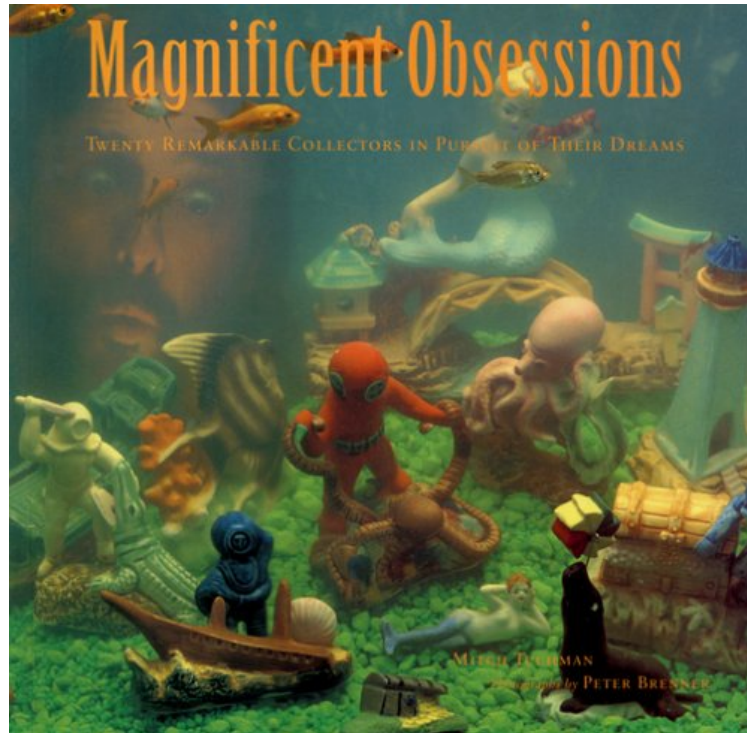


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Mitch Tuchman : Magnificent Obsessions before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Magnificent Obsessions:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A nice book about unusual private collections By Bemma This book is for anyone who avidly collects anything. In the 70's kids collected comic books and trading cards especially baseball, football, and Star Wars. When you got older, you might have moved on to books or model spaceships, and then later, you chased after the comic books and trading cards you didn't have when you were a kid or lost along the way. Those grown-up kids will understand what this book is all about even if the items seem unusual. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not enough photos of the cover collection. By D. Taylor It is always interesting to see what others are collecting. I would have liked to see more of the aquarium furniture that was shown on the front cover. I was more interested in seeing the collections than reading so much text. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Worthwhile passions By Robin A glorious celebration of twenty collectors and their passions. Peter Brenner's excellent color photos capture them with their life's work. My favorite is Dorothy Twining Globus who collects (as she says) 'Everything'. The Cade brothers go for anything Studebaker and that includes over thirty real cars. Kit Hinrichs loves the Stars and Stripes, his collection can be seen in the sumptuous book 'Long May She Wave'. Author Tuchman's fascinating text details how each one pursued their dreams, I can identify with a lot of this because some years ago I managed to collect 450 radio station t-shirts (still got 'em too, email me with offers). This book is very similar to Ellen Land-Webber's out-of-print photo essay 'The Passionate Collector'. If you really have the collecting bug check out 'The Collecting Book' by Ellen and Lewis Liman, 800 photos of collections and lots of

practical information. I wonder if anyone collects books about collectors? Hmm...this could be the start of my new collection!

Everybody accumulates things, but the 20 collectors whose achievements are showcased in *Magnificent Obsessions* have amassed extraordinary arrays of objects ranging from the whimsical to the conceptual, the classic to the capricious. Rich color photographs reveal the sprawling scope and fascinating detail of each magnificent collection.

From Kirkus sMeet Norma Hazelton, connoisseur and collector of swizzle sticks. If you're not impressed by a plastic Jackie Gleason long since separated from its maraschino cherry, take a look at Robert Cade, inventor of Gatorade and a collector of Studebakers (re the carmaker's Dictator line of the 1930s, he says: ``Dictator was a good name until Hitler and Mussolini and Stalin. They dropped the Dictator line in 1937 because of them"). Among the 20 collections that Tuchman and photographer Brenner cast their eyes on are caches of Civil War memorabilia (a banjo, a musket, a toothbrush); aquarium furniture (a lot of mermaids); and representations of the Last Supper (a clock, a saltshaker, a funeral-home fan). Tuchman's text, mostly a pastiche of comments from the collectors themselves, is informative--and just glib enough to keep the whole book from feeling like a spooky visit to your mad Aunt Mabel's attic. -- Copyright 1994, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.