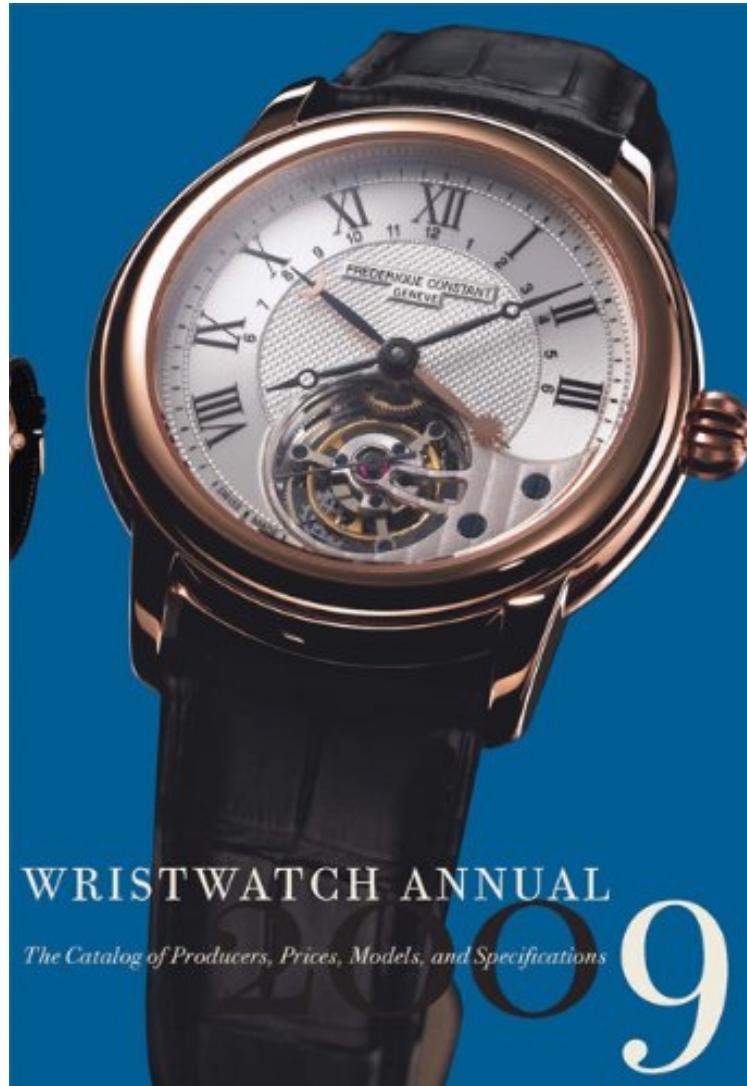


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Each year brings hundreds of new wristwatch designs, with aesthetic and mechanical changes and improvements, limited edition watches, and new producers, keeping this field exciting for collectors. Following the success of last year's book, this new annual features over 1,700 of the world's most luxurious wristwatches and provides color photographs and complete specifications for each watch. With Wristwatch Annual, collectors have a wealth of information close at hand: the book is arranged alphabetically by producer, and within each producer's section are specifications and materials for each watch, including price, movement, special features, complications, case, dial, band, and available variations of a particular model. A glossary and pronunciation guide help acclimate the reader to the world of fine timepieces, and, for prospective buyers, the addresses of all featured producers are listed together. The elegant photography and layout will encourage people to peruse the year's offerings for aesthetic appeal as well. The range of styles, from classic to modern, reflects the inclusive nature of this book, which watch collectors the world over will find both a handy reference and required reading. Featured Manufacturers: Alpina; Svend Anderson; Angular Momentum; Anonimo; Arnold Son; Audemars Piguet; Ball Watch Company; Baume Mercier; Bell Ross; Ernst Benz; Blancpain; blu; Rainer Brand; Martin Braun; Breguet; Breitling; Carl F. Bucherer; Bvlgari; Cartier; Chase-Durer; Chopard; Chronoswiss; Fr+rd+rique Constant; Corum; d.freemont; Davosa; De Grisogono; Doxa; Dubey Schaldenbrand; Roger Dubuis; Dunhill; Ebel; Eberhard Co.; Epos; Eterna; Jacques Etoile; Carlo Ferrara; Fortis; G+rald Genta; Gevri; Girard-Perregaux; Glash+tte Original; Glycine; Graham; Hanhart; Harwood; Herm+; Hublot; IWC; Jacob Co.; Jaeger-LeCoultre; Jaquet Droz; Jean Richard; Kobold; Maurice Lacroix; A.Lange S+hne; Limes; Longines; Marcello C.; Meistersinger; Mido; Daniel Mink; Montblanc; Movado; M++hle; Franck Muller; Ulysse Nardin; NBY; Armand Nicolet; Nivrel; Nomos; Omega; Oris; Panerai; Parmigiani; Patek Philippe; Piaget; Paul Picot; Poljot-International; Porsche Design; Rado; Auguste Reymond; RGM; Rolex; Daniel Roth; Scalfaro; J+rgr Schauer; Alain Silberstein; Sinn; Sothis; Stowa; Swiss Army; TAG Heuer; Temption; Tissot; Tudor;

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