

No Thanks Mom: Top Ten Objects Your Kids Do NOT Want (and what to do with them) by Elizabeth Stewart, Ph.D., The Savvy Appraiser

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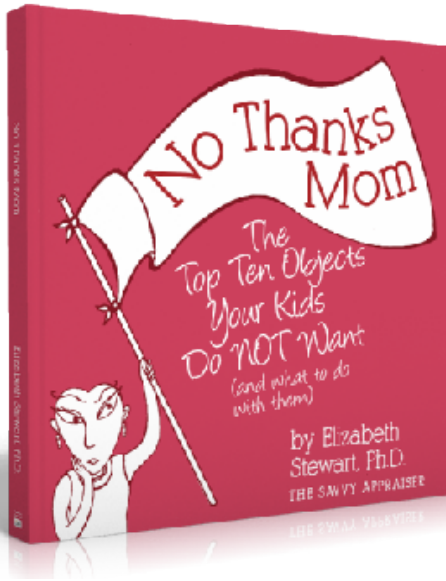


Elizabeth is a 30-year “stuff” veteran, a certified member of the Appraisers Association of America. She analyzes art and antiques for estate planning to ascertain value, and is one of few appraisers nationally qualified in donation appraisals for charity for IRS deduction purposes.

She advises on the best places to sell “stuff,” and why certain things are worth keeping.

Her favorite career challenges have included the late Jonathan Winters estate of 160,000 objects, a dot-com executive’s university donation of 20 truckloads of virtual reality, and a 50-year historical research archive of a Guggenheim fellow donated to UCSB.

Elizabeth holds a BA magna cum laude from Tufts University, a Master’s in Historic Preservation from USD, and a Doctorate from Pacifica in Mythological Studies with an Emphasis on Material Culture; her dissertation title, *The Material Image: Why Collectors Collect* is a scholarly approach to consumers, collectors, connoisseurs and hoarders. A journalist of “stuff” as well, “Ask the Appraiser” appears weekly in the Santa Barbara News Press under the pseudonym “The Golddigger”; she hosts a weekly radio show covering the arts on KZSB. Her first book, *Collect Value Divest: The Savvy Appraiser*, relates tales of the various categories of objects that people both collect and want to sell.



A concise guide for parents of Millennials, *No Thanks Mom* offers safe advice on what to do with those objects that were lovingly saved, but are not welcomed by the next generation. Learn how to downsize your home without upsizing your children’s home, and without causing strife in your relationships. This is a hot topic that crosses three generations with stories in the *New York Times* and magazines.

The Baby Boomer generation was promised the American Dream, which for many was manifested in objects. Their children and grandchildren, the Millennials, do not have the same America Dream. They have different values about material objects, and that generally means they don’t want their parents or grandparents’ stuff. A quick glance at the generational charts in the back of this book highlights many of these societal changes.

Prompted by a personal experience of discovering her own treasures in a Goodwill store, Dr. Stewart’s fun-to-read guide will have you alternating between laughter and tears as she sets forth plans for what to do with your treasures once your kids have said “No thanks.”

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Certified appraiser Stewart (*Collect Value Divest*, 2016, etc.) doles out advice for baby boomers whose adult children reject their family heirlooms...A wake-up call that may inspire retirees to spend their kids’ inheritances. — *Kirkus Reviews*

A concise guide for parents of millennials, Elizabeth Stewart offers sage advice on what to do with those objects ‘saved’ but not welcomed by the next generation... Exceptionally informative, well written, and thoroughly ‘reader friendly’ in organization and presentation. — *Midwest Book Review*

Collect Value Divest: The Savvy Appraiser

Foreword Reviews - a 5 star review and finalist for Book of the Year, Foreword INDIES Award

Highly entertaining and instructive; destined to become a collector’s best friend... A debut guide provides advice for both serious and casual collectors. — *Kirkus Reviews*