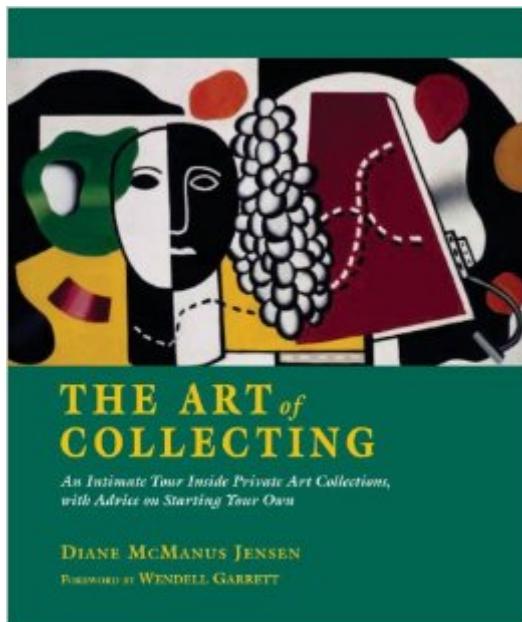


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The Art Of Collecting: An Intimate Tour Inside Private Art Collections With Advice On Starting Your Own



Synopsis

Through intimate interviews with collectors, 'The Art of Collecting' unveils the passion behind the pursuit of art objects, with advice from experts, while demystifying the process of collecting.

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