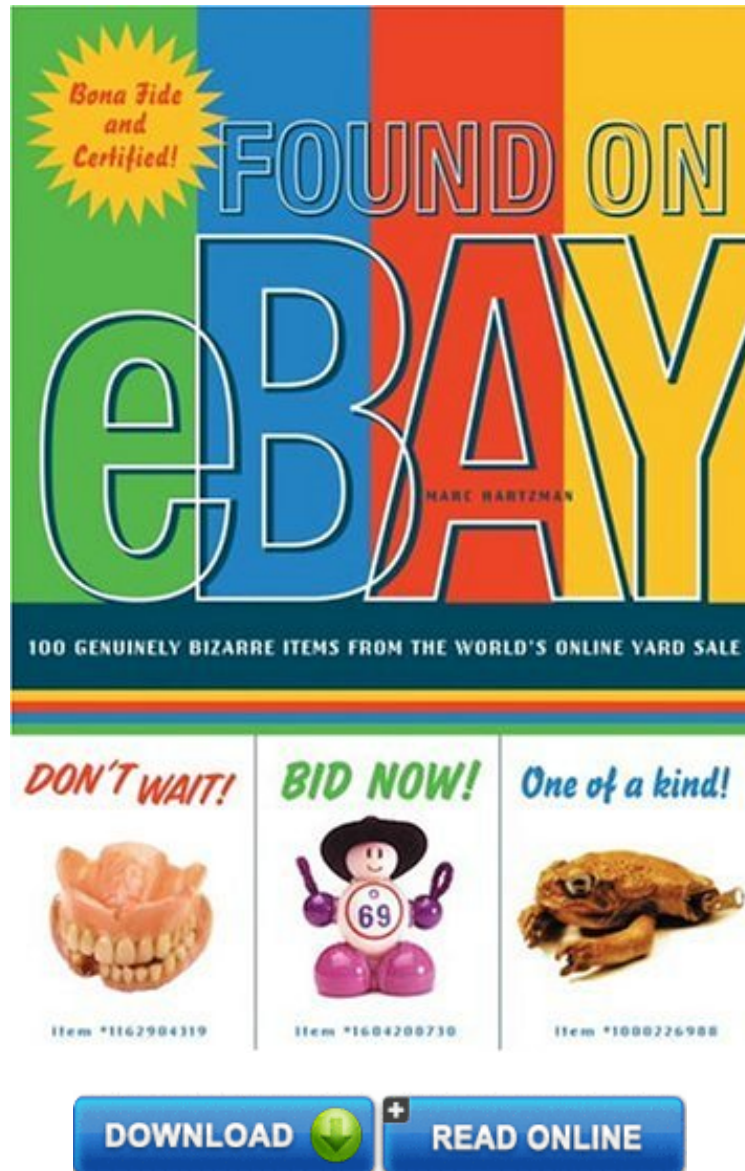


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2 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Fantabulous!!!!By A CustomerJust bought this book, and couldnt believe all the kooky things people try to sell. The best part about the book is that there are actual letters from the author to the seller and from the seller to the author regarding the individual items. Most of these are pretty funny. Especially the last pickle in a jar! Curious? Well, you just might have to buy Found on e-Bay!!!1 of 1 people found the

following review helpful. Do You Need A Goat Toenail Bracelet? By Robert I. Hedges "Found on eBay" by Marc Hartzman is a compilation of a variety of very odd things for sale on the iconic web site. I have used eBay extensively in the past, but I suppose I have never perused its full spectrum of merchandise. Thanks to this slim book you can do so without ever even going online. The items in the book range from merely strange, a "Vintage Tooth Shade Matcher" (no sale,) to the absolutely otherworldly "19th-Century Enema Machine," which in an even scarier turn of events had 25 bids and sold for \$134.50. Other items ranged from kind of creepy ("Antique Doll Graveyard,") to extremely disturbing ("Human Femur Bone" and "Mummified Possum," which sold for \$103.50 after 14 bids were placed.) There is even a set of pictures of someone's colonoscopy under the headline "My Colon." This made me shudder. I was astonished at some of the final prices for things like the "Old Stuffed Toad Playing a Piano" which netted 14 bids and \$47.00, not to mention a "1970s Liquid Paper Wetnap" which netted an astounding \$9.95. Other features that were especially peculiar were a "Fish Carved From Fungus," "One Used Size-9 Work Boot," and a "Hornet's Nest," which received five bids and sold for \$2.25 even though the ad clearly stated "Hornets Not Included!" This is an amusing diversion, and while it probably took minimal effort to write, I can't imagine how many tedious hours of exploring eBay it took to find such items as the "1963 J. F. Kennedy Garden Gnome," which was originally issued as part of a set of garden gnomes also containing other 1960s world leaders Khrushchev, Adenauer, and de Gaulle. Hartzman makes some commentaries and asks some modestly humorous questions about these items, but the listings themselves are the clear stars of the show. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Stuff you never knew existed!!! By gac1003 Have you been searching forever for necktie made from duct tape? How about a 1963 J.F. Kennedy Garden Gnome? Author Marc Hartzman discovered these and 99 other items -- all actual listings found on eBay -- and compiled them into this humorous short book. Some interesting, some disgusting, but all totally bizarre. The book includes a picture, item description from the auction, starting price, and the sale value (if the item sold). For a few items, Hartzman emailed a question or two and included the responses. And, almost anything you can imagine is listed here. One of my favorites is the last listing, for "Nothing! Absolutely Nothing!" which someone bought for \$1.03. They say that truth is stranger than fiction, and this book does a fine job showing that and how much eBay is becoming part of the American culture. This is a must for anyone who has bought or sold on eBay or who simply has a hankering for the bizarre and unusual. A funny little gem of a book.

Have you ever gone to a yard sale and marvelled at the dubious treasures on display? Imagine seeing a homemade deer-poop paperweight for ten dollars, a lonely left boot, a belt with a glass eye embedded in its buckle. It would never be possible to find such fantastic oddities all in one thrift shop or garage. But, all these objects do exist and have been sold on eBay. Now these items and many, many more like them are collected for your viewing pleasure in this hilarious "museum" of priceless eBay artifacts. With thirty million registered users, eBay is one dotcom that has thrived, becoming the most popular shopping website on the net. The suspense of bidding online inspires fanatic obsession, and all kinds of people from grandmothers to teenagers come to eBay to buy and sell just about everything. If you're searching for a rare deal on a hard-to-find gift, eBay is the place. But, when it comes to the unusual, buyers can easily get more than they bargained for. The author has collected one hundred of these gimcracks and photographed them as if they were jewels. Here are a trucker's prayer plaque in its shining newness, a real frog coin purse that looks like it's about to hop off the page, and a strand of Abraham Lincoln's hair shot as a historical gem. Accompanying each image are the seller's original sales pitch and goofy email correspondence about the objects' possible but improbable uses. This pocket-size catalog of curiosities makes for a delightful novelty gift for the eBayer in anyone's family.

"Found on eBay" (Universe), is an encyclopedia of weird knickknacks sold on the Internet...alongside color photographs and wacky e-mails. -- Los Angeles Times, July, 25, 2002 About the Author Marc Hartzman knows the secrets of salesmanship. By day he works as an advertising copywriter in New York City. By night he is an eBay junkie who has amassed enough odd tchotchkes to fill a museum. He is also the founder and editor of the monthly humor zine Backwash.