

FUTURE ANTIQUARIAN BOOKS
SPECULATOR'S GUILD

ANNUAL REPORT



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2023

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TIMOTHY OTTE

WHAT IS AN ANTIQUARIAN BOOK?

An antiquarian book is a book that's real dang old. A future antiquarian book is a book that's new right now and will be real old later. And a speculator of future antiquarian books is someone reading and collecting books that will someday be old books.

WHAT IS THE FUTURE ANTIQUARIAN BOOKS SPECULATOR'S GUILD?

A made-up society of readers. Anyone can join. Dues are paid to your local independent bookshop.

WHO IS THE GUILD SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT?

Timothy Otte is a person who reads a lot of books. He is also a bookseller and the frontlist buyer at Wild Rumpus Books in Minneapolis, MN.

WHAT IS THE ANNUAL REPORT?

This report is based on the 2023 reading of Guild Secretary and President Timothy Otte.

WILL THERE BE FUTURE REPORTS?

The Guild hopes that reports will be prepared on an annual basis, leaving open the possibility of occasional progress reports coinciding with equinoxes, solstices, and cross-quarter days.

Members-at-large are encouraged to prepare their own reports at regular intervals which may be submitted to the Guild by mailing a copy to the attention of the President at Wild Rumpus.



SOME STATISTICS

Books read*: 151

Unique authors: 127

Pages read (approx.): 20,008

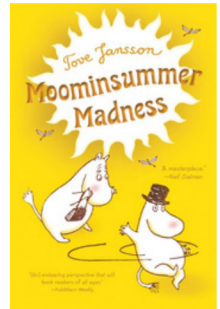
Audiobook hours listened (approx.): 349

Month with the most books read: May (17)

Most read author:

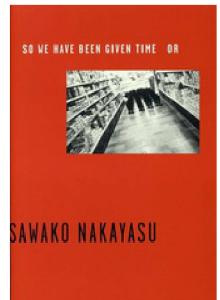
Ursula K. Le Guin (5 books)

Earliest published book: *Moominsummer Madness* (1954) by Tove Jansson, translated by Thomas Warburton



First book read in 2023: *Saints of the Household* by Ari Tison

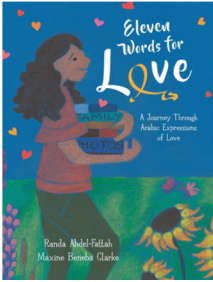
Last book read in 2023: *So we have been given time* or by Sawako Nakayasu



* These statistics reflect only books that were read completely and do not include picture books. Page count and audiobook hours tracked using The StoryGraph app.

SOME FAVORITES

PICTURE BOOKS



Eleven Words for Love: A Journey Through Arabic Expressions of Love

by Randa Abdel-Fattah, illustrated by Maxine Beneba Clarke

The world needs more words for love these days. Here are eleven.



The Welcome Home by Amy June Bates

Stickler Loves the World by Lane Smith

Mary's Idea by Chris Raschka

A musical story with gorgeous illustrations about a legendary musician who decided to rest.

Obstreperous by Ted Greenwood

A reissue of a picture book originally published in 1969, this lovely book is a little melancholy, but then again, so is childhood.



Hello, Mister Blue by Daria Peoples

Music and kindness bring people together in this stunning book about community and empathy.





SOME MORE FAVORITES

EARLY READERS & MIDDLE GRADE

Legends of Lotus Island #1:

The Guardian Test by Christina Soontornvat,
illustrated by Kevin Hong

Imagine Earthsea meets Avatar, the Last Airbender. Lotta fun.

The Marvellers by Dhonielle Clayton



Who Will Make the Snow?

by Taras Prokhasko, illustrated by
Marjana