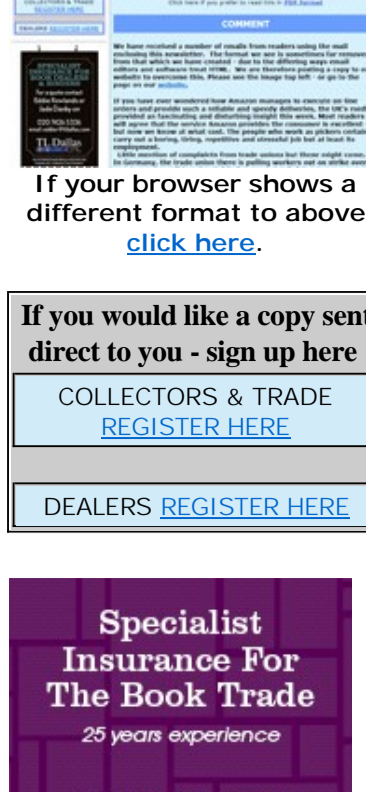


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## COMMENT

**News this week that Amazon is experimenting with deliveries to the boot (trunk) of the customer's car where it is parked may not surprise our readers. We are becoming used to innovative (and headline grabbing) ideas. Of course, the idea may never catch on but it does provide food for thought.**

**Today 23 April it is not only St George's Day in England but UNESCO / ILAB's World Book and Copyright Day. Pop up book fairs have and are appearing in countries around the world - a credit to the organisers and every dealer who is taking part.**

## NEWS

**Australia: Pop Up Book Fair at Sydney's State Library**  
Sydney Burdon writes: 'As the sun goes down on Sydney, 14 happy ILAB affiliates are enjoying the last hour of the Pop Up Book Fair at the State Library of NSW. Over \$1,000 of spines have been sold to Empty Bookcase. Posters and booksellers report some high take sales.'

The day began with a special whirlwind preview for 20 Sydney librarians invited for a special preview. The 14 dealers present were given 2 minutes to speak to the group. We wanted to connect with librarians of all levels of experience on World Book and Copyright Day of all days! The world of ILAB Pop Up Book Fairs was officially opened by Richard Neville, Mitchell Librarian and Professor Dame Marie Bashir who in the public present at 12 noon.

Retired ANZAAB member Susan Tompkins has worked successfully throughout the afternoon in the library halls, handing out colourful invitation cards to students and passers by inviting them to see the Pop Up, handle the books, chat to the booksellers and, of course, buy a symbolic spine for South Sudan.

The State Library of New South Wales held a special display of Shakespeare's First Folios in their collection giving the public a chance to have a real 'up close and personal' moment with these beautiful volumes.

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[This is the first report received - readers in the USA may know that pop up fairs are taking place today so if you are near one, do find time to visit. Ed.]

For up to the minute reports of Pop Up Book Fairs in Europe and elsewhere [see ILAB's Blog](#). It has been a huge success and events continue throughout the rest of today.

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**Canada: AbeBooks fills 'Empty Bookcases' for South Sudan!**  
A generous donation started the ILAB Pop Up Book Fair week! Even before the ILAB Pop Up Book Fairs appear across the world on UNESCO World Book and Copyright Day 2015, Richard Davies of AbeBooks announced that AbeBooks would make the generous donation of US\$ 2000 towards ILAB's project to help fund UNESCO's vital literacy work in South Sudan.

South Sudan, the world's newest state, is a troubled place indeed. Literacy is a way through some of the problems that beset the children in South Sudan and thanks to AbeBooks' generous gift, 190 sets of children's 'Bouba and Zaza' books especially written and published for African children will be put into South Sudanese schools. [Read more](#)

**UK: A reminder for dealers faced with e-book enthusiasts!**  
The Daily Mail this week gave out a warning that we have broadcast before: 'Escaping from the hectic world to curl up with a good book is one of life's simple pleasures.' But thanks to the popularity of e-readers, it seems that when you settle down to enjoy a novel you're no longer alone. The digital devices not only track which books you read, but can monitor the passages you dwell on and the time you put your book down at night to go to sleep. [Read more](#)

[For dealers faced with e-book enthusiasts this is always good to impart. Ed.]

**USA / Germany: No, it's not April 1st! - Amazon deliveries coming to car trunks**  
The e-commerce firm is set to bring its well-known brown delivery boxes to the trunks of customers' cars - but only in a German test program. In case receiving your purchases at your doorstep within an hour isn't convenient enough, Amazon now has a new answer: deliveries to the trunk of your car. The Seattle e-commerce giant said it starts with a small test program in Germany - starting with German delivery company DHL and German automaker Audi - to provide shipments to car trunks. The test starts next month. [Read more](#)

[This is how it works: During the checkout process, customers simply indicate the approximate location of their car during the delivery window. When a carrier driver arrives, the vehicle's car boot / trunk can be momentarily accessed via a unique code to be used by the driver. The delivery agent then simply places the order into the car boot / trunk and closes the hatch which locks the car again. Ed.]

