wrote this guide mostly for *you*: a real person who loves books and is curious about how to take her relationship with them to the next level. Sure, value is important, but collecting should be mostly about fun – and whatever books make you happy to see every day.

No matter what changes your attitude toward books – from straightforward content-delivery devices to tactile objects loaded with history and humanity and value both monetary and personal – you never again view them in the same way. Plenty of animated readers would call themselves book lovers, but only some of us are collectors, and we collect in any number of different ways.