

What Is A Book Scout and How Does One Acquire One?

frenchcruller (217)(view author's auctions)

02/08/03 12:28 PM

A book scout is something it sounds like I would like to have. How does one go about getting one?

sparrowsnestbooks (1780)(view author's auctions)

02/08/03 12:49 PM (# 1 of 63)

Hang around a used book store and snag the first scruffy-looking fellow who comes through the door with an armful of books and a hopeful expression! LOL

Seriously though, if you have an open shop, the scouts will find you. If you are strictly online, you can advertize that are interested in buying books.

Keith

book-ends (1361)(view author's auctions)

02/08/03 12:59 PM (# 2 of 63)

frenchcruller they're not all scruffy looking. Seriously, though, you can't really find a book scout. You can be one, you can inherit one, but they find a book dealer; not the other way round. And, in the case of two Kentucky dealers, you can lose one.

dad_of_monster (0)(view author's auctions)

02/08/03 1:16 PM (# 3 of 63)

I'm sure there are a couple definitions.

We train several people every year to be our bookscouts, have a four-hour session that's pretty structured, complete with informational materials they take home with them. We tell them what we're always on the lookout for, advise them where they might go to find such books, and we make certain promises to our bookscouts about what we'll always buy.

The people whom we have trained are sort of like family to us and even when they bring us crapola, we at least offer them something. We've tried to pass along our standards of fairness and civility to them so they won't act like creeps at booksales. (Several of our bookscouts also do freelance listing for us at which they can make eight or ten bucks an hour.)

Then there are those independent bookscouts who come to us of their own accord. These people we don't always deal with. Some do it full-time and some are hobbyists. They hit booksales and yardsales and thriftstores, and try to get us to pay more for what they bought than they did, which is only natural and expected.

Because we don't support the tactics of some of the independent bookscouts, we don't deal with too many of them, especially those we've seen behaving like pigs at sales events, no matter what they're peddling.

nora.cbks (578)(view author's auctions)

02/08/03 3:59 PM (# 4 of 63)

As an indigent bookscout, I find myself intrigued and, I confess, somewhat provoked both by the general tone of dom's post as well as by the distinction made in that post between the "independent" and the not-"independent" book scout. I should like to ask how the not-"independent" book scout is bound to dom other than by his reliance on "certain promises." I should like to ask because it would take more than "certain promises" to compel my loyalty and to ensure that my best finds find their way to anyone for right of first refusal!

OP, as I am retained by no one, I am an independent as well as an indigent book scout, and I will tell you who gets right of first refusal on my best books. Well, I won't tell you his name. But I will tell you he never forgets that he once fell on hard times and had to rebuild a b&m operation -- as well as his not inconsiderable reputation -- from scratch and that, in the early months of that reconstruction, he maintained himself by working as a book scout. It does wonders for his tone.

lauralacey@aol.com (263)(view author's auctions)

02/08/03 6:42 PM (# 5 of 63)

Well wait a minuet I don't know, am I a scout or a dealer? I sell to Rare book sellers (retail) but I also sell to private collectors (50/50). I am well educated and quite cute(so I've been told) . I choose who receives first choice and I don't sell cheap. I make close to 6 figures but I don't have a business card. I am VERY proud to be independent and beholden to no one. So what am I ?

book-ends (1361)(view author's auctions)

02/08/03 7:13 PM (# 6 of 63)

lauralacey you are a bookseller. Book scout just became an easy handle to put on sellers when Dunning's books came out. I cannot think of one time I ever used that term or heard it being used before then. Not saying it wasn't used - just never heard it. Then everyone was using it and acting as if it had been in common usage forever. Sorry, but I'm no longer allowed to use either the term bookman or guy...

lpe (692)(view author's auctions)

02/08/03 9:14 PM (# 7 of 63)

I have a box in my van where I place books destined for the local used book store. They have told me what they always need, and what condition they will accept. These are books that I have no interest in offering on eBay, but I will never pass up a bargain when I know I can turn it for a profit. When my box is FULL, and only then, I take it to the store. They always give me the old "we are over-stocked" story, but I just tell them I will be back to pick up my box and the books they do not want, and I bet in three huge boxes of books, they have refused only about ten. I know the key is condition for them.