**USA: Copyright infringers fined \$37.5m**  
A book piracy ring has been found guilty in a US federal court of intentionally infringing copyright, sharing copies of books from up to 16,000 international publishers. The maximum damages allowed under US law - \$37.5m - were awarded.

The case of Elsevier Inc v Victor Kozlov and Pavel Kazutskin, which was brought to court as a joint action by the global publishing industry, concerned the defendants' websites avaxhome and a2xsearch, which illegally provided access to digital copies of books. The case was the first time a court has ruled against a large-scale digital piracy site. [See also: Avaxhome Empire team for copyright infringement and plagiarism -- and \\$1 billion. Read more Ed.\]](#)

**Thailand: Thai bookseller given jail term**  
A Thai man was sentenced Wednesday to two years in jail for selling books that allegedly defamed the monarchy, the latest in a string of convictions under a notorious lese majeste law. The Court of Appeals overturned a 2014 court decision which had cleared Udomsak Wattananorachaiwat of any wrongdoing in a case that stretches back nine years. [Read more](#)

**International: Children's print book sales buck the trend**  
After his Nielsen Children's Summit in New York in December, we talked about how children's print book sales around the world in the last couple of years have been nothing short of sensational: total print sales in the US rose 2%, but children's was the highest, with 13% growth. In the UK, total print sales fell by 2% - children's grew by 8%. In China (where children's sales are a smaller proportion of the total than in the West) total unit sales were up 3%, but children's units grew by 10%. With the exception of India, this same pattern of children's print sales growth outstripping total market performance was apparent in the seven other international markets we monitor through Nielsen BookScan. In the last six months of 2014 in Brazil, children's books were 28% ahead of the second-best for 2013! [Read more](#)

**Israel: New Israeli law mandates price controls for books, here's what happened to sales after just one year**  
A new Israeli law controlling the price of books and mandating guaranteed minimum compensation for writers has had the complete opposite effect of what lawmakers had intended, with book sales now in a free fall just one year after the law went into effect. It's called 'The Law for Protecting Literary and Cultural Heritage', but the impact on the industry has been so devastating that the head of a prominent book publisher has taken to calling the new mandate, 'The Law for Hurting Literature and Books.' The way things used to work in Israel was that the two main booksellers - Steimetzky and Tzomet Sarim - would offer massive discounts on books, often selling new titles at two for the price of one or even four books for 100 Israeli shekels, or about \$25. [Read more](#)

**USA: How to invest in rare books - presented by: The Aol. On Network**  
Here's a look at what you need to know about investing in rare books. [Watch video](#)

**UK: Owner of antiquarian bookshop launches a new literary festival**  
The Duke of Devonshire, owner of Heywood Hill a shop in Mayfair London, has announced the launch of a major new literary festival 'The Chatsworth Festival - Art Out Loud', running from Friday 18 to Sunday 20 September. The three day event is inspired by the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire's passion for the arts and will feature a stellar line up of more than 20 speakers drawn from the literary world, art, tv, museums and journalism. [Read more](#)

[We have enquired about developments as and when known. Ed.]

**UK: Just one in ten authors can earn full-time living from writing, report finds**  
Tommy, it is the dream job: nobly toiling to create a fine work of literature or agenda-setting academia. The reality of being a writer has been laid bare in a new report highlighting the long earning many endure for their art.

A study, conducted by Queen Mary, University of London, showed just one in ten authors can afford to earn a living from writing alone, a drop from 40 per cent just a decade ago. A typical professional writer, it found, earned just £11,000 annually, less than the minimum wage. In long terms, it found, average earnings of authors is down eight per cent since 2008 according to the report commissioned by the Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society (ALCS). [Read more](#)

[In the long term will there be fewer authors - and therefore fewer books? A thought to ponder on. Ed.]

**USA: Odyssey Bookstore owner ready to turn the page**  
Good things are like good books: they tend to last. Just ask Bernard Wolf, the owner of Odyssey Bookstore. His luckiest business break came as a result of a fire. The year was 1995. His store was occupying the bottom floor of a brownstone at Sherbrooke and Bleary Sts, that once housed the Montreal Kravitz family of Ben's restaurant fame. The fire started in the kitchen, but the store's ceiling had been lined by the Kravitzes to stop a ground floor fire from spreading upward. [Read more](#)

**UK: Never-before-seen pictures of Captain Scott's doomed expedition on their way to the South Pole sell for \$36,000**  
Haunting never-before-seen images showing Captain Scott's doomed expedition team setting off on their ill-fated trek to the South Pole have sold for a staggering £30,000. The archive of photos, taken by a team of five men, was sold by a private collector. The photos, which were taken during the ill-fated 1912 expedition, show the team's struggles as they made their way across the ice. The photos were sold for a record price of \$36,000. [Read more](#)

**UK: Ann Morgan-Hughes**  
We learn that Ann Morgan-Hughes of Black Cat Books has died suddenly in her own home on Sunday 19 April. She was 83. Details of funeral arrangements will follow.

