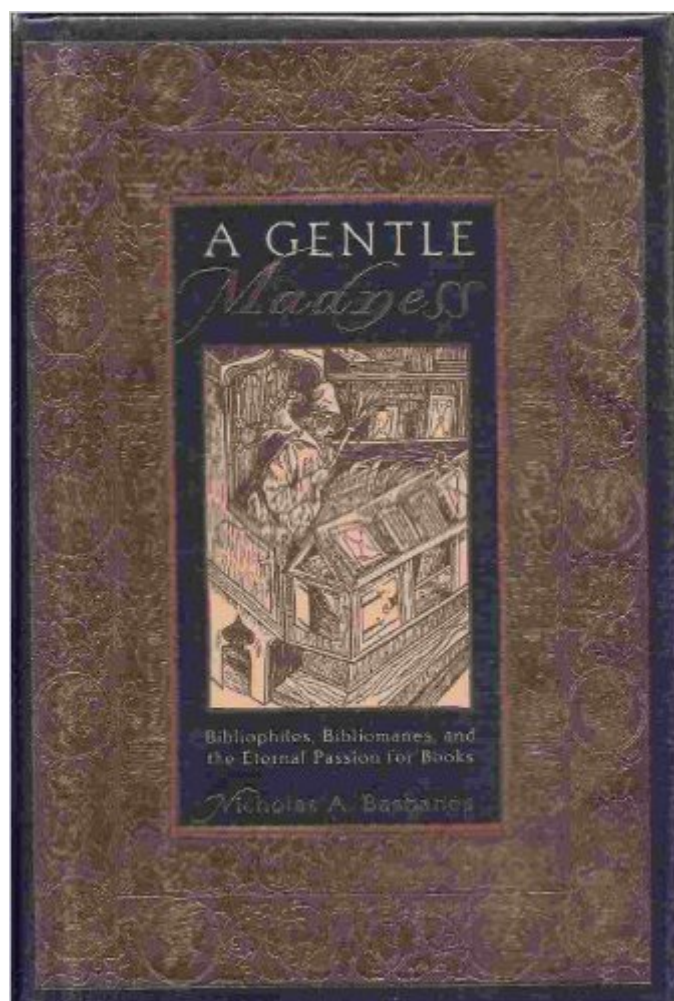


The book was found

A Gentle Madness: Bibliophiles, Bibliomanes And The Eternal Passion For Books



Synopsis

Reprint of the first edition. A must read for everyone interested in bookselling and bookcollecting, the passion of the chase, the thrill of the formation of a library, the nastiness of the forger, etc. Rubbed along edge. 584 pages. cloth, dust jacket.. 8vo..

Book Information

Hardcover

Publisher: Owl Book/Henry Holt and Co.; 1st edition (1996)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0805036539

ISBN-13: 978-0805036534

ASIN: B000LG8348

Product Dimensions: 4 x 3 x 2 inches

Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (21 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #1,545,650 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #107 in [Books > Crafts, Hobbies & Home > Antiques & Collectibles > Paper Ephemera & Cards > Paper Ephemera](#) #1903 in [Books > Literature & Fiction > History & Criticism > Books & Reading > General](#)

Customer Reviews

For quite some time now (more than 20 years) I have classified myself as a bibliophile. In my mind that means I love books...everything about them from reading them to collecting them and in my dreams I like to write them. So it was with great anticipation that I began to read "A Gentle Madness" by Nicholas A. Basbanes. The title alone is fantastic. I can think of no better way to describe the often illogical mania people like me have for books. We are, I think mad in many ways and yet it is a non-threatening sort of madness. I have been crazy about books since I was a little boy and used to gaze up at my parents crowded book shelves in the living room. And to this day, when I have a couple of minutes to spare, I love to glance over the titles in my own library at home, reminiscing about past reads and anticipating future adventures. A gentle madness indeed. Mr Basbanes does a fantastic job of cataloguing most of the famous and infamous bibliomaniacs in history. He describes the famous historical collectors as well as modern examples. He discusses what they do and how they do it and somehow is able to get into their psyches and examine why they do it. Of course not all are the same but they all do seem to share the same indescribable love for books. Some collect for the benefit of mankind while others do it for their own bragging rights. I enjoyed reading about the collections that 19th and 20th century collectors put together, fantasizing

about what it would be like to be rich enough to build the kind of library they could. But I think I preferred reading about the more common person who put aside other pleasures of life in order to pursue their passion on a more modest basis. I guess I identify more with them.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

A Gentle Madness: Bibliophiles, Bibliomanes and the Eternal Passion for Books Jesus, the Gentle Parent: Gentle Christian Parenting (Little Hearts Handbooks) The Passion: Photography from the Movie "The Passion of the Christ" Jokes For Kids - Joke Books : Funny Books : Kids Books : Books for kids age 9 12 : Best Jokes 2016 (kids books, jokes for kids, books for kids 9-12, ... funny jokes, funny jokes for kids) (Volume 1) LIST SERIES: JAMES ROLLINS: SERIES READING ORDER: SIGMA FORCE BOOKS, THE BANNED AND THE BANISHED BOOKS, GODSLAYER BOOKS, JAKE RANSOM BOOKS, TUCKER WAYNE BOOKS, STANDALONE NOVELS BY JAMES ROLLINS The Quiet Room: A Journey Out of the Torment of Madness by Schiller, Lori, Bennett, Amanda Warner Books edition (2011) Gentle Yoga for Multiple Sclerosis: A Safe and Easy Approach to Better Health and Well-Being through Yoga The American Yoga Association's Easy Does It Yoga : The Safe and Gentle Way to Health and Well-Being Gentle Babies Essential Oils and Natural Remedies for Pregnancy, Childbirth, Infants and Young Children INTERRACIAL EROTICA: MADE IN CHINA SHORT STORIES GROUP BUNDLE BOOKS (ASIAN PASSION LOVE Sexy Erotic Romance Box Set Younger Female Mature Male) (Party Fantasy(Erotic Stories for ADULTS))) Quantum Computing: A Gentle Introduction (Scientific and Engineering Computation) The Sleep Lady's Good Night, Sleep Tight: Gentle Proven Solutions to Help Your Child Sleep Well and Wake Up Happy Back Care Basics: A Doctor's Gentle Yoga Program for Back and Neck Pain Relief Heal Yourself with Qigong: Gentle Practices to Increase Energy, Restore Health, and Relax the Mind The Gentle Barbarian: The Life and Work of Turgenev A Widow's Guide to Healing: Gentle Support and Advice for the First 5 Years Math Through the Ages: A Gentle History for Teachers and Others, Expanded Edition (Mathematical Association of America Textbooks) Triggers: Exchanging Parents' Angry Reactions for Gentle Biblical Responses Triggers Study Guide: Exchanging Parents' Angry Reactions for Gentle Biblical Responses Conversation: The Gentle Art Of Hearing & Being Heard - HowTo "Small Talk", How To Connect, How To Talk To Anyone (Conversation skills, Conversation starters, Small talk, Communication)

[Dmca](#)