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15 of 20 people found the following review helpful. isn't that just like a frenchman?By Lynn D. GuindonI had never realized before that all watches were made for men. Not a single watch appears in this book which was designed to be worn by women.(Almost?) all of the watches in the book were modern.I also agree with the other reviewer who indicated that information is scant to the point of non-existence. There is a brief introduction which is moderately interesting, but the rest of the book consists of a picture of one watch per page with precious little information about the watch; primarily the comments consist of comments on the watch's appearance, which I can see for myself.If you want a huge amount of information about watches, try Shugart. If you want a coffee table book with old and new watches, great pictures, but not much information, just an eye feast with a sense of design development over time, Judy isn't bad. If you like watches not just from the technical aspect but also as items of jewelry, Jeanenne Bell is coming out with a book in May that should satisfy.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent value, excellent photosBy E. PPATHANASISMore than 360 color photos, worth the price of the book. And in many cases "A picture is worth a thousand words".22 of 25 people found the following review helpful. Excellent value for the priceBy RobinThis is a lovely book for the price. 384 pages in a square format, each page shows a watch in color with a short caption. Other reviewers have commented that the there is very little technical information, very true but I think the book is aimed at buyers who want an introduction to collecting wristwatches. I got a copy because I'm

interested in product design and as a publication designer I thought the book was nicely produced. Having looked through the book I am intrigued as to why nearly all of these watches are lacking in any kind of elegance. Even the expensive well known makes use dreadful typography for the numbers, have chunky looking minute and hour hands, thick cases and generally clutter the dials with unnecessary markings. I do think there are good looking watches though, page ninety-two shows a simple, elegant Patek Phillipe from the fifties and page sixty-six has a Vacheron Costantin. I'll continue to wear my neat Rotary GS 00898/03. has over six hundred books listed under Clocks and Watches, this inexpensive little book is a good start to your time-piece library.

Whether a cherished heirloom or state-of-the-art design, sensible or frivolous, the watches people wear are often expressions of their personalities. Watches have long been desirable collector's items, as some of the vintage models in this book show. Collectible Wristwatches features over 500 color photographs of watches, from rare and valuable early models to recent designer creations, from deep sea diver's watches to those worn by aviators. Each photograph is accompanied by a short text explaining the significance of the item. Whether you are a novice or the proud owner of a series of beautiful watches, this book is the perfect source of new ideas for what to look for next for your collection.