

## Your favorite books about books...Fiction and Non-Fiction

[newell4 \(218\)](#) ([view author's auctions](#))

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Hey Everyone,

I thought this might be an interesting thread. For research sake, and also for pure enjoyment...

Non-Fiction:

A Gentle Madness by Basbanes (Still working on it)

Used and Rare by Goldstone

The Professor and the Madman by Winchester (Just started it)

Reference:

Pocket Guide to the Identification of First Editions by McBride

ABC for Book Collectors by Carter

20th Century 1st Ed. Fiction by Lee

Collected Books by Ahern (Although my books never seem to be in it :-)

Fiction:

Booked to Die and Bookman's Wake by Dunning

Ahern's Collected Books (I'm *convinced* it's fiction, again, because I've never had a book that was listed in it)

I'm looking for more good reading in this section!

Newell

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Totally off-hand, Alberto Manguel's *A History of Reading* and Anthony Burgess's *But Do Blondes Prefer Gentlemen?*.

[satnrose \(4059\)](#) ([view author's auctions](#))

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PRINTING AND THE MIND OF MAN by John Carter & Percy Muir

[flotsam-jetsam \(65\)](#) ([view author's auctions](#))

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Title: Murder at the ABA

Author(s): Isaac Asimov

ISBN: 555702526X

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Eh, fiction, i think)

[bionicear \(1156\)](#) ([view author's auctions](#))

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Non-Fiction

1) Used and Rare - Goldstone

2) Slightly Chipped - Goldstone

## Reference

- 1) First Edition Fiction Price Guide - Lee
- 2) Book Collecting 2000 - Ahearn
- 3) First Editions: A Guide to Identification - Zempel

## Fiction

- 1) Booked to Die - Dunning
- 2) The Bookman's Wake - Dunning

[bookbaron-eshop \(1125\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

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I always recommend to both bookscouts and booksellers.

Everett's-Adventures of a Treasure Hunter. Well worth reading.

[kitla \(361\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

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Newell: Your comment about the Ahern is so dead on. I got it for Christmas this year. It's such a lovely book of daydreams but I've yet to see any of those books waiting patiently for me at a library sale.

[libreria \(1086\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

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The *Bankrupt Bookseller* books. Adventures of a fictional bookseller (but all with the ring of absolute truth.)

Published anonymously in England. The author was not bankrupt, nor was he a bookseller ... but no matter. Still very entertaining.

[huasong \(452\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

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"Slightly Foxed but Still Desirable: Ronald Searle's Wicked World Book of Collecting" by Ronald Searle . A collection of cartoons or illustrations. I saw this book but I didnt buy it because the price is not in my buying range. I didnt read this book so no comment on this book.

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**libreria**, thank you so much for mentioning *The Bankrupt Bookseller* books — they are wonderful and I loved them.

I also wanted to add one more book to the non-fiction titles I posted last night and that's Adrian Johns's *The Nature of the Book*.

[dad\\_of\\_monster \(0\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

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Several of Lawrence Block's *Burglar* series feature Bernie Rhodenbarr, the proprietor of a failing bookstore who moonlights as a burglar. They're great fun.

[pjburt \(1463\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

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Wonderful information - thanks so much to all of you!!  
Isn't it amazing how much I don't know....about EVERYTHING??

[ehbuchan \(415\)](#) ([view author's auctions](#))

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"The Truth" by Terry Pratchett —which is really about newspapers

and a quote:

"There is a rule now, that no British train may leave the station until there's someone on board reading Terry Pratchett."

Susanna Clarke

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**ehbuchan**, I just e-mailed a good friend, who happens to be a huge Pratchett fan, your Susanna Clark quote. She asked me to pass on her thanks.

For fans of paperbacks, paperback originals, and paperback publishing, I'd like to add another non-fiction book about books to this growing list - by Kenneth C. Davis, *Two-Bit Culture: The Paperbacking of America*.

