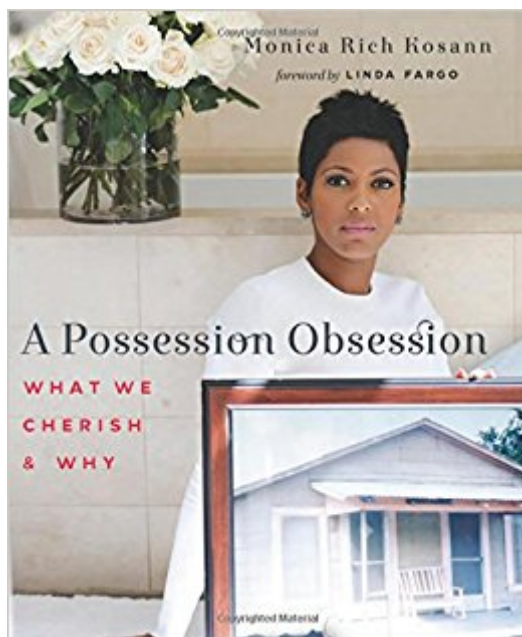


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# A Possession Obsession: What We Cherish And Why



## Synopsis

Curious about the depth of meaning people attach to their most cherished personal possessions, jewelry designer and portrait photographer Monica Rich Kosann set out to chronicle, in words and images, the stories of such deeply esteemed belongings. She sat down with more than 65 intriguing personalities, celebrities, and thought leaders who revealed to her not only the items they most value, but also the reasons why they feel this way. The result is *Possession Obsession*, a stunning photographic collection that features interviews with such varied figures as Usher, Judge Judy, and Isaac Mizrahi, among many others. The wonderful portraits and fascinating stories that emerged shed a gently revealing light on what lies behind the public facades of many of her subjects, but more importantly, on the universal human urge to hold material things dear not for their outward value but for their emotional significance.

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## Customer Reviews

Photographer and jewelry designer Monica Rich Kosann's camera has captured a kaleidoscope of cultural icons from fashion and entertainment, [in] *A Possession Obsession: What We Cherish and Why This* is a table book that could easily be obsessed over. Bearing candid photos of Tamron Hall, Usher Raymond, photographer Johnny Rozsa, and Harlem Ambassador Musa Jackson among others, the photographs are almost poetic. (Eartha Watts-Hicks *Harlem World*) The gorgeous photographic aesthetic evokes transcendence, and the copyâs Q&As with selected personalitiesâ weaves a colorful narrative. (Publishers Weekly) Ultimately, the diversity of these

images and telling interviews produce a different approach to the concept of human identity. (L'Oeil de la Photographie) What's amazing about the possession obsessions captured here, besides being owned by the many different celebrities, ranging from famous designers to writers, is the backstory that answers the "Why?" that made their chosen object so dear. Kosann then goes the extra mile to better capture each heirloom surrounded by some of her subject's other possessions, giving the reader a more intimate gaze into that person's much-faceted personality (Yvette de las Nueces Cause and Yvette, December 15th, 2016)

Monica Rich Kosann is a fine art photographer and founder of an eponymous company that produces jewelry, image cases, frames, and evening bags. Her work has been reviewed in The New York Times, Town&Country, W Jewelry, Departures, Newsweek, InStyle, People, Elle, and LA Confidential. She has appeared on CNBC, Martha Stewart, E! News, and Entertainment Tonight. Celebrities ranging from Paris and Nicky Hilton, to Madonna, to Katie Holmes are all proud owners of Monica Rich Kosann accessories. Her jewelry collection is sold in over 100 fine jewelry stores throughout the United States and internationally. Monica also has her own in-store, Monica Rich Kosann boutique at Bergdorf Goodman in New York City. Monica is a member of the CFDA (Council of Fashion Designers of America) and is the author of *The Fine Art of Family and Living With What You Love*. She resides in New York, New York. Linda Fargo is regarded as "the eyes of Bergdorf Goodman" responsible for spotting trends and shaping the visual identity of the storied and opulent New York department store. Renowned for her discerning taste for fashion trends and creative directorship of the Bergdorf shop windows, Fargo has held her role at Bergdorf since 2006. She was featured in the documentary, "Scatter My Ashes at Bergdorfs," and is the author of *Dreams: Through the Glass*. She resides in New York, New York.

Beautiful pictures. Interesting questions posed to even more interesting persons. Really liked the book.

This was such a unique and interesting book to read. The format is very different, the people were interesting and the photography was terrific. It is a wonderful book to keep on your coffee table.

Monica's style and elegance comes through her lens and through to this aesthetic beauty - the subject matter is shot in Monica's unique and rich style which somehow uncovers both the inner and outer allure and individuality of each subject. This is all delivered in a gorgeous format that delivers

detail, nuance and grace. Beyond the elegant photography, the editorial tone of the book conjures a unique perspective on everyman's personal journey. It drives home the point that things can somehow transcend to become bigger than life and that life has trigger points to deeper meaning within easy reach. The book which is in itself a piece of art, reminds us to slow down and think about simple, beautiful things...

Loving this book! It's so interesting to see such an eclectic group of people photographed with their special possession - from people in fashion, to editors, to actors and musicians - and even Judge Judy! Monica's photography is stunning and I love reading about why each possession is so meaningful. I just got this book and keep it on my coffee table as a conversation starter - love all the stories that come out of it.

Love this book! So beautiful on a coffee table. It's the perfect holiday gift!

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