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**THE EXPERT SAYS:** Meghan Cleary, shoe guru and author of *The Perfect Fit: What Your Shoes Say About You* (Chronicle Books), weighs in: "A man who has a lot of shoes cares about his appearance and what he's putting out into the world. I think it's a great trait. Of course, if he is totally obsessed then that's a different story, but I think having a lot of shoes just says he cares about being current and is engaged with the world. Men's fashion has really erupted and evolved in the last few years, and there are so many great looks to choose from. If you're a man and you like shoes, it's a great time to be buying them! Also there are many, many men who collect sneakers specifically and end up making a lot of money selling and trading them on eBay and at sneaker conventions. It's a pretty accepted hobby at this point! Bobbito Garcia, the sneaker guru, even has his own show on ESPN called *It's the Shoes!*"

**THE FORTUNE COOKIE LESSON TO BE LEARNED:**

"I did not have three thousand pairs of shoes. I had one thousand and sixty." — Imelda Marcos

**THE ZINK PRESCRIPTION:** The next time someone asks condescendingly about your vast shoe collection simply reply, "Other men collect cars, tech toys and books — I collect shoes! They are functional, serve a purpose, are fun and look good! What's the big deal?"

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