And a little tip for you who sell to stores or dealers like that---NEVER place the books so the title can be read from the box---make sure your buyer has to physically take the book in their hands. That way they see the like new condition!

frenchcruller (217)(view author's auctions)

02/09/03 4:17 AM (# 8 of 63)

Gotcha! Thanks so much, all!

goldeneyerarebooks (764)(view author's auctions)

02/09/03 7:15 AM (# 9 of 63)

""""Hang around a used book store and snag the first scruffy-looking fellow who comes through the door with an armful of books and a hopeful expression!""""

Some "runners" (scout is an unknown term to me) wear Gieves & Hawkes bespoke suits with Turnbull & Asser shirts and get offered \$75,000+ a year plus bonus to go over to America to work for leading US dealers !!

Regards from England

Rod

lauralacey@aol.com (263)(view author's auctions)

02/09/03 8:16 AM (# 10 of 63)

You go Rod! I think that type casting Book scouts dealers, sellers, what ever the term, is unfair. I think there is a whole NEW kind of seller out there that is Young , educated, clean cut and successful. I being one of them!

book-ends (1361)(view author's auctions)

02/09/03 8:21 AM (# 11 of 63)

lauralacey how come you left out good-looking this time? Doggone it, you gotta be consistent. And don't forget some are old, frazzled, semi-literate, but mainly just old.

lauralacey@aol.com (263)(view author's auctions)

02/09/03 8:28 AM (# 12 of 63)

and Good looking. !!! I just think that the public view of book sellers is so off mark. When I tell people what I do they say " YOU sell books? " Like either I am too young or don't look studious / smart enough to actually sell books. I take offense to that.

lauralacey@aol.com (263)(view author's auctions)

02/09/03 8:31 AM (# 13 of 63)

Book- ends - unless your over the age of 90 your NOT old. Your just seasoned.

ccpif (1034)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 8:57 AM (# 14 of 63)

lauralacey: I give you credit-almost everyone here lists "dog" items now and then-you never seem to! I know some of the experts use posting ids, so I can't see their auctions, but yours are always great books, so you must be doing a great job!

I may be wrong, but it seems like bookselling can be an "old boys" club-i.e. many experts or those with years of experience are men, so it is fun to see you doing so well. And what old, crusty bookman worth his salt wouldn't want to buy from a nice looking bookgal who knows her stuff?!

book-ends (1361)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 9:01 AM (# 15 of 63)

Unfortunately I'm so seasoned that I'm pre-Pogo, pre-L'il Abner, pre-Terry and The Pirates. I remember when Walt Disney was a newcomer doing those neat cartoons in a monthly magazine in color no less (although he was less popular than the little indian cartoons that ran with his), when Margaret Mitchell got a book published that they immediately made a film from and both made a profit, pre-television, pre-talkies for that matter, pre-Boston Blackie and The Shadow and Inner Sanctum Mysteries, and pre internet. And you don't think that's old... How about pre-Interstate highways, pre-paved roads with maybe a couple exceptions, pre-traffic lights, pre-Burma Shave. Pre-telemarketing. And definitely pre-spam (either type).

sparrowsnestbooks (1780)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 9:09 AM (# 16 of 63)

goldeneye and laura Keep the wrong company, clearly!! Have NEVER seen one of my beekslaying buddies -- and many are female -- in a tie or suit!! One fellow's near trademark is a stocking cap!! Gotta improve the quality of my friends, clearly! LOL
Keith

mikeb1611 (861)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 9:27 AM (# 17 of 63)

Sparrow:

A slip of the Freudian tongue, no doubt?

"seen one of my beekslaying buddies --"

Please keep your beekslayers away from my books..:-)

Great typo Sparrow..!! (just kidding ya, I hope you know)

Mike B

bookbiz (522)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 10:07 AM (# 18 of 63)

book-ends: If you're pre-the old kind of spam, you must be one helluvan old timer - didn't they feed that stuff to WW1 soldiers?

sparrowsnestbooks (1780)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 10:12 AM (# 19 of 63)

MikeB Wait, you mean I'm not slaying beeks?!? Picked up that term elsewhere and sometimes I think that's what I'm doing. Not selling, but flogging, slaying, cajoling!! LOL

book-ends (1361)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 10:38 AM (# 20 of 63)

bookbiz I guess it's possible, but first I never heard of it until well into the depression and also the second thing to go with age is memory - I don't remember what is first.

boodust (0)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 10:39 AM (# 21 of 63)

A GOOD SOURCE FOR BOOKSCOUTS :

I remember this term from long before Dunning's excellent books. We used it , but mayhaps it was a regionalism..though I doubt it. We also called them pickers and sometimes lookers. They never seemed to call themselves anything,(except Joe or Harry or Zander or broke and really needing cash, fast) A few I was always happy to see and a few were always a problem.

