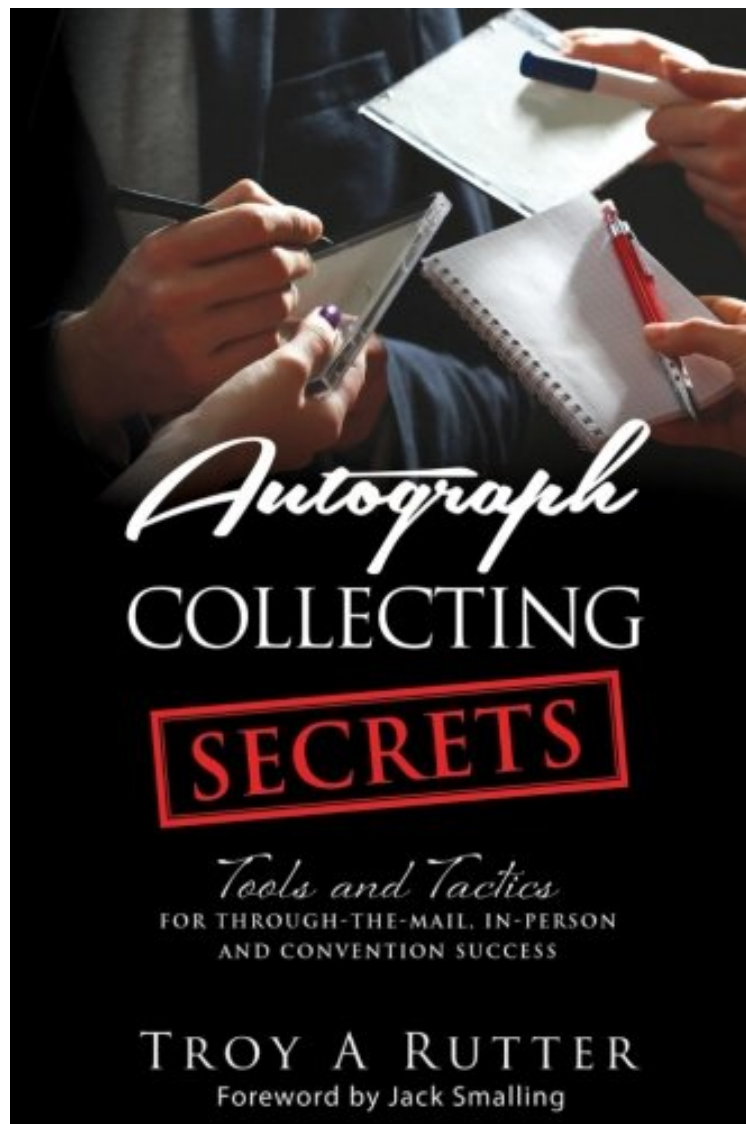


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great book on covering all aspects of autograph collecting. By BPWAs someone who wasn't sure where to start with TTM anything, I picked up this book and found it really well done. Troy gives great practical experience - everything from how to mail the item, how to find addresses to mail to (websites, free or paid address listings) as well as how to spot autopen (fakes)... before this book, I didn't even know what autopen was! The section on autopen is really worth it if you're interested in spotting fakes. I also liked his creative ideas on how to get items to sign (printing images, etc.) There's a lot of great info in this work that really got me thinking about getting TTM autographs. For those interested in the monetary aspects, the subject of valuation and how it can be a tricky thing is also raised. He has some great experiences on the subject of value and certification authorities. Troy has a lot of great advice and it dawned on me in the reading, that when I was about 8 years old my parents helped me do something like this... I wrote Charles M. Schulz (Peanuts/Snoopy creator) and he wrote me back a letter from him and "snoopy," which had his signature and a paw print of snoopy... too bad I didn't keep it.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Absolutely Essential Book on Autograph Collecting. By Michael A. Burstein For years I've been collecting autographs on a causal basis. I like to have signed items mostly from writers and comic book artists, although I also tried to collect the signatures of Nobel Prize-winning physicists for a while. Usually this collection habit of mine was hit or miss; if I knew I would be present at the same event as someone whose signature I wanted to collect, I would bring an item along and hope for the best. Troy Rutter's book has opened up to me the world of collecting autographs in another way though: by mail. It never would have occurred to me to try to collect signatures through the mail. The book is pitched at the beginner, going into all sorts of important details on how to begin a collection, how to mail people so you'll get a good response, and how to display a collection. The author even provides a list of addresses in the back of the book for reaching out to sports figures and actors. If I were to have one nitpick, it would be that I wish the book addressed the question of collecting the signatures of authors in books, as that tends to be the bulk of my collection. However, as I already know the ins and outs of how to get such signatures by mail, I didn't really mind the omission. If you have any interest at all in collecting autographs by mail, this is the one book you need. I highly recommend it.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Autograph Collecting Secrets - These Methods Work! By Jim Arrowood I never really intended to get into autograph collecting, but I was inspired by the author who is a close friend and made the hobby seem exciting. After reading Autograph Collecting Secrets, I decided to give it a try, at least once. Troy's methods and suggestions have proven successful for me on several occasions and now I have been assimilated into this hobby. Troy's book is full of ideas that one can use to successfully receive autographs from numerous celebrities from movies, television, sports, and so on. Whether one is a seasoned collector, or a beginner like myself, Autograph Collecting Secrets is well written and detailed enough to get one started, yet it is also open enough that one can customize what and how one collects to one's own tastes. The attached photo was received as a result of following Troy's methods to the letter.

Autograph collecting is a fun and rewarding hobby you can do from any place in the world. But how do you increase the chances that your precious trading card or photograph not only makes it to the celebrity - but comes back signed? The answer: this book. Collectors of all experience levels will find useful tips and tricks on obtaining autographs in-person and through-the-mail, with concrete examples from years of experience. From crafting the perfect letter-of-request to the best places to stand at a stadium, Autograph Collecting Secrets is a definitive resource for the hobby.

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"Troy has been the TTM Autograph master for years, his insight into the hobby is useful for anyone but especially those just getting started!" - Mike, MikeTheFanboy.com