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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Good IdeaBy Arthur ClarkeMichael Balfour knows watches. He is respected and admired. Unfortunately, he covers the same companies and the same issues others have already exhausted. Nice photos of contemporary watches. I expected more.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A

Fine First Review of Major WatchmakersBy Bob Weil (bob@ninedots-corp.com)More so than many of the "advertorial" watch books on the market, this book (which I own from a previous printing in the mid-eighties) offers a real measure of useful background information on the major watch houses. While engaging in the usual hagiography common to ALL the books on watches (particularly those that seek to keep the Swiss houses shrouded in mystery), there are flashes of true (uncensored?) candor. Stepping up to my soapbox, though, what's really needed is a thorough expose (in the positive sense) that exposes the glory of the great watchmakers - warts and all. Those of us who collect watches seriously can take it. After, discerning minds want to know. And to quote from prime time TV - the truth is out there.

Horology, the art and science of making timepieces, is gloriously displayed in full color. Both aspiring and seasoned

collectors will be delighted with the selection of watches shown from makers such as Rolex, Patek Phillippe, Breitling, Movado, and many more. Sections include a glossary of terms, an A-Z listing with color photos, tips on starting and maintaining a watch collection.