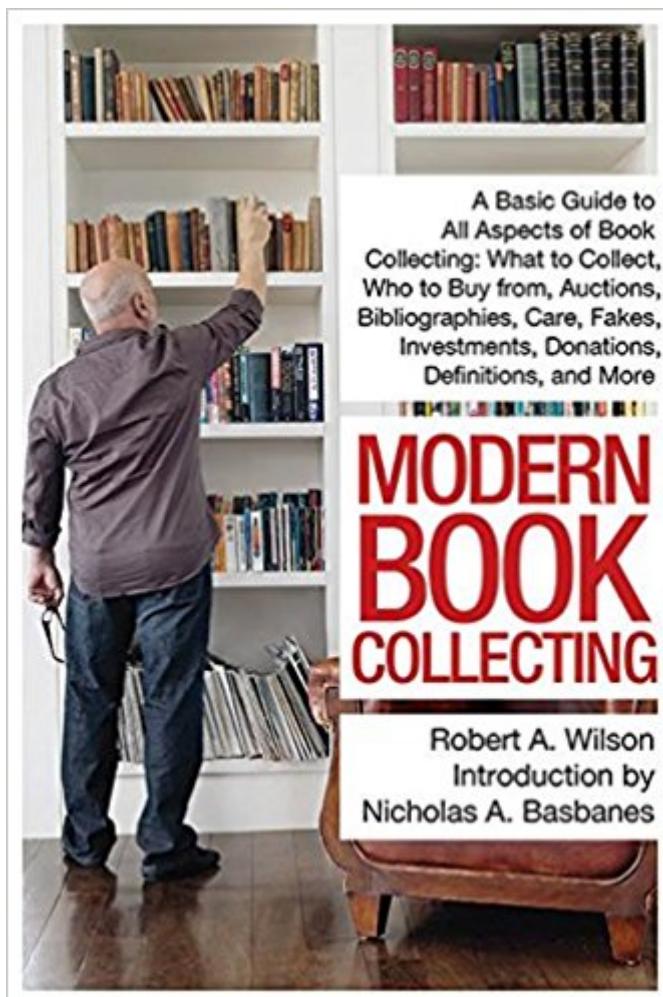


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# Modern Book Collecting: A Basic Guide To All Aspects Of Book Collecting: What To Collect, Who To Buy From, Auctions, Bibliographies, Care, Fakes, Investments, Donations, Definitions, And More





## Synopsis

Everything you need to know about collecting books, in one classic guide. Modern Book Collecting offers advice that answers all the most important questions a book lover and collector might have—what to collect and where to find it, how to tell a first edition from a reprint, how to build an author collection, how to get the best price from dealers, how to understand the prices and rarity of books, and more. Robert A. Wilson reveals the world of collecting, focusing on books that are collected most often—those by important late-nineteenth- and twentieth-century writers. Covering every aspect of book collecting, this book includes a handy dictionary of terms used in auction and dealer catalogs, a comprehensive and accurate key to identifying first editions from nearly two hundred American and British publishing houses, a list of bibliographies of more than two hundred collected modern authors, a directory of book auction houses and rare book dealers, and a section on Internet resources. For book lovers looking to embark on the wonderful adventure of collecting, or established collectors wanting a go-to guide, Modern Book Collecting is a must-have resource.

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Robert A. Wilson was proprietor of the famous Phoenix Bookshop in New York City. He is a passionate writer and authored of bibliographies of Gertrude Stein, Gregory Corso, and Denise Levertov. Wilson specializes in rare books and manuscripts. Nicholas A. Basbanes is a writer and journalist. His bestselling book *A Gentle Madness: Bibliophiles, Bibliomaniacs, and the Eternal Passion for Books* was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award in nonfiction.

Great basic ideas helpful

Good

First book of it's kind I have read or purchased. I am looking to perhaps start a collection and wanted to know where to begin and what type I should be on the look out for. Perhaps there are better out there, I left feeling that much more research was necessary and would have liked it to be a bit more complete.

This was a great book in the 80's. It still is useful in defining terms and older methods. Having lived and worked as a book dealer and collector during the digital revolution, I can say with some authority that "Modern" book collecting is definitely and significantly different than 30 years ago.

real good

This book is outdated and also the author is a bit of a bragger about his collection and experiences in the book collecting world. It does, however, have some good rudimentary knowledge for a beginning book collector (not much use I would say to a seasoned collector).

Robert A. Wilson is something of a legend in the book world. His experience can be useful to the beginner. If you buy no other book on the subject than this you could do much worse.

GOOD INFORMATION IN THIS BOOK. THANK YOU

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