But :

Thought I would repost here the following notice from Mabel's Home.... I always attend this event and watch pretty closely the performance of the various participants. At the end of the event we cull out promising lookers and train them to our wants. You might want to visit Biblioburg on that day. Wear fast shoes.

boodust
02/08/03 11:08 PM (# 46 of 48)

Mabel has just posted a notice on the bulletin board announcing the Annual Spring Running of the Bookscouts. This yearly event, which takes place through the meandering back alleys of Biblioburg, is akin to the event at Pamplona, Spain ...

For an entire week beforehand the Bookscouts are kept sequestered and isolated from any thrift stores, book shops, salvation armies or library sales. They are not allowed to read...but, instead, appointed bibliosadists read from long defunct book catalogs of the splendid book finds of the past...constantly reminding the ever more agitated bookscouts that these treasures are no longer to be had. Then the Bookscouts, who by this time are crazed with booklust, are all herded into a cul de sac at one end of the warren of alleys which make up most of

the streets in Biblioburg ... a horn is sounded at which the bookscouts start madly and frantically running through the alleys. Brave book dealers and collectors run ahead of the scouts ...dancing just out of reach as the braver individuals - real daredevils - ...flaunt expensive and rare books before the enflamed eyes of the Bookscouts.. ...it is a dangerous time to be in the streets of the town, persons have been known to be trampled beneath the feet of the crazed scouts... but bibliomaniacs from all over the world flock to Biblioburg to witness and take part in the yearly bibliomelee. Maybe we will see you there!

book-ends (1361)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 10:43 AM (# 22 of 63)

bookbiz you got me curious. Spam originated in 1936.

bookbiz (522)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 10:44 AM (# 23 of 63)

book-ends: I know what you mean about the memory - I'm pre-quite a few things, myself. I used to listen to Terry and the Pirates on the radio after school.

bookbiz (522)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 10:49 AM (# 24 of 63)

book-ends: I think we cross-posted - I was only pulling your leg about the Spam. But I do remember eating it when I was a kid (Ma!!! - we're having Spam AGAIN?!?!)

b_o_o_k (157)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 10:50 AM (# 25 of 63)

There are really two levels of bookscouts and the term has been around since I can remember, though I am not that old :)

The general bookscout is usually someone who loves books, but hates commitments. They have all the trimmings of a bookseller, but they don't want to be pinned down to a shop and they like the quick 'flip' of a scout. This is a dying breed because of the internet. Why sell a \$10-15 book for \$3-5 when you can get double that by throwing it on ebay. Not to mention the number of B & Ms has declined in the last 5 years. I was a full time scout 5 years ago and half the shops I sold to are now internet shops. As time goes on, I think, all these kind of scouts are going to become psuedo-dealers.

The second kind of scout is what Rod is refering to. They scout rare books. They don't hit thrift shops or library sales. They don't touch anything under a grand and prefer books in the five figure range. Most of them reside in Europe because that is where most of the most important books are. There are less of this kind of scout because the level of knowledge is so much higher. Anyone can buy a book for \$1 and make a profit, but it takes a rare breed to buy a book for 15k and do the same. At this level you live on 5-10 books a year as apposed to 100-1000 books a week. And they do wear suits, sometimes... :)

book-ends (1361)(view author's auctions)

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bookbiz Not me. I lived on a farm so we had millions of things to eat - beans. And for variety -potatoes.

dad_of_monster (0)(view author's auctions)

02/09/03 10:57 AM (# 27 of 63)

Hi, Book-ends:

When I clerked in a bookstore in the early 1960s, a tweedy gent with a walking stick, a suitcase and a baffling accent came into the store about three months or so. He'd announce himself as "Bill the Bookscout," hand over his business card which said exactly that, open the plushly-lined suitcase and display two rows of silk-wrapped books, all of which he seemed to know by heart. It was a ritual, as if each time were the first time he'd ever walked into the store.

