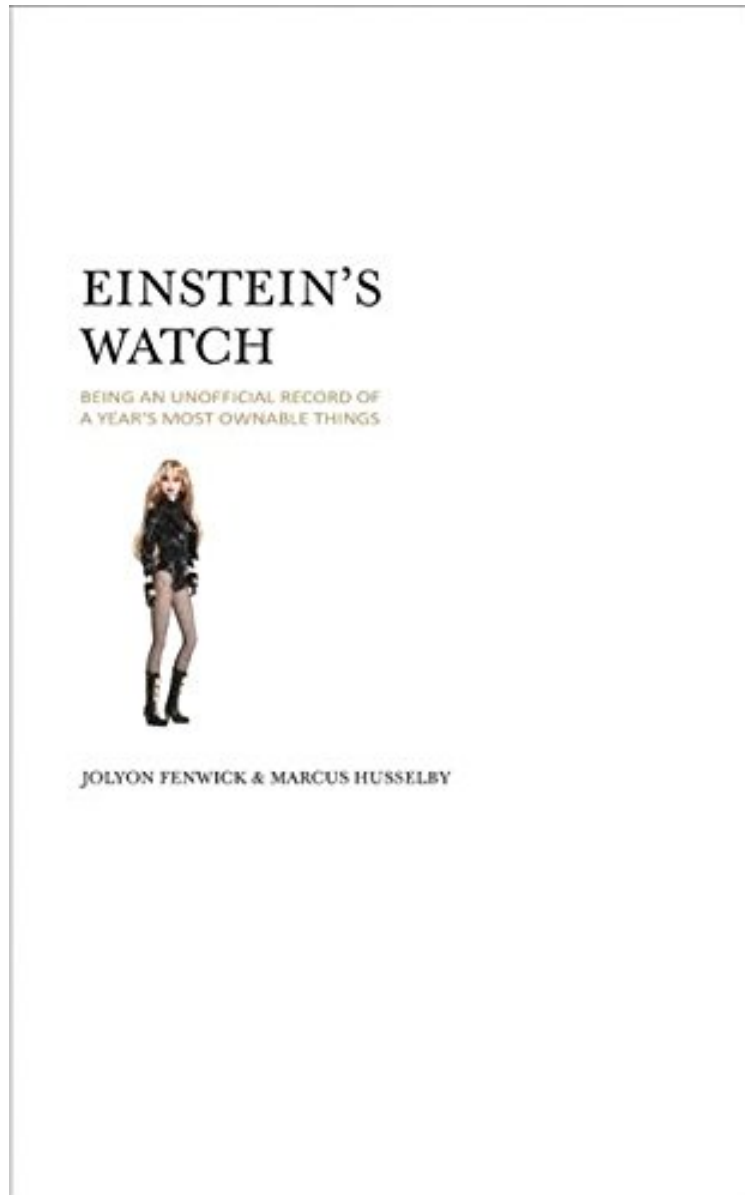


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating and FunnyBy James MabyThis is a brilliant little Book. Ingeniously and imaginatively compiled, beautifully produced and art directed. And well-written with spare, intelligent prose free from the usual breathless hyperbole of the 'editor's choice' genre - the items chosen and the stories that go with them speak for themselves. And some great little nuggets of interest: I didn't know what happened to Rommel or that Churchill used to order a glass of whiskey for breakfast or that there was a painting of the real Mr. Darcy from Pride and Prejudice. I also didn't know that if I'd had a spare \$36 million last year, I could have bought a space shuttle. I'm not usually a fan of so-called 'toilet books' but if the safety of the nation depended on its citizens being more regular, I would make this book compulsory.

What is the value of Gandhi's glasses or a collection of Braille editions of Playboy? And how much is an artwork consisting of ten million \$100 banknotes worth? In this gloriously eclectic overview of 2009's most ownable objects, Jolyon Fenwick and Marcus Hesselby present a treasure trove of over 100 desirable things bought or offered for sale this year. Ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous, the cache of curios includes; a hard disk of MPs' expenses over the last five years, Einstein's watch, uncle Monty's cottage from *Withnail and I*, the last ever cheque issued by Woolworths (it bounced), a holy water sprinkler (made by Parker pens), official posters from the Obama campaign, Captain Cook's boomerang, Super Lemon Haze marijuana, Black Canary Barbie (described as 'filth' by Christian Voice), the key to the binoculars storeroom on board the Titanic.

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