[hollowayd \(1080\)](#) ([view author's auctions](#))

02/04/03 7:14 AM (# 14 of 78)

FICTION:

CLUB DUMAS by Perez Reverte

NONFICTION

Ahearn's COLLECTED BOOKS. (Over the last month I found one that they list for \$500 that I paid \$20 for and I just bought a set of books for \$150 that they list for \$2,000— I think that should pay for the book?) True, I don't find things on EVERY scouting trip that are listed in Ahearn, but I do find related material and I do find books that are listed in Ahearn fairly regularly— usually not for \$1— but sometimes!

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There's a great little book about the Fortsas hoax in the mid-19th century.

Count Fortsas of Belgium was said to be so discriminating as a collector that he would own only books that were the lone copy known in the world. If another copy surfaced, he would buy it and destroy it. If it could not be purchased, he would destroy his own copy.

An auction catalog of his small but *unique* library was prepared, and the great booksellers and collectors of Europe descended on Belgium in 1840 ... Of course, there was no Count, there were no books, and no auction was held.

[flotsam-jetsam \(65\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)  
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nonfiction study of book history and book storage

“The Book on the Bookshelf”

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BTW agree with OP

“Professor and the Madman” was exceptional

creation of OED and the most prolific single contributor to it, an asylum inmate

——f-j——

[b\\_o\\_o\\_k \(157\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)  
02/04/03 11:14 AM (# 18 of 78)  
Carter- Printing and the Mind of Man. [good call Satnrose]

Everett- Adventures of a Treasure Hunter. A booksellers memoir and his experiences looking for rare Americana in the early and mid 20th century.

“Professor and the Madman” is on my reading list, but I haven't got to yet...too many books on that list :)

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02/04/03 5:34 PM (# 19 of 78)  
Alright! This is just what I was hoping for with this thread...A lot of great books to add to my reading list!

Thanks everyone,  
Newell

[nora.cbks \(578\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)  
02/05/03 4:48 AM (# 20 of 78)  
Another non-fiction book about books:

PUBLISHERS ON PUBLISHING. Selected and Introduced with Commentary and an Introduction by Gerald Gross. Foreword by Frank Swinnerton. Published in hardcover by Secker & Warburg (London) 1962, I think the book's true first appearance was in trade pb by Grosset's Universal Library in 1961. British and American contributors include Bennett Cerf, Stanley Unwin, Charles Scribner, George Doran, Michael Joseph, Knopf, Putnam, Schuster, Friede, Dunlap, Geoffrey Faber, Michael Sadleir, Doubleday, Crowell, Daniel Macmillan, etc. and is an invaluable source of information about book publishers and the history of the publishing industry on “both sides of the pond”.

[mmishaps@aol.com \(1291\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

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I agree with the fiction that Dunning's two BOOK novels are among my favorites. I also like Carolyn Hart's Death on Demand series, about a mystery-solving mystery book store owner. They combine three of my favorite things: mysteries, books, and cats!

[dejavubooks \(1659\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

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Reference:

The Reader's Encyclopedia, 4 Vol. William Rose Benet. This older 1948 edition contains many entries left out of the newer editions.

Children and Books, 4th Edition, Arbuthnot and Sutherland. This is currently in its 9th edition, however the 4th is the last one edited by Arbuthnot and unless you are selling current children's authors/illustrators, is the best.

[barbam18 \(81\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

02/08/03 1:07 PM (# 23 of 78)

Non-Fiction about book buying and owning:

Ex libris : confessions of a common reader, by Anne Fadiman

84, Charing Cross Road, by Helene Hanff

Barbara

[retired\\_reader \(337\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

02/08/03 9:41 PM (# 24 of 78)

I've been listening to Larry McMurtry's "Walter Benjamin at the Dairy Queen." He relates some of his experiences as a book collector and book scout; also talks about his love for reading and collecting and how things are changing. An interesting book.

[boodust \(0\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

02/08/03 10:31 PM (# 25 of 78)

I am in John Tebbel's massive 3 volume set, *A History of Book Publishing in the United States* every day.

Vol. I : "The Creation of an Industry , 1630 ~ 1865"

Vol. II : "The Expansion of an Industry, 1865 ~ 1919"

Vol. III : "The Golden Age Between Two Wars 1920 ~ 1940"

Nothing can touch it.