Although I can't remember Mr Levine - the bookstore owner - ever buying anything from Bill, they were always glad to see one another. I went to lunch with them once and Bill gave me the short version of how he'd become a bookscout.

Born in England, he'd been wounded in the Great War; he met his future wife, Beth, an American nurse, while he was convalescing; they moved to New Orleans where he studied law; Beth taught him to love books and together they would attend sales, auctions and fair all over the country; and when his Beth passed away, he retired from the law, hit the road, travelled the US and Canada buying and selling books along the way. He finished his story, saying something like, "Except to Levine here, whom I've never been able to tempt with me humble wares."

My boss rolled his eyes and went into a whole drama about Bill confusing him with a rich man, the only sort of person who could afford leather this and Dickens that, and how Bill must had books of more value in his suitcase than he did in his whole store.

My first experience with someone in that line, I remember thinking that being a bookscout must be about the most glamorous calling a person could pursue. And until Rod posted above, I'd always assumed that bookscout was a British term.

book-ends (1361)(view author's auctions)

02/09/03 11:08 AM (# 28 of 63)

dom great story. The kind of thing that could stand getting put into print as oral history of book selling. Any scribblers out there noting this down.

kitla (361)(view author's auctions)

02/09/03 11:13 AM (# 29 of 63)

Another fun thread! You guys crack me up sometimes.

Laura: I so relate. I work a 6-10 AM bartending shift on Saturdays, which works well because my job is across the street from my favorite FOL. But I always feel a little odd flipping through books in my too cute bartending clothes. I've seen a few of the more serious people throw me some pretty disdainful looks.

Of course, I've NEVER been taken seriously. As a 4th generation Los Angelino, I'm pretty much expected to be an actress or a trophy wife. Blonde, valley girl accent, and my name is Kitty. People are amazed that to find that I can tie my shoes - all by myself! Than again, being underestimated can have it's advantages...

DOM: You have informational material on how to be a scout? Would there be anyway to get a copy of this? Given the help you've been in the past, it has to be great reading. Also, thanks for the wonderful story. It's so nice to know that the literary books scout has actually existed and may still be wandering out there somewhere.

dad_of_monster (0)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 12:34 PM (# 30 of 63)

Hi, Kitla:

If old Bill still is (wandering about) then he's about a hundred and ten ... which would be just like him.

I have a bookscout class coming up on the 15th and we're revising some of the materials. As soon as they're done, I'll send them to you as an attachment. There's some history about books, some terminology so they and I can speak the same language, tips on where one might best look for re-sellable books, and some information about the sort of books we want for the store versus the sort of book we look for to put online.

Most of our seasonal scouts are college students who are either interested in books, in getting to know the town a bit better, or in knowing what the various stores in town specialize in and are most interested in buying. People who already like to go to yard sales or thrift stores seem to like knowing what at least one bookseller would like to see. For you, I'll omit the list of area booksellers and what their interests are.

By the way, you're not a drug smuggler are you? Spell-check seems to think your name should be Kilo.

hollowayd (1082)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 12:59 PM (# 31 of 63)

In one of Larry McMurtry's earlier books (pre Cadillac Jack- and definitely Pre LONESOME DOVE) possibly SOMEBODY'S DARLING he identifies somebody as a bookscout and explains "No a book scout isn't someone who camps in bookstores" Although I've known at least one superb dealer scout who combs through bookstores so meticulously that hy asks to be locked in larger stores overnight!

mikeb1611 (861)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 1:11 PM (# 32 of 63)

Hi DOM,

Hey, could you include me when you send that to Kitla?

I'm not a cute Valley Girl (nor near as bright..LOL!) but love the HUNT, and prefer it much over the listing and selling of my books. Maybe I *might* make a fair scout in me old age..:-)

Mike B

dad_of_monster (0)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 1:44 PM (# 33 of 63)

Hi, Mike:

Of course. But, golly, there's a lot more wisdom on this forum than you'll gain from our little tutorial. And, you've consistently exhibited experience and the wherewithal of a bookman that will probably make our materials seem pretty self-evident. As long as you'll tell me what you find wrong with our documents, I'll be happy to email you a copy. Take care.

lauralacey@aol.com (263)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 2:01 PM (# 34 of 63)

CCPIF- Thanks for the complement! I have been trying to acquire a highend client base. So I try to sell rare or 1st editions in very good condition.

