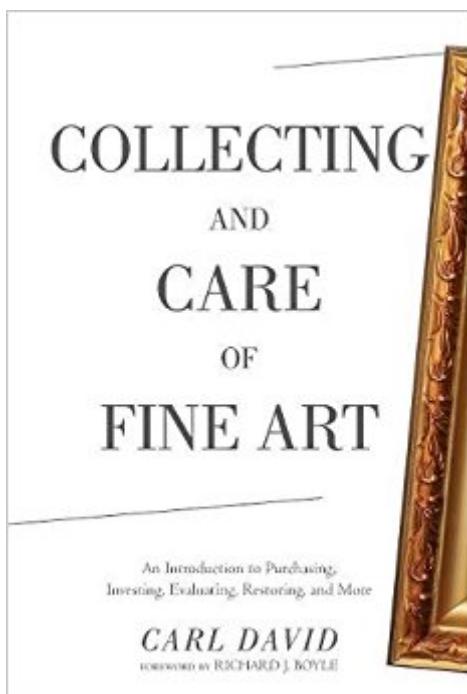


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# Collecting And Care Of Fine Art: An Introduction To Purchasing, Investing, Evaluating, Restoring, And More



## Synopsis

For novices and experienced collectors alike, *Collecting and Care of Fine Art* is a thorough examination of the intricacies of the art market. Written by a professional art dealer, this book covers all phases of buying, selling, and caring for works of art, from auctions and insurance to restorations and appraisals. Carl David's advice to the layman is invaluable, covering such topics as the characteristics of a gallery and its proprietor that will assure forthright dealings; what deals to avoid; the criteria to be followed by the beginner about to make his first purchase; and precautions to take in the conservation of paintings, from simple cleaning to restoration techniques. For the art collector, indispensable information is provided, including details of shipping and insuring works of art, how to gauge the competence of an appraiser, the many elements that influence art prices, the tax benefits and liabilities of art investment, and much more. This book is a practical and wide-reaching guide that collectors and investors may turn to with confidence. In this updated edition, the author includes new and up-to-date chapters and information.

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Collecting and Care of Fine Art really doesn't provide much substance on art collecting as compared to other similar books, such as The \$12 Million Shark: The Curious Economics of Contemporary Art by Don Thompson or The Value of Art by Michael Findlay. Most of the information provided in the book on art collecting is merely based on common sense. I had expectations that, based on the author's years of experience, the reader would be provided some "inside information" on how to begin and care for an art collection. Instead, I was left with more questions than answers after reading this book. In the end, if you are really looking for information on art collecting and more specifically on how to begin collecting, look at other available books that provide more detailed approaches.

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