Eric Burdett's *The Craft of Bookbinding* is excellent.

McKennow's *Introduction to Bibliography* is definitive.

*A Miscellany for Bibliophiles* edited by H. George Fletcher is most entertaining.

The various volumes by Kunitz, Haycraft & Colby (Biographical Dictionaries) are invaluable.

2 vol. set entitled *Yesterday's Faces, A Study of Series Characters in the Early Pulp Magazines* by Robert Sampson ...fun.

I prefer the 82-83 edition of Van Allen Bradley's *Handbook of Values* over the Ahearn editions...their , admittedly quite passible, useful and compendious work, is kind of like an apprentice's tracing over the basic work that the master (Van Allen Bradley) laid out. It is true that prices have changed...but I think the basic bibliographical info is more important...know why a book is valuable and its rarity and its market and then worry about your price.

If you can find Bradley's old *Gold in Your Attic* and *More gold in Your Attic* there is a wealth of information

John Dizer's *Tom Swift and Company* , "Boys' Books" by *Stratemeyer and Others* was written by possibly the most knowledgeable man in regards children's series.

*America and Her Almanacs; Wit , Wisdom & Weather, 1639-1979* by Robb Sagendorph is enjoyable...admittedly not a reference book, but enjoyable.

[boodust \(0\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

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Oh yes...how could I forget?! Absolutely indispensable for the vintage paperback collector :

*Paperbacks, U.S.A. : A Graphic History , 1939 ~ 1959* . Written by Piet Screuder, this book is a true delight, delicious and informative from cover to cover!

(Published by Blue Dolphin out of San Diego in 1981.)

[bookhall \(957\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

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How soon we forget.... When I started bookselling, some 30 years ago, the titles of A. Edward Newton were quite popular and easily salable. *Amenities of Book Collecting; Greatest Book in the World; A Magnificent Farce; This Book-Collecting Game; End Papers*—these were the high-spots. Newton had a delightful and chatty manner, and the books were quite popular when originally published—from the late teens through the thirties.

Wolf and Fleming's *ROSENBACH*. A superb read and a great biography.

And I, too, venerate Everett's *Adventures of a Treasure Hunter*. There's more nuggets of wisdom in there about bookselling than you'll find anywhere else.

[boodust \(0\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

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Aye, bookhall...and they are still a right good read!

[bionicear \(1156\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

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I'm in the middle of reading a great book about bookselling called, "Yankee Bookseller" by Charles Goodspeed. Mr. Goodspeed ran a used book store from the late 19th century until the 1930s in Boston. You have to marvel at some of the bargains that were available back then. He mentions buying a book with Josiah Quincy's bookplate that was originally from Benjamin Franklin's library with marginal notations by Franklin. It cost him less than \$100. Of course that was worth a lot more back then. It's a hard-to-find title (I think) but if you see one, grab it.

Great book

[bookhall \(957\)](#) ([view author's auctions](#))

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And let's not forget William Targ, who edited *Bibliophile in the Nursery*, *Carrousel for Bibliophiles* and *Bouillabaisse for Bibliophiles*. Likewise, works by Lawrence Wroth and Vincent Starrett.

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BTW, I have to add Jasper Fforde's books to this list. I've read *The Eyre Affair* and *Lost in a Good Book* and enjoyed them tremendously!

[cornercube \(0\)](#) ([view author's auctions](#))

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Michael Avallone,  
The Man From Avon  
Avon #G1307, 1967

[garjaybooks \(5732\)](#) ([view author's auctions](#))

08/24/03 1:41 AM (# 36 of 78)

The Mormon Murders - a wealth of information about forgeries of LDS documents.

Dunning's books. (When is he going to start writing more "Bookman" books again?)

84 Charing Cross Road. - I reread it every now and then just to remind myself what kind of bookseller I wanted to be when I started out.....

Back in pre-internet days, I used to love those monthly catalog flyers from some of the book dealers with a couple of pages of tales of bookselling in their early years..Wish I'd saved them. Always great reading...

