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Wanted!

OLD BOOKS

REWARD:

\$CASH\$

I buy scarce and rare books, from single titles to entire libraries. I travel to buy. I've been a full-time bookseller in Northern Utah since 1991.

Below is a general list of book topics and other items that I am always interested in purchasing. More detailed descriptions and sub-topics in these areas may be found on the following pages.

LDS Books
Western Americana
Childrens
Americana
Military
World History
Early Printed Books
Natural History
Miscellaneous Other Topics
Historic Photographs and Historic Paper
Early Trade Catalogs and Magazines

LDS Books:

I am always interested in LDS books in the following areas:

- Pioneer History, Biography, Settlement, etc.
- Early LDS Church History
- Pre-1900 editions of the Book of Mormon and other scriptures, especially pre-1860 editions
- Utah History
- Utah City, Town and County Histories
- Leatherbound Books
- Books printed in the 1800's and early 1900's
- More recent out-of-print LDS books in these areas

Western Americana:

I buy books on many topics relating to the American West. I look for 19th-century publications and rare first editions and leather-bound books, but I also buy out-of-print and more recent books in the following areas:

- Fur Trade and Mountain Men
- Native American History
- Frontier Military-Indian Wars
- California Gold Rush and California History
- Oregon Trail and Northwest History
- Outlaws and Lawmen
- Southwest, including Spanish Exploration, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas
- State, City and Local Town Histories
- Railroad History
- Cowboys and Cattle Ranching
- Exploring the American West, including Government Surveys, Expeditions, etc.
- Lewis and Clark
- Overland Travel narratives and accounts
- Western Art and Artists

Americana:

There are so many sub-topics under this heading that I will just list a few broader topics here:

- State, Town and Local Histories
- American Colonies & Revolutionary War
- Early Printed Books (pre-1900 and earlier)
- Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Founding Fathers (19th-century books and publications)
- Atlases and plat map books
- Regional Americana

MILITARY:

I buy books dealing with all wars and military campaigns from ancient times to modern times. Particular interests in this area are the following:

- Civil War, especially regimental histories
- Revolutionary War
- British Military Campaigns from the 17th through the 19th centuries
- Books on weapons, such as rifles, swords, cannons, crossbows, spears, knives, and many others
- Arms and Armor (also sometimes called armorials). Books with illustrations of armor and weapons, medieval to modern times
- WWI and WWII unit histories
- Books on uniforms, regiments, etc.

World History:

This is one of the broadest topics of all, covering historical events and countries the world over, from ancient to modern times. In this field there are many books that are of little value, even though they are old, so it can be a tricky area to learn.

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World History (cont.):

Included in this topic are the following:

- Histories of Countries, Regions, Cities
- World Exploration by Land and Sea
- Arctic Exploration
- Nautical History
- Archaeology and Ethnology
- Pre-Columbian & Meso-American History
- Medieval and Ancient Civilization
- Heraldry and Coat-of-arms books
- Early Printed Books: books printed before 1800 or up to the early 1800's. Many other topics.

Natural History:

Books on birds, animals, trees, flowers, insects, reptiles, big game hunting, hunting and fishing, guns, agriculture, farm implements, old tractor manuals and catalogs, old catalogs and magazines dealing with outdoors, agriculture, hunting, fishing, etc. Early books with hand-colored plates are especially desirable.

Children's Books:

There are many children's books that have value and many that don't. This is a difficult subject area to learn. Generally, the earlier the better with vintage children's books. Here are some general children's topics that I buy:

- Illustrated Books. There are many collectible illustrators. Here is a selected list: Kate Greenaway, Arthur Rackham, N.C. Wyeth, Randolph Caldecott, Jesse Wilcox Smith, M.T. Ross, Ella Dollbear Lee, Gustaf Tenggren, early Richard Scarry, Howard Pyle, Tasha Tudor, Maxfield Parrish, John Tenniel, W.W. Denslow, Eulailie, Clara M. Burd, Maria L. Kirk, Johnny Gruelle, Edmund Dulac, W.B. Robinson, Harvey Dunn, John

- R. Neill, W. Heath Robinson, Holling Clancy Holling, Karl and Grace Moon, Harrison Cady.
- Juvenile Series Books. Many of the early juvenile series books are collectible. Series such as Tom Swift, Hardy Boys, Nancy Drew, Cherry Ames, Boy Scout series, etc. Series books are significantly more valuable in the original dust jackets.
- Books with Pictorial bindings and/or color illustrated plates
- Early editions of famous children's titles such as Little Black Sambo, Alice in Wonderland, Oz series books, Thornton W. Burgess Series, Raggedy Ann & Andy Series

Miscellaneous Topics:

Almost too many to list, but here are some that don't quite fit under the wider topic headings above:

- Aviation
- Black Americana
- Cooking and Domestic (19th-century)
- Literature (leatherbound, illustrated, and modern first editions, signed books, pictorial bindings)
- Medical (early medical books, pre-1900, especially early medical works)
- Science & Technology (the older the better)
- Philatelic (Stamp Collecting)
- Art and Fine Arts (19th-century, leather, nicely illustrated)
- Christmas (early Christmas Books)
- Dozens of other miscellaneous topics

Historic Photographs & Paper

I am interested in collectible paper, photographs and documents, including signatures and autographs, journals, and original letters.

- With historic photographs, I look for

- stereoviews, cabinet cards, carte-de-visite photos (or CDV's) or larger photographic prints. I am looking for historical subjects and not the standard family portraits that are so prevalent from the 19th-century. Topics such as famous people, views of towns and cities, railroads, early aviation or automobiles, historic events, natural or man-made disasters, again too many topics to list.
- Historic paper, including hand-bills, broadsides, tickets to historical events, programs, and a wide variety of printed paper that captures history. Again, mostly 19th-century material.

Trade Catalogs & Magazines

I am interested in old trade catalogs and advertising brochures for many different companies and businesses. Early 1900's and earlier. Magazines from early 1900's often have value, but just as often don't. Specific historical magazines are always good. Examples are those dealing with railroads, farm machinery and implements, gas engines or automobiles, producers of items that are now antiques, hunting and fishing, guns and ammunition, early radio, electricity, etc.

So let me know what you have, or if you are a book scout, I would be interested in hearing about what you may come across in the future.

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