

3 rules of "booking", feel free to add...  
carsonbooks (1538 )(view author's auctions)  
11/26/03 12:03 AM

The "best" book will be at the bottom of the box...so keep digging!

Pack in small boxes, and lift with your knees (not with your back!)

The book that "looks like nothing" probably is... but for a buck, why not take a chance...

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quartzierose (88 )(view author's auctions)  
11/26/03 12:10 AM (# 1 of 28)

Only book if there's a monster after you and keep bookin'...don't look back...

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fine.books (743 )(view author's auctions)  
11/26/03 12:14 AM (# 2 of 28)

If you aim low, you'll get what you aimed at.

The only substitute for good research is poor prices.

Unplug the TV; read a bibliography or another dealer's catalogue instead.

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bookspid (0 )(view author's auctions)  
11/26/03 12:22 AM (# 3 of 28)

What are you people doing up at 3 o'clock (for Joe) in the morning? All this chatter woke me up.

Don't do listings at 3:00 AM - the next day you'll wonder what you were thinking!

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fine.books (743 )(view author's auctions)  
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I usually wonder that no matter when it was written, hence the m0nKey!

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bookspid (0 )(view author's auctions)  
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Don't post to the booksellers' board at 3:00 AM or everyone will wonder what you were thinking!

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ubikuitous (0)(view author's auctions)

11/26/03 12:31 AM (# 6 of 28)

books\*id: get to bed! Judging from the number of auctions you currently have running (and the quality of them!) I suspect in the very near future you'll need your energy for packing and shipping...

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quartzierose (88)(view author's auctions)

11/26/03 12:34 AM (# 7 of 28)

I fell asleep early and woke after 9 PM EDT. I stayed up a while and went back to bed a few hours ago.

But, as is my routine, I jot down notes or doddles before light out. Its final's project time in my art classes, instead of one time for a test we have two or three weeks to work on the final project/test. I'm still jotting and doddling. I came in here for a break.

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carsonbooks (1538)(view author's auctions)

11/26/03 12:40 AM (# 8 of 28)

Hey you "late nighter's" and "early riser's" lets get back on track: anymore "booking" rules?...

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caro\*mormorio (0)(view author's auctions)

11/26/03 12:54 AM (# 9 of 28)

Refrain from posting bookrules if you are not a bookseller or a bookreader.

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boringturkey (0)(view author's auctions)

11/26/03 1:11 AM (# 10 of 28)

Paperbacks generally require less kindling, and will burn brighter, but for a shorter duration, than hardbacks. Heat outputs tests were inconclusive, as our manual testing equipment failed immediately after blistering with both formats.

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adderbolt (1682)(view author's auctions)

11/26/03 1:34 AM (# 11 of 28)

Study and Learn  
The most common  
Injuries suffered  
By Book Sellers  
And Arrange Your

Life  
Schedule  
Layout  
To avoid them ...

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quartzierose (88 )(view author's auctions)  
11/26/03 5:08 AM (# 12 of 28)

Things I've learned from the Bookseller Board...

Know enough to know I don't know

Keep auctions neat and simple, easy to load

Take sturdy bags to the FOL sales

Don't advertise to people I sell books on eBay when shopping for books

Don't buy musty smelling, whitish stained boards or Reader's Digest books

Learn what dreck is and how to eliminate it from my shelves

Keep a list of books to watch out for

Print out interesting threads

Take time to read the FAQ's and Workshops on the right more than once to keep things fresh and to help me learn

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cornercube (0 )(view author's auctions)  
11/26/03 6:01 AM (# 13 of 28)

Different strokes for different folks.

Don't carry a handgun to a booksale--an apple in a sock is much quieter, and doubles as an emergency snack.

If you're wearing safety shoes with metatarsal guards and carry your cell phone in your favorite belt holster that doesn't fit the K-frame Smith after the laser sight was added, your personal space may be fractionally larger.

He who does not have cash for the unexpected opportunity regrets it always.

When disputing possession of a book, never let go of it.

Check the high shelves first.

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chihuahuarat (0)(view author's auctions)

11/26/03 6:40 AM (# 14 of 28)

What I learned on the Ebay Bookseller Board:

Tell everyone on the Ebay Bookseller board everything you know about selling books and don't fret about letting out any trade secrets. The real booksellers already know them, and the other 99% are too busy pretending to be booksellers to listen to any intelligent advice.

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emmacatfur (0)(view author's auctions)

11/26/03 11:05 AM (# 15 of 28)

My 3 rules--

Remove cat from book room. Remove visible cat hair from item to be shipped (don't worry, you'll never get all of it). Promptly ship in sturdy container. (Once upon a time, I had a male cat who became oddly 'excited' by the sound of unrolling strapping tape, but that's not a "G" rated tale....)

Work on developing a photographic memory to retain the superb information posted on this board and elsewhere.

