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COLLECTING AS SERIOUS LEISURE

In the 1994 novel, *Hunters and Gatherers*, author Geoff Nicholson's protagonist is struggling to write a book about "collectors." However his character's progress is mired in existential questions about the nature of collecting itself (pp. 16–17):

I was genuinely baffled about why people had the urge to collect things. . . . What was collecting, anyway? You took one thing and you took another thing, and you put them next to each other and somehow their proximity was supposed to create a meaning. You put certain artifacts together, drew an artificial boundary around them, and there you were with a collection. So what?

"Why people collect things" is indeed a curious issue, and as such has drawn the attention of psychologists and historians for centuries. Yet, despite its mysteries, it remains one of the most popular ways in which ordinary people spend their leisure time.

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