

Selected Reading

In RESEARCHING THESE STORIES, I interviewed every "finder" featured herein, by any means amenable to them—in person, phone, e-mail, even by a posted letter in one special case. When available, I consulted secondary sources in newspapers, magazines, and scholarly journals. I also used standard reference books such as the Oxford Companion to the Book and ABC for Book Collectors to confirm basic biographic and bibliographic details and terms. But the best reading about book hunting was found in the bookselling and book collecting guides, memoirs, and novels listed below. If the pursuit of rare books thrills you like it does me, you will enjoy these books, some of which can only be found secondhand. These are the editions I read.

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