Know when it is time to turn off the computer, close the book room door and return to regular programming. I've found in recent years that eBay can suck all the hours from a day and, imo, that's not necessarily a good thing. Except when an auction's about to close, or has just opened, or...

emmacatfur

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satnrose (4065)(view author's auctions)

11/26/03 11:29 AM (# 16 of 28)

If you have to think twice, buy it.

When shooting ducks in a barrel, shoot them all.

Your profit is in your leftovers.

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bookdelle33 (89)(view author's auctions)

11/26/03 6:39 PM (# 17 of 28)

Do not wear slippers when carrying boxes of books down the stairs to the basement.  
Keep in motion. Check your sources for books often.

And one I learned from satnrose Something can be anywhere.

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quartzierose (88 )(view author's auctions)  
11/26/03 7:51 PM (# 18 of 28)

And that one something may be the book being discussed on this board you can't find at that moment.

Keep your books organized.

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ubikuitous (0 )(view author's auctions)  
11/27/03 12:30 AM (# 19 of 28)

cornercube: lol...

the "apple in a sock" method may have some merit.

I like the ploy that was mentioned on a (now long gone) thread: don't wash for weeks before a sale, eat plenty of raw garlic and use odd body ticks, whilst muttering out loud: I told them I didn't do it...I'm not insane, Mommy! get these crazy people away from me... etc.

If this doesn't work you still have the back up of the "apple in a sock"

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midlevelbureaucrat (0 )(view author's auctions)  
11/27/03 6:08 AM (# 20 of 28)

Don't look at the piles of great old books in the arms of the the person who beat you to the book sale. It only makes you regret stopping for that triple latte on the drive over.

At the charity rummage sale, follow the old guy in sweat pants and dirty glasses who hasn't brushed his hair yet...like a good hound dog, he can smell the old book table before the door opens.

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inerghee (1 )(view author's auctions)  
11/27/03 7:25 AM (# 21 of 28)

I've learned the opposite of chihuahuarat of what said.

We DO learn on these boards and become very good at it. The same information may very well be available somewhere else on the internet, but when you make it easily available for us new people, you can be assured we will use it.

Thanks everyone!

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putzi (2103 )(view author's auctions)  
11/27/03 8:19 AM (# 22 of 28)

I am not a dreamer

I am a doer

I am not afraid of making mistakes or making a fool out of myself

I don't wait for this big valuable folio landing on my lap. I work with what I am marginally knowledgeable at something which speaks to me. I know my place .

All them people You dream that ONE day they will be doing big things, well remember time has wings .

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ubikuitous (0)(view author's auctions)

11/29/03 12:41 AM (# 23 of 28)

A): Show up before "sale time" pretending to be a "volunteer"...

scope out the books... if "dreck", pass on this one, and move on to the next...

If "good stuff": bury the rarest and return early to be the first in line...

B): Always arrive early and make use of the facilities...

C): If a church, join "said church", as they usually have "previews" for members...

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madorman (3117)(view author's auctions)

11/29/03 2:17 PM (# 24 of 28)

Learn all you can and share it.

Always ask if the tag sale person has any more books.

Unload dreck at your earliest opportunity since bad stuff will drive out good stuff or at least consume all available space

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houseofur (344)(view author's auctions)

11/29/03 5:23 PM (# 25 of 28)

Don't put valuable 100 yr old first edition books in a cardboard box in your damp and rodent infested storage shed.

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paperbackexchange (1695)(view author's auctions)

11/29/03 5:47 PM (# 26 of 28)

Never turn your nose up at romance authors

Know your books, Know your limits, Know your market( okay this one counts as 3...so sue me)

Always, always, always ship with DC#

Dawn

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carsonbooks (1538 )(view author's auctions)

11/29/03 11:13 PM (# 27 of 28)

Thanks for all the useful (and entertaining!) posts. I know I've learnt from a few of the tips...

A few more:

Call all local churches, libraries, and non-profit groups and inquire about any upcoming booksales(or "general" rummage sales). Make note on calendar. I can assure you that at least a few will be subsequently poorly advertised, at these ones, you'll have little competition from other scouts or bookdealers. (but watch out for those "little old ladies" with the umbrellas...ouch!

If two of more sales are advertised as opening on the same day, go to the later one.

Make friends with a local used bookstore that is not currently selling on eBay, and offer to list their books on consignment. (Do your research ahead of time, so you'll already know which books are worthwhile).

Ubik: re post #23

Knowing you as well as I do, I don't believe you actually resort to using "rules" A or C. (B I can relate to...)

I suspect that you are really just using "tongue in cheek" in reference to a local book dealer we've both crossed paths with...

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dreambooks (654 )(view author's auctions)

11/29/03 11:22 PM (# 28 of 28)

1. Go out - You will find lots of great books!
2. Do research - Your books are rare!
3. Keep listing - Your books will sell!