[swoose \(3503\)](#) ([view author's auctions](#))

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*Bimbos of the Death Sun* and *Zombies of the Gene Pool* by Sharon McCrumb - about science fiction writers.

[satnrose \(4059\)](#) ([view author's auctions](#))

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BOOKS AND BIDDERS by A.S.W. Rosenbach

[601r \(142\)](#) ([view author's auctions](#))

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The Oxford Univ.Press and the Spread of Learning, by Nicolas Barker. The History of Printing in America, by Isaiah Thomas. Books and Bidders by A.S.W.Rosenbach

[mhbks \(1330\)](#) ([view author's auctions](#))

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Fiction: 84 Charing Cross Road and Parnassus on Wheels.

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CADILLAC JACK by Larry McMurtry

Although ostensibly about an antiques dealer, it mirrors Larry's thoughts on his bookselling career.

*"Anything can be anywhere."*

[boodust \(0\)](#) ([view author's auctions](#))

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"McKennow" above should be "McKerrow".

Rick Russell's new value guide is as entertaining as it is useful.

Altick's *The English Common Reader*

Delightful and informative: *Old ~Time Schools and School~books* by Clifton Johnson. (There is a Dover reprint of the old MacMillan edition.

Richardson's *A History of Early American Magazines*

Any copy of The Colophon or The Bookman

*American Book Prices Current* the index volumes are full of great information. I especially like the 1945 edition which has good information about old sets.

About the McKennow/McKerrow... The first volume I ever ran across by McKerrow was his *Introduction to Bibliography*. It was a well used book which had been expertly rebound in cloth with a leather title label on the spine... The author's name McKennow boldly tooled in gold. There is no title page. The volume starts with the preface. It was not until I ran across other books by the same learned man that I realised the binder's error. I still think of McKerrow as McKennow. The book still sits on my shelf next to my chair here by the computer.

[magpiebook \(242\)](#) ([view author's auctions](#))

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Anyone ever hear of "OLD BOOKS, RARE FRIENDS?" by Leona Rostenberg & Madeleine Stern. It was recommended a few years ago by "FIRSTS".

Just curious.

[popper1729 \(502\)](#) ([view author's auctions](#))

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I agree - all of the books by the Goldstones, John Dunning and Lawrence Block - but no one has mentioned Madeline Stern and Leona Rostenberg - "Old Books, Rare Friends", "New Books in Old Worlds", "Bookends" (a dual autobiography) and "Between Boards". Madeline Stern is also the one who realized that Louisa May Alcott had written many stories using a pseudonym.

[popper1729 \(502\)](#) ([view author's auctions](#))

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Oops - sorry **magpiebook** -I didn't see yours the first time I looked!

[kookidz \(415\)](#) ([view author's auctions](#))

08/24/03 5:20 PM (# 46 of 78)

Love this thread! Keep 'em coming!

[ellysan \(1272\)](#) ([view author's auctions](#))

08/24/03 7:28 PM (# 47 of 78)

Lawrence Block's "The Burglar In The Rye" is one of the wickedest satire's about the book world. Not to get off track, but Gash's Lovejoy turns the "Antiques" world upside down. And, of course, my personal non-fiction favorite is Rick Russell's "Antique Trader Book Collector's Price Guide".

[barbam18 \(81\)](#) ([view author's auctions](#))

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mhbks —

84, *Charing Cross Road*, by Helene Hanff, is not fiction (which makes it that much better, in my opinion).

Barbara

[zuni4 \(1566\)](#) ([view author's auctions](#))

08/25/03 1:53 PM (# 49 of 78)

Non-fiction just purchased on half.com *Patience & Fortitude* by Nicholas A. Basbanes

"A roving chronicle of Book people, Book places, and Book culture"

[meow-minx \(177\)](#) ([view author's auctions](#))

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>>Anyone ever hear of "OLD BOOKS, RARE FRIENDS?" by Leona Rostenberg & Madeleine Stern. It was recommended a few years ago by "FIRSTS".<<

I read it and liked it.

