

HYDE TIMES

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THE CARE AND FEEDING OF BOOKS

WHETHER YOU ARE A COLLECTOR OR A READER, HOW YOU CARE FOR YOUR BOOKS IS VERY IMPORTANT. NOTE: REPAIRS WILL AFFECT THE VALUE OF YOUR BOOKS.

- You can freshen up a leather bound book with shoe polish. Taking care to match the polish color to the color of the book binding, gently rub a *small* amount into the binding. Finally, take a white, micro-fiber cloth and buff out the excess. Obviously, do not use on suede covers.
- Cloth bookbinders tape is sold in craft stores in a variety of sizes and colors. It can be used to repair broken hinges and reinforce crumbling spines.

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THE BOOKMAN'S TALE BY SAM HYDE

"A VIEW FROM THE EDGE OF THE ABYSS"

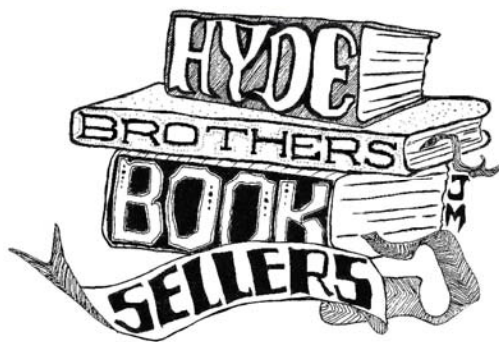
In Eau Claire Wisconsin, where I spent my first ten years, there was an ornate and imposing Carnegie Library. According to the script of a library friends' 1938 radio broadcast, it was "not for an age but for all time." The edifice is thirty years and more gone now of course but one of my fondest early recollections is of listening to the librarian read to us from such enduring classics as *Make Way for Ducklings*, *If I Ran the Zoo*, and *Paddle to the Sea*.

Best of all, in one dark corner of the basement, was a taxidermist's display case housing a dusty mount of a passenger pigeon (yes young whipper-snappers, even then extinct) and an artist's rendering of the long vanished Dodo. Attached was a placard explaining the significance of the exhibit and the permanence of extinction. This I have to take on faith since I could not then read on my own. The fraying of the pigeon perhaps explains why my attempts to discover the current whereabouts, or at least the ultimate fate of the display, have been in vain. None of the current generation remembers it or knows of anyone who might. So then, my final query is moot—would there be room in that display for a bookseller, a librarian, or even perhaps a book?



Bookstore owners and employees:
If you would like to relate your own book tale, email Sam at sam@hydebros.com. Or better yet, stop by the store for a chat.

THE MOST INTERESTING THING WE FOUND...



There are two great online resources for booklovers and those that love them needing gift ideas, www.fantasticfiction.co.uk and www.fictiondb.com. These websites are fabulous for finding out your favorite authors have pen names and the complete listings of their works. They even list titles by series. Check them out!

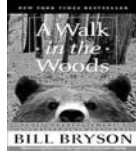
Hyde Bros. Staff Book Recommendations

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Author of *I. Lucifer*,
Cemetery Gates, and many
others.

DECEMBER 10
6PM UNTIL 7PM

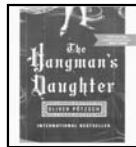
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Sam **A Walk in the Woods** by **Bill Bryson** Bryson can be laugh-out-loud funny or gently humorous. He even has a serious side. But of all of his books, my favorite is *A Walk in the Woods*.



Jay **Cloud Atlas** by **David Mitchell**. The tight storytelling, intelligent use of language and odd connections between each character carries the reader through the various sections. This is the kind of book that brightens the future of literature, yet not so modernist that it becomes something avant-garde



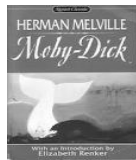
Julia **The Hangman's Daughter** by **Oliver Pötzsch**: Pötzsch's ability to weave such a clever mystery plot from and through the customs, culture, logic, lore and politics of 17th century Bavaria made this book outstandingly satisfying to me on many levels. This tale is Zeitgeist on steroids, and 'biblio candy' for anyone who enjoys well researched, 'off the beaten path' period mystery.

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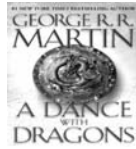
Author of *American Chillers*
series, *Michigan Chillers*
series, and many others.

DECEMBER 13
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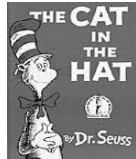
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Mark **Moby-Dick** by **Herman Melville** No. Seriously.



Sean **A Dance With Dragons: Song of Ice and Fire series** by **George R.R. Martin** Martin is consistent. In every book, you experience far more injustice than justice, people you'd like to die somehow don't. However, those you don't want to die always seem to, sooner or later. Its a testament to his skill as a storyteller that you read on anyway. He is without peer in the realm of gritty, realistic epic fantasy.



Smokey **Cat in the Hat** by **Dr Seuss** Meow merow meow merow merow.
Meow.



Tasha **My Name is Asher Lev** by **Chaim Potok** I've reread and recommended this book over and over for more than 20 years. Anyone who has ever felt passionately about *anything* in their life will love this brilliant book.

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equal or lesser
value**

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Internet purchase.

Good through
February, 2012



I couldn't live a week without a private library - indeed, I'd part with all my furniture and squat and sleep on the floor before I'd let go of the 1500 or so books I possess.

H.P. Lovecraft

How many books do *you* own?

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