## BOOK FAIR PREVIEWS

**UK: PBF A's Oxford Book Fair, 25 and 26 April**  
A reminder that the annual PBFA Oxford Book Fair is one of the largest events in the antiquarian, rare and second-hand book, map, print and ephemera calendar - and it takes place this weekend.

There will be over 100 dealers who will be offering tens of thousands of rare and collectable items.

The venue is the Oxford Brookes University, Headington Campus, Gypsy Lane, Oxford OX3 0BP. Admission: £2 or free via the website - opening hours are Saturday 25, April from Noon - 6.00pm, and Sunday 26 April 10.00am-4.00pm.

**UK: Etc's Bloomsbury Book Fair, Ephemera & Postcard Fair, Sunday 26 April**  
This Sunday 26 April, the ETC Fairs has their Bloomsbury Book, Ephemera & Postcard Fair taking place in the Royal National Hotel, London WC1H 0DG. Visitors can expect to see a great mix of books, prints, ephemera, postcards and more. The fair is proving to be a one-stop event for collectors and enthusiasts with items to suit all tastes and budgets! Each month sees new exhibitors plus all our regulars.

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**UK: PBF A's Devises Book Fair, 2 May**  
The next Devises Book Fair takes place on Saturday 2 May at the Corn Exchange, Market Place, Devises, Wiltshire SN10 1HS from 10.00am - 4.00pm. Antiquarian and secondhand books, prints, maps, postcards, vintage ads, ephemera and children's collectables will be offered for sale with prices ranging from £1 - £1,000. Admission £1. Download complimentary ticket at [www.devisesbooks.co.uk](http://www.devisesbooks.co.uk)

Sheppard's Bookbinders ([www.bookbinding.co.uk](http://www.bookbinding.co.uk)) will be in attendance to give demonstrations of the bookbinding and provide information about their courses and the work of Bound by Veterans, a Service charity, that uses bookbinding to support veterans by therapy, training, qualifications, work experience and employment. The Royal Family History Society ([www.royalhistorysociety.co.uk](http://www.royalhistorysociety.co.uk)) also have a stand at the fair and will be offering advice and materials to those interested in tracing their Whittaker ancestry.

This popular biannual fair is held in the centre of Devises with the Farmers Market running opposite. With up to twenty dealers offering books, postcards, prints, maps, vintage ads, ephemera and children's collectables, there is something for all interests and budgets. The venue is spacious and has full disabled facilities. Excellent refreshments are available throughout the day including lunches and homemade cakes. For further details contact: [devises@natbandwrestbooks.co.uk](mailto:devises@natbandwrestbooks.co.uk) Images from 10 previous fair. Click on images to enlarge.

**UK: Wing Book Fair, Sunday 3 May**  
The next Wing Book Fair takes place on Sunday 3 May at the LUT Wing Hall, Leighton Road, Woking, Buckinghamshire from 9.30am to 3pm. This is one of Buckinghamshire's longest running book fairs. Helpful booksellers with books for all tastes, collectable children's books, illustrated, travel, military and much more including some printed ephemera, large collection of collectable motoring books on sale at this fair. All at sensible prices for dealers, collectors and avid readers. Stands available from £20. Details contact Organiser Richard Ford 01442 862011. [Click on image to enlarge](#)

**Wales: Welsh Antiquarian Book Fair, Saturday 9 May**  
The next Welsh Antiquarian Book Fair takes place on Saturday 9 May at Morlan Centre which is within a couple of minutes walk from the centre of this busy University town and it runs from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Admission is free. This year's programme is included. This annual book fair usually attracts around 12 - 15 exhibitors. They will have antiquarian maps, postcards and printed ephemera on sale. The main focus is on items of Welsh, Celtic and Arthurian interest in both Welsh and English. You will find valuable private press books as well as plenty of inexpensive items. I should add that there are always books that are of a more general interest.

If you walk for a couple more minutes you will be on the beach. A fine distraction if you've had enough of the book! Aberystwyth is also the home of the National Library of Wales. It is well worth a visit and there are always interesting exhibitions to be seen as well as a shop and restaurant.

## AUCTION REVIEW

### Dominic Winter Book Auctions

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Examples by Lewis included some so scarce, they'd never appeared at auction before, such as the 'E. Station, drypoint, 1919, which set a benchmark at \$47,500. Beating the previous auction record was Martin's Glow of the City, drypoint, 1929, at \$52,500 and Bay Windows, drypoint and sandpaper ground, 1929, at \$30,000. Another city view setting a new auction record was Louis Lozowick's Hanover Square, lithograph, 1929, \$27,500. Printed by Pablo Picasso led the 20th century European portion of the sale, with Tête de Femme (Portrait de Jacqueline de Face, II), color linocut cut, 1962, being the top lot at \$33,750, while Tête de jeune fille, lithograph, 1947 and La Dame à la Colletterie (Portrait de Jacqueline à la fraise), color linocut cut, 1962, sold for \$68,750 and \$52,500 respectively.

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