

Synopsis

An alphabetical listing of Hollywood stars, collectible television casts and rock and roll stars with a sample autograph, very brief biography, range of prices and scarcity index.

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Customer Reviews

Did you know that Charles Schulz, the creator of the Peanuts comic strip rarely signed his full name? He would sign just "Schulz" and would accompany it with a doodle of "Snoopy" or other Peanuts character. Did you know that a Rudolph Valentino died at a young 31 years of age and was averse to mob-scene crowds seeking autographs, making his signature very scarce? Kevin Martin's *Signature Of The Stars*, focuses on autographs of Hollywood, Television and Music figures, providing a brief celebrity biography, approximate value, facsimile signature, and a rating of the autograph's scarcity. Autographs have been getting into the press lately. USA Today and other national newspapers recently covered the JFK auction of signed ephemera as a cover story. Financial writer Andrew Tobias authored a feature cover story for *Worth* magazine on the merits of autograph collecting as a "fun" investment. The article featured Marilyn Monroe on the cover and went on and on about the merits of autograph collecting - even detailing Tobias' own collection. With all this, you know there's some new found interest in autographs. Apparently that's how Antique Trader Publications, a rising powerhouse publisher of collector books sees it. Their *Signature of the Stars*, a 208 page reference title, is chockfull of interesting anecdotes and facts on over 350 celebrity and entertainment signatures. If you're not interested in Hollywood, Television or Rock'N'Roll signatures, don't run away. The book provides insightful discussion on autograph

scarcity, terminology, pen and ink technology, pricing, and how and where to get signatures. There's a difference between the way ink flows from a ball point, fountain and felt tip pen.

This is a review of this product: "Signatures of the Stars: A Guide for Autograph Collectors, Dealers and Enthusiasts" by Kevin Martin. may display this review on the page of another version of this product, for which this review may not apply. After reading this review, please click on the link so that you can be assured that the product this review applies to is the same one you thought it was for.-----I bought this book to learn about the stars signing habits and see example of their signatures, so I'd know which stars would be my best bet to write to. Unfortunately, most of the stars listed in this book are DEAD! It does me no good to know the signing habits of dead celebs, since I obviously can't write to them. I bought the book in conjunction with the same author's "The Autograph Collector Celebrity Autograph Authentication Guide." While there are some signature examples in this book that aren't in the authentication guide (such as John Candy and Kathy Ireland), finding them is quite a pain because this book lacks an index. The authentication guide has an index, and practically doesn't need it because it's much better laid out than this book. The back cover of this book says that inside "you'll find the actual signatures of the stars reproduced".

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