



Watch Spotting: The Collectors

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- Watch collections of 30 celebrities, from Jay-Z, Ed Sheeran and Tyler the Creator to Serena Williams, Andy Warhol and Lewis Hamilton
- Stunning colour photos of collections, brand collaborations and celebrity-designed models
- Details of each watch reveal the technical artistry behind each timepiece

The intricate mechanics, precision and artistry behind high-end watches have long been appreciated by collectors, but in more recent times watches have become cultural icons. Symbolising luxury, wealth and success, timepieces now play a key role in pop culture with celebrities like Pharrell Williams and Rihanna elevating watches through endorsements, and rappers like Jay-Z and Drake flaunting high-end watches such as Patek Philippe, Audemars Piguet and Rolex in their lyrics and public appearances, turning them into status symbols.

Through the collections of 30 celebrities, chosen by Toronto-based watch writer Rhonda Riche, **Watch Spotting: The Collectors** sets out to illustrate what makes watch collecting so compelling and why timepieces have come to symbolise more than just timekeeping. With its marriage to pop culture, watch collecting has brought timepieces into mainstream consciousness in a fresh and bold way, making these wearable works of art more popular than ever.

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