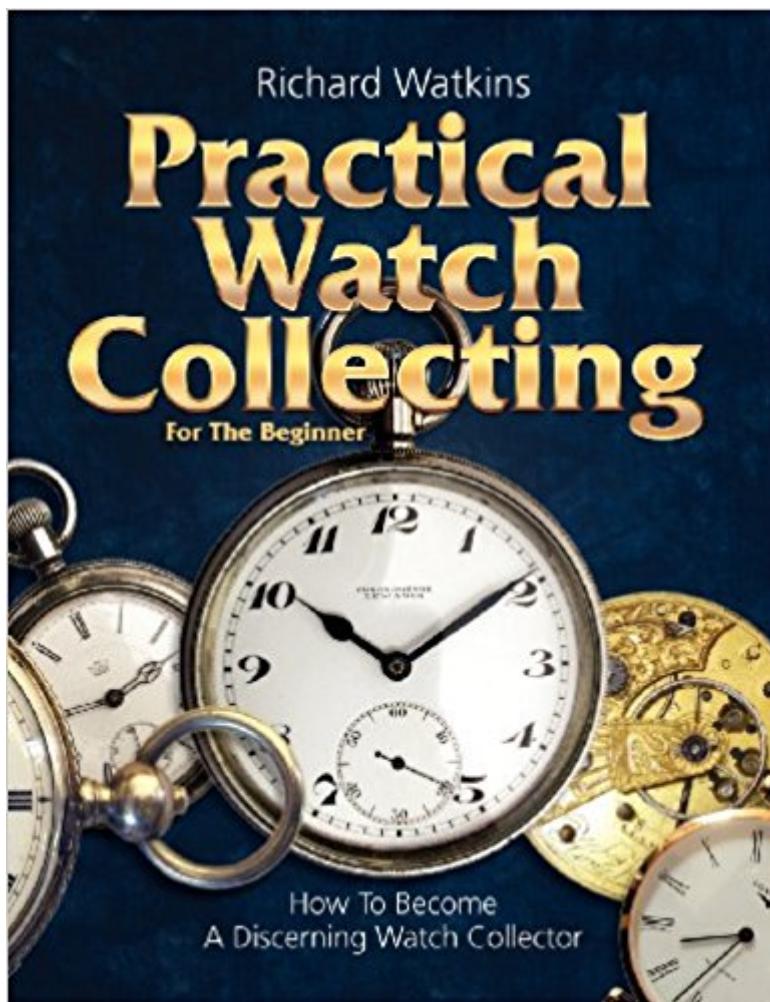


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# Practical Watch Collecting For The Beginner



## **Synopsis**

In this introduction, Richard Watkins welcomes new watch collectors to the hobby by sharing the basics of collecting. A longtime collector himself, Watkins seeks to provide a foundation for the beginning horologist with numerous photographs illustrating detailed features of the watches he discusses. He guides the reader through key elements of watch evaluation, dating watches using hallmarks and serial numbers, how to spot fakes, and understanding complications. In addition, Watkins explains the basics of watch repair and gives many suggestions for the essential publications needed to build an effective horological library. This book is an excellent starting point for the novice collector.

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This is the most clearly written and reasoned guide I have ever read in any field. The depth and breadth of knowledge is amazing, all presented in a low-key and engaging manner. The author's ability to clearly and logically explain his positions, along with his massive annotated bibliography (free on his web site - search for Richard Watkins watch clock) has deepened my own knowledge and understanding considerably. Here's an amusing fact: the guy's everyday watch is a Timex. I highly recommend this book.

If you are just getting interested in watches. This is the first book you should read. Fast read.

I found this to be a very useful start for someone who is new to collecting antique watches.

Definitely worth the price.

Easy to read text and good pictures, but definitely not for the beginner to watch acquisition and collecting. This might be valuable as a text for a watchmaking student, albeit mostly about English and French watches. If you are interested in American classics like the Hamilton or Elgin RR watches, you will need to look elsewhere. At nearly \$30 quite pricey for the information regarding American watches. The author uses a lot of "obviously" type observations which were not obvious to me.

I'm not really a watch collector although I've a few vintage American made pocket watches, but it is pleasure to read the text and look at the lovely photos presented in this book. The author has written a work that must be read by all neophytes contemplating buying or collecting more than one or anyone interested in knowing something about these fascinating little machines that make the modern world possible.

This book gives you some good perspective on watch collecting as a beginner, which is apparently its goal. I recommend it for that purpose since it covers the basics well and is pretty well written. As a first step, this is a good buy.

Not enough general information for a beginner. Author focuses on inner workings of pocket watches and makes too many referrals to other books. So sorry I paid the price for this book. :(

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