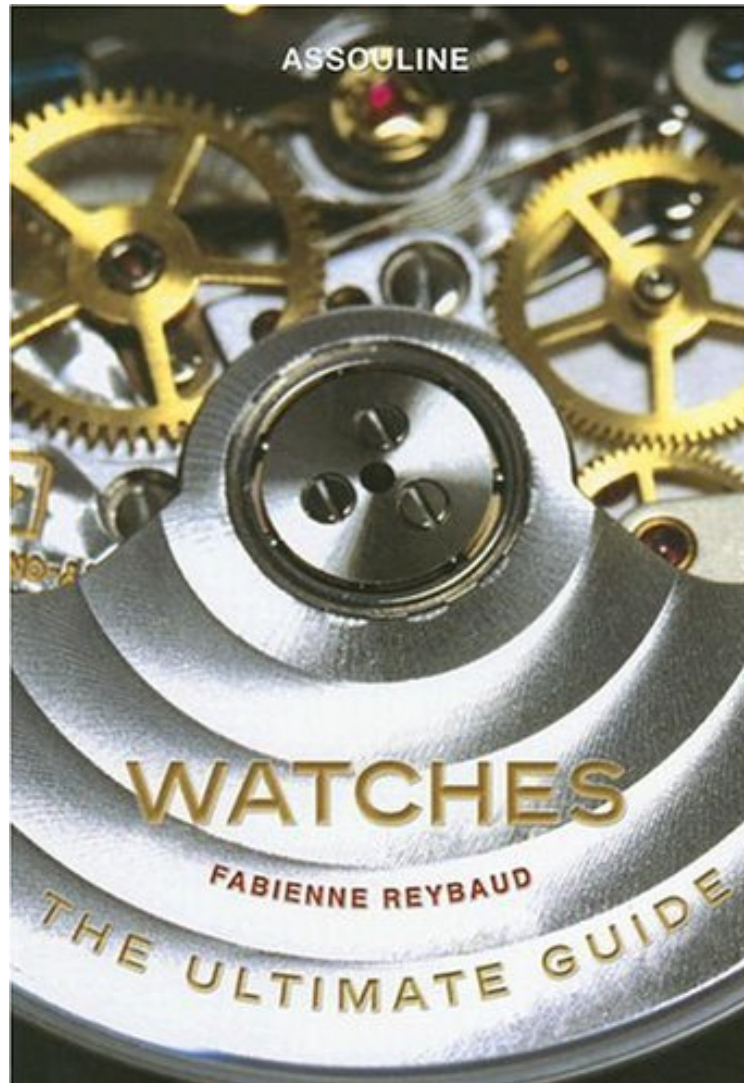


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leaves a lot to be desired if you're trying to educate yourself. The font sizes, layout of the book, and illustrations included are all a bit infantile. Certainly not worth the subtitle, "The Ultimate Guide". Whatever you do, do not pay full price for this. I can see now why it has a clear plastic cover on it -- to keep potential buyers from looking through the book before paying \$45 for it at a retail shop. There are some interesting warnings written about "never buy on the Internet", "beware all the fakes and forgeries", and "there's a lot of lying and cheating going on out there". But other than telling you that you really can't afford to collect those watches from the real Masters, it does nothing toward telling you what is important to look for, which brands are built decently, why you might want to buy one movement over another, or anything worthwhile toward starting to build a modest collection. Total disappointment. Look for this at your library and be glad you saved that money.

Over the past ten years, watches, once merely functional tools, have become true objects of desire. Whether fashion accessories or collectors' pieces, the watches on the market today span all sectors, from mass-market to luxury. A watch follows its owner wherever he or she goes, immediately revealing its owner's taste, financial means, and knowledge of the wheels of time. With an increase in the number of trademarks, collections, and styles, the market for watches is booming, growing annually at unprecedented rates. Auctions abound, offering astounding new records: \$5 million for a Caliber 89 by Patek Philippe; \$1.6 million for a steel watch by Patek Philippe. And watch overbidding makes it more and more difficult not to get confused between worth and hype. From the sundial to the quartz watch, from the clepsydra to the pocket watch, *Watches* studies every aspect of time-keeping mechanisms and is the definitive volume for collectors and enthusiasts. With an original glossary of important technical terms, an alphabetized list of the main brands, including their quotation given by specialists, and a complete directory to the finest dealers around the world, *Watches* will help any amateur find the right watch, and will guide the enlightened amateur in his quest of the ideal piece.

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