Sparrow- I never said I wear a suit but I am well dressed and as KITLA said there are definite advantages . ESPECIALLY with the "old, crusty bookmen " You should see the deals I get at these book fairs!

Speaking of book fairs is anyone going to the one down Greenwich Village Antiquarian Book Fair in NYC February 21-23?

my2c (0)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 2:02 PM (# 35 of 63)

DOM....Could you include me? I would appreciate it and I ASSURE you that I will find it educational.

frenchruller (217)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 2:24 PM (# 36 of 63)

dom: Could I have a copy, too?

dad_of_monster (0)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 2:33 PM (# 37 of 63)

Absolutely.

fifimalone (632)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 4:39 PM (# 38 of 63)

hi monsterDad!

I want one too!

There should be a special patch bookscouts could earn... a book rampant on a field of green... perhaps the motto, "I roam the earth in search of books"... anyone care to render that into Latin? Nora?

aaana (659)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 5:05 PM (# 39 of 63)

ou and me too please DOM ! :))

I am laughing, you must be really pleased right now with this list of people all expecting the attachment -- I thank you !

kitla (361)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 5:12 PM (# 40 of 63)

DOM: Nope, not a drug pusher. But I do sling booze and I have been know to force really pretty BCEs on people (C'mon, it's Somerset Maugham. You'll love it! and the first one is free...)

I'm very grateful and terribly excited about getting your materials. Have you considered making a little package and selling it on ebay? Maybe we should start a fund for indigent book dealers. Gather up all the info that's crossed the board, sell it on ebay and sick it in a nice bank account somewhere. We can use the extra cash to fund flop house rooms in a seedy hotel walking distance from 3 or 4 FOL sales. (Hopefully said hotel won't collapse from the weight)

Fifi: Maybe the motto should be "and then I noticed it was signed..."

nora.cbks (578)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 5:24 PM (# 41 of 63)

Double-check it with somebody who really does know Latin but provisionally, pererro terras codices quaerens, I think. Except in my case, it's more like "... emptores quaerens".

lauralacey@aol.com (263)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 5:47 PM (# 42 of 63)

DOM - Now I feel left out !! When you have a moment could you issue a copy to me as well? I love info like this.

Thanks :-)

dad_of_monster (0)(view author's auctions)
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Done and done.

my2c (0)(view author's auctions)
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tk's DOM

parcey (219)(view author's auctions)
02/09/03 8:57 PM (# 45 of 63)

DOM,

You are an author and have written several books. Why not put together your so very interesting bookselling experiences into a book?

Many of us would love to have a copy, and so would the rest of the bookselling world.

And e-Bay would be a great venue for the sale of your work.

Just a thought.

frenchruller (217)(view author's auctions)
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I'd buy a copy. Of course, I'd expect a discount!

my2c (0)(view author's auctions)
02/10/03 7:45 AM (# 47 of 63)

If I can get a GOOD discount, maybe I would sell them on eBay.....

cinnamon7 (509)(view author's auctions)

02/10/03 12:16 PM (# 48 of 63)

DOM, Looks like I missed out on the discussion yesterday. Could you please send me a copy too? Thanks!

dad_of_monster (0)(view author's auctions)

02/10/03 1:32 PM (# 49 of 63)

Positively.

The revised Bookscout document should be done by the end of the week. I'll offer one caution, though. Most of what's in it is stuff that comes up here fairly routinely and I hate the thought of disappointing anyone or wasting their time. I can't promise that anyone will find insights in our materials they either don't already possess or can't find elsewhere. What we've written is mostly introductory information for beginners new to books and freelancers who'd like to get some basic grounding that might help them supplement their income.

So just do me one small favor and don't tear me up too badly if you know all the stuff in our package already.

By the way, spell-check isn't so sure about Bookscout and suggests that what's really intended is Boos. How about that, Boodust?

desertdancer (981)(view author's auctions)

02/10/03 4:48 PM (# 50 of 63)

DOM - could you include me too to receive a copy? And thanks for all the advice and help you have given on this board!

boodust (0)(view author's auctions)

02/10/03 5:01 PM (# 51 of 63)

Aye, I've been known to scoot a few books in me time...