Count me as another fan of 84, *Charing Cross Road*, which I reread regularly. Found it at a garage sale recently and read it again. I love all of Hanff's work. (And right, it is NONfiction.)

And here's another vote for *Adventures of a Treasure Hunter*.

Now off to look up some of those other books.

[roseblue1 \(412\)](#) ([view author's auctions](#))

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The one I'm reading now :-). Amazing how many of these I've already read.

Collins, Paul. "Sixpence House; Lost in a Town of Books." Bloomsbury Publishing, New York and London. c2003. 246 pgs. Map endpapers.

From the dustjacket. "Paul Collins and his family abandoned the hills of San Francisco to move to the Welsh countryside - to move, in fact, to the little cobblestone village of Hay - on - Wye, the "Town of Books," boasting 1,500 inhabitants ... and forty bookstores. Antiquarian bookstores, no less."

I also read Richard Booth's book "Kingdom of Books" which is the autobiography of getting the whole thing rolling in the 1960's. As I read these books I keep thinking, "Maybe our little town..."

[mhbks \(1330\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

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Barbarn: I do know that 84 Charing Cross Road is letters, not fiction, I should have used the term, non reference. It reads like fiction but is not.

[streamsong \(1133\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

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Another good read, although much-too short: *Memoirs of a Book Snake—Forty Years of Seeking and Saving Old Books* by David Meyer.

Must admit, I love the title on this one. Not a worm, not a scout, a snake. Yup, that's what I wanta be when I grow up.

[kookidz \(415\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

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*The Bookman's Promise: A Cliff Janeway Novel* coming out in March 2004

[rbr \(5462\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

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David A. Randall ; Dukedom Large Enough - Reminiscences of a Rare Book Dealer 1929-1956 . Worthwhile but a bit stuffy. Everett's Adventures of a Treasure Hunter is a must.

[castlebooksbiz \(526\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

10/12/03 11:02 PM (# 58 of 78)

I love this thread...

“to the little cobblestone village of Hay - on - Wye, the “Town of Books,” boasting 1,500 inhabitants ... and forty bookstores. Antiquarian bookstores, no less.”

Bibliophile heaven.

Well, if Larry McMurtry has his way, there might just be one in Texas before long...has anyone been to his “book ranch” in Archer, Texas?

<http://www.bookmagazine.com/archive/issue11/shopwatch.shtml>

(guess you'll have to cut and paste that)

[castlebooksbiz \(526\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

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I didn't expect that to create a link...just click and GO!

[pinkprose \(189\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

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THE CLUB DUMAS Arturo Perez Reverte, stumbled on it and sold it on ebay.

[\\*pif \(0\)\(view author's auctions\)](#)

10/13/03 5:10 AM (# 61 of 78)

HOW did I miss this thread, not once, but twice it appears? Thanks to all for adding 10 books to my shopping list.

[chain\\_man \(476\)\(view author's auctions\)](#)

10/20/03 8:00 PM (# 64 of 78)

I have to agree with mmishaps about Carolyn Hart's Death on Demand series. The bookseller, Annie, mentions many great mystery books in each story. I would have missed a lot of the less mainstream authors if I hadn't started taking notes while reading the books!

[kookidz \(415\)\(view author's auctions\)](#)

11/01/03 6:34 AM (# 66 of 78)

I have to thank you all for many happy hours of reading. (In many ways I found the stories secondary to what I was learning about the book trade.) I'm still adding books to my list from here.

[\\*pif \(0\)\(view author's auctions\)](#)

11/10/03 5:24 AM (# 67 of 78)

I've now purchased and read so many books from this list that my husband said in a most exasperated voice, "Just how many books can you possibly want to read on one subject??"

Lots more.

What I find most interesting is provenance~ following a book's travels through different owners over the years, who acquired the book, why they wanted it, how they acquired it, why they sold it, etc. Don't you think that would make for a good historical novel? Are there any books out there that are built around this premise?

Also, could someone point me to books that would educate me on the important early books from the American Colonies?

Thanks!

