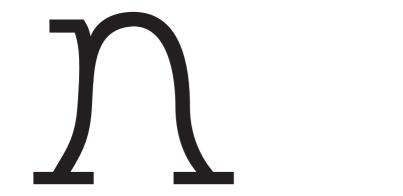


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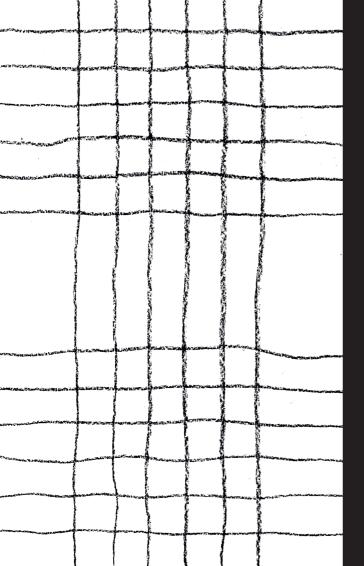


For those who are newly inducted into the exciting world of collecting and admiring the writing machines of the past century. A bold journey awaits you, hidden on dusty shelves in thrift and antique stores, baking in the hot sun on rickety card tables at garage sales, and displayed to the world to anyone who cares to type a keyword into an internet search engine. This journey will take you places you've never gone before. However, you should be aware of some guidelines.

The world is full of shiny, pretty machines for which you will develop an unreasoning, insatiable lust. It's therefore important to determine your budget before you begin the hunt, elsewise you'll end up spending way more than you can really afford on some machines. Doing that will certainly severely curtail your enjoyment of the machine and the hunt. Keep it fun, and set a budget.

Thus, before you begin, think a bit about what problems you are ready to take on with the machines you hunt down and capture. Don't pay top dollar for a machine in less than perfect shape unless you think you can fix it. Conversely, you may find it fun and educational to spend V dollars on a busted machine just so you can take it apart and at least try to get it working, and learn quite a bit about what makes a typewriter ticky-tack. It's up to you to avoid obtaining a shelf full of nonfunctional writing iron, so do your deciding now. This is sometimes the hardest bit of planning to do before setting out on the hunt. Common sense applies. If you live in a one-room apartment, do not start hankerin' for a brace of Royal KMM's. Keep your interest limited to small portables and keep the number below what you can fit into the back of a closet. However, if you have a display outlet like an empty spare bedroom, then you have a lot more leeway in what you can bring into your corral. The significant other clause applies here if there is someone else living in the space you intend to fill with typewriters, you must take their input into your decisions.

You might think that typewriter collecting won't take much time out of your busy day. Think again. When the fever is high, you will be spending significant amounts of time cruising secondhand shops and yard sales, tinkering with your machines, writing and reading the ever-growing Typospheric blogs. It takes time Do not fall into the trap. It's the shipping charges that kill you, and worse, a good fifty percent of the typewriters you buy will arrive broken either undisclosed defects or by damage in transit. Ebay sellers are notoriously bad at packing typewriters for safe shipping, and will often ignore your specific instructions about proper packing of a machine. This way lies madness unless your per machine budget is upwards of a couple hundred bucks and you have a good typewriter repairman nearby. Even then, it's madness. Save vourself a lot of aggravation and just don't do it.



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