Keys to Magic's Inner World by John Booth - Buch

This book is a window into the history of magic collecting in the United States. You will learn about the earliest collectors and collections as they evolved and morphed into the present industry.

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It takes you into a glamorous inner world of magic that has developed within the outer realm of performers and illusions. It has its own conventions, dealers, literature, and magazines. It is for the starting collector, young or old, of playing cards, autographs, business cards, photos etc., and those adventuring deeply into apparatus, books, posters, and ephemera.

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How to bequeath, sell, auction, or buy a big or small collection wisely, without regrets. The book also includes many new photographs of collections and collectors that have come into existence or expanded in the last quarter century.

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