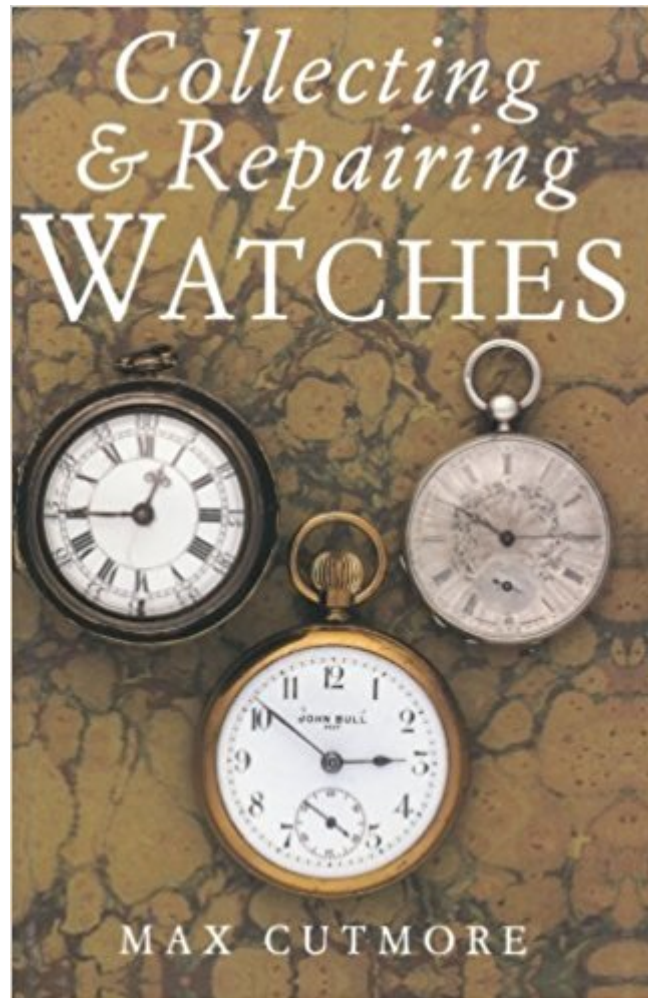




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Synopsis

This book examines the technology and manufacture of all types of watch; offers collectors advice on what to look for; and includes a step-by-step assessment guide to use when purchasing. Basic instructions are provided on repair work, identifying essential tools and materials.

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If you just have a casual interest in mechanical watches or really want to learn their inner workings this is a great book for you. Well-illustrated and explained I found it very helpful.

The focus is on antique European pocket watches, especially British ones, this being a British publication. The technical history of watches is thoroughly covered, the various outdated watch mechanisms--verge, fusee, cylinder escapement--are explained, and interesting footnotes are included, like the wage records from a 19th century watch shop. A chapter on repair will get you started, and even tell you how to restore the blueing on the watch hands (heat them in a tray over an alcohol lamp). The author has spent much of his life studying and collecting old watches, and has produced an easy-to-read guide filled with interesting and useful information.

This book is fantastic, and perfect for my still-somewhat-novice status as a watch collector and designer. I did buy a used copy elsewhere for 9 bucks, but it wasn't easy to find so I consider myself lucky on that front. Worth every penny.

Very good book for hobbyist.

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