By the byI entered spellcheck into spellcheck and spellcheck suggests I change spellcheck to any of the following :

pellicle
peachick
sepulchre

peachick...? heh heh heh

rickrussell (1995)(view author's auctions)

02/10/03 6:09 PM (# 52 of 63)

Indeed, a fun thread. I'll give you my story. I'm a bookscout and have identified myself as such for 30 years come September 12th.

I recieved a Ph.D. and went to work in Europe for a Swiss bank for two and a half years making enough money to live quietly in a Manhattan hotel for a few years. Loved to read and hung around Fourth Avenue long enough to be trusted, at times taking part time work as a clerk or an editor. Learned I was a lousy clerk, in that customers were impolite enough to interrupt my reading.

Started traveling and gypsying regional books from New York to the rest of the states. Went back to Europe and picked up some expensive goodies for New York dealers. About two years into this met a writer/artist and fell in love, got married and established a wholesale used book route between Baltimore and Manhattan. Spending a month in Europe every year.

Retired in 1993 to Scottsdale, Arizona. tried to play golf everyday and failed. Went back to books and established routes from Dalas to Seattle, as well as reactivating Baltimore to Manhattan. Laid off of Europe as I have enough money to be happy with American regions though I do spent a week every year in Paris and one in Tokyo. Got sick of the yuppie pretence of Scottsdale and moved to Tempe, which has a case of yuppie envy, but is too much a college town for it to take hold.

Attend large book sales, go to yard sales, read. Stopped worrying about making a lot of money. Opened a couple booths in flea markets, sell on ebay, supply collectors and keep up with friendly b/m dealers.

My greatest joy is still the road. New bookstores to buy from, to supply. New and wonderful books to read and purvey. New people to meet, new things to see, new places to visit, new things to read. DOM, I believe, said I was a lovable gypsy, a colorful and easily disposed of character. Quite true, I think (though I have never found myself colorful). I believe that being a book scout is simply what I was meant to be. Find it, read it, sell it and move on.

No one really acquires me. I do, however, acquire friends. Aside from eBay and the Malls, I only sell to friends. Collectors and booksellers. I buy from almost anyone, but I only sell to friends as a scout. People who send out for coffee when I walk in the door.

What the hell, it's life like I like it. and it's the reason Lea shows up in Texas, Stienbeck in Monetrety, and all those movie novels end up in Burbank, even though they were originally sold in Brooklyn.

huasong (452)(view author's auctions)
02/10/03 8:56 PM (# 53 of 63)

Excellent life story, Rick!
I am just a starter and I hope that I will have a story like yours in the future.

satnrose (4065)(view author's auctions)
10/11/03 12:04 PM (# 54 of 63)

Since eBay has now decided to remove all old threads after 30 days, we have to remember to keep the good ones bumped up.

satnrose (4065)(view author's auctions)
10/11/03 12:05 PM (# 55 of 63)

Actually, looking at the date on post #53, I see that they made some sort of corporate decision on what to keep and what delete.

adderbolt (1682)(view author's auctions)
10/11/03 12:18 PM (# 56 of 63)

My guess is
That Corporate
Is giving LiveWorld
Almost free rein

quartzierose (88)(view author's auctions)
10/21/03 8:25 PM (# 57 of 63)

bump

mrs_bees (1)(view author's auctions)
11/08/03 4:41 PM (# 58 of 63)

bump

ctbooks_starcomm_net (821)(view author's auctions)
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Thump! Bump! Bump!

ll_rare_books (284)(view author's auctions)
12/06/03 5:29 PM (# 60 of 63)

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maybe My Secret Santa will get me a book Scout for Christmas!

brokerc (326)(view author's auctions)
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Dad of Monster, is your material about book-scouting still available?

wtggolfnut (216)(view author's auctions)

12/06/03 6:00 PM (# 62 of 63)

Ok, I gotta add myself to the list, all I want for Christmas is DOM's book-scouting info.....Please, with candy canes or chocolate bars in return?

nipton-half (301)(view author's auctions)

12/06/03 6:23 PM (# 63 of 63)

I, too, would like DOM's book-scouting info if he would be so kind as to send it to me. Please, pretty please! :)