[greyeyedcat \(0\)\(view author's auctions\)](#)

11/10/03 4:17 PM (# 68 of 78)

At Home With Books - the libraries we all wish we had

The Sixteen Pleasures - Robert Hellenga's first novel, nice quick read

Glad to see Jasper Fford mentioned, I just ate those up recently.

[droolingpsychoboob \(0\)\(view author's auctions\)](#)

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The Love Affairs of a Bibliomaniac - Eugene Field, copyright 1896. Published posthumously; in fact, from the introduction by his brother: "During the afternoon of Saturday, November 2 (1895), the nineteenth installment of "The Love Affairs" was written. It was the conclusion of his literary life...The next day, though still feeling indisposed,...He spoke of the chapter he had written the day before, and it was then that he outlined his plan of completing the work. One chapter only remained to be written, and it was to chronicle the death of the old bibliomaniac, but not until he had unexpectedly fallen heir to a very rare and almost priceless copy of Horace, which acquisition marked the pinnacle of the book-hunter's conquest...In the early morning of November 4 the soul of Eugene Field passed upward."

I enjoy the description of Field by his brother: "Himself an indefatigable collector of books, the possessor of a

library as valuable as it was interesting, a library containing volumes obtained only at the cost of great personal sacrifice, he was in the most active sympathy with the disease called bibliomania, and knew, as few comparatively poor men have known, the half-pathetic, half-humorous side of that incurable mental infirmity.” I feel privileged to own the 1907 Scribner’s The Works of Eugene Field in 12 volumes, of which “Love Affairs of a Bibliomaniac” is presented as volume 7. A couple favorite chapters are “On the Odors which my Books Exhale” and “The Malady Called Catalogitis”

[ozziev \(553\)](#) ([view author’s auctions](#))

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I’m reading The Love Affairs of a Bibliomaniac right now! It is delightful. I wish had the whole set, but I have only this one volume.

[teleplex \(96\)](#) ([view author’s auctions](#))

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“could someone point me to books that would educate me on the important early books from the American Colonies?”

PIF, this might interest you:

The Book in America, by Hellmut Lehmann-Haupt. NY: Bowker, 1939

[\\*pif \(0\)](#) ([view author’s auctions](#))

11/22/03 2:17 AM (# 73 of 78)

teleplex: thank you!!!!

I have “fought” this collecting hobby/bug/mania thing for awhile now -I DON’T WANT TO DO IT - but as I look in my library (I only keep those books I use as reference, or made such an impact on me that I would recommend them to friends) that my “Books About Books” shelves now outnumber the contents of my books about religion shelves. That’s a little scary.

Anyone have anymore recommendations for “Books About Books”? I’m running a little low...

[quartzierose \(86\)](#) ([view author’s auctions](#))

11/22/03 2:32 AM (# 74 of 78)

Thank you for this thread and the bumping up. Looking on my shelf I found the first book I bought when I began learning about book selling last winter or spring. I began reading it but it became lost...now found...will finish reading it.

The title caught my eye:

Confessions of a Literary Archaeologist by Carlton Lake. NY: New Directions Books, 1990. ISBN 0-8112-1130-4 (alk. paper)

[droolingspsychoboob \(0\)](#) ([view author’s auctions](#))

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Americana: Microbook Library of American Civilization, 4 volumes Subject, Author, Title, Biblioguide Index

catalogs.

Oxford Companion to American Literature, James D. Hart

Fiction: SEQUELS-An Annotated Guide to Novels in Series, Husband

Juvenile: The Junior Book of Authors, Kunitz & Haycraft *and* Book of Junior Authors, De Montreville and Hill.

[paperbackexchange \(1693\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

11/25/03 5:08 PM (# 76 of 78)

garjay, ditto here.....waiting for more Bookman books and

*The Mormon Murders* was an outstanding piece written on the LDS Church.

Dawn

[kookidz \(415\)](#) [\(view author's auctions\)](#)

11/25/03 5:48 PM (# 77 of 78)

A new Bookman book is due to come out in March.

Hey 'Pif— I'm reading *The Eyre Affair* now and it's very good— Lots of literary references and quite funny.