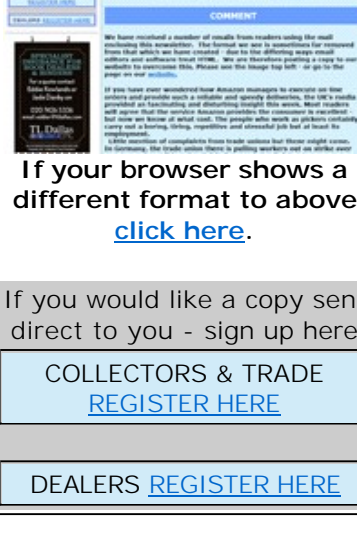


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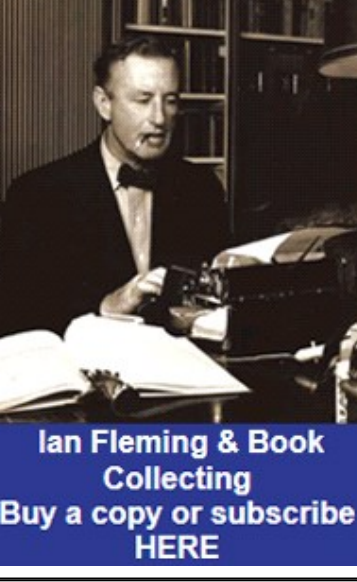
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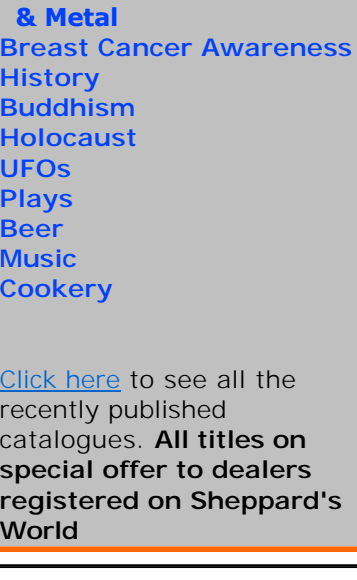
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Sheppard's Confidential - the most read news item last week

If you missed it... it was:

UK: Multi-million pound heist sparks 'disbelief' in antiquarian book community

Antiquarian books worth more than £2 million have been stolen in a 'unique' heist by a gang who dodged security by abseiling into a London warehouse, inspiring 'disbelief' in the antiquarian book community.

The three thieves took more than 160 publications, many from the 15th and 16th centuries, after raiding the storage facility in Feltham between 29th and 30th January.

To level the valuable item was a 1566 copy of Nicolaus Copernicus's *De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium*, worth about £215,000. There were also works by Galileo, Isaac Newton, Leonardo da Vinci and a 1569 edition of Dante's *Divine Comedy*. One dealer lost £680,000 worth of material, reported the Mail on Sunday. [Read more](#)

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International: Anniversaries of past authors

Here is a short list of dates on which authors were either born or died. Can you use these dates to help sell your books?

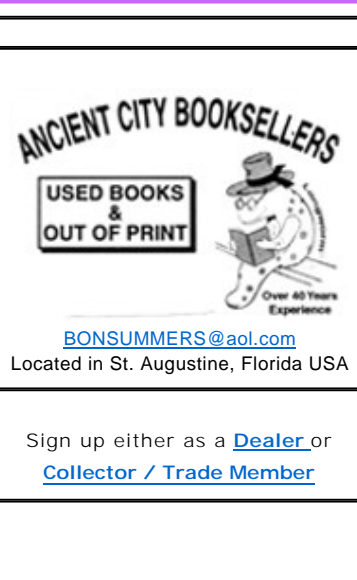
February

- 2 1882 James Joyce's birthday
- 7 1812 Charles Dickens's birthday
- 9 1881 Dostoyevsky's death
- 26 1802 Victor Hugo's birthday

BLOG CORNER

UK: The Bookhunter on Safari

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Attention - organisers of Fairs, Auctions and Festivals

Dates for next years events are known - do create new entries as soon as possible. Dealers and trade members who organise book fairs, auctions and festivals can create entries for the events they are organising. Although any late changes must still be sent in by e-mail, we have made a major improvement.

The entry form used to create entries has been changed. For those organisers of multiple fairs where the majority of details remain the same for each month - the form now allows you to save the first entry - and use the same entry with amendments of date, or time etc, for the next entry. This is designed to minimise your time in creating entries.

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LETTERS

Letters to the Editor

[The views and opinions expressed in this letters column are not necessarily those of either the Editor or the Publisher. We welcome letters on any subject concerning the trade.]

Selling books you dislike

Sir

Apologies Jonathan Cocking's comment printed in SC 499 that a lot of his books contain views that he finds unacceptable 'but if someone wants to buy them from [him], that's fine', as a relative of mine who was in Tobacco always said, 'you don't have to like what you sell!' David Kelly, Carvid Books, Cranbrook, Kent.

Business Rates

Sir

There seems to be huge publicity with respect to astronomical rises in business rates (or rather rateable values) with the Daily Mail leading the way with extensive coverage this week and appealing to the Chancellor to abandon the revaluation.

What does have very little publicity is the claim that in fact 75% of premises will have their rateable value reduced.

I can vouch for this as our shop, situated slap bang in the centre of Norwich, is having its RV reduced from over £60,000 down to the £40,000 level. Yes, still a heavy burden but a very welcome reduction particularly with increasing staff wages and, what is undeniable, in this age of internet businesses, is that this system of property taxation is really 'taxe enfrete'. David Clarke, The City Bookshop, Norwich

Book Heist (See SC 499)

Sir

You think that the robbery of the valuable books will be solved 'sooner or later'. I disagree. Most thieves would not know a valuable book from a Mills & Boon. Those books were stolen to order, in the same way as a valuable *Scroll of Esther* (megillah) was stolen from the Jewish Museum in London some years ago. It is obvious, however, that inside knowledge was involved but I doubt the investigators will have the wit to discover who from the warehouse was involved. *Josephine Bacon, BaconBooks, London WC1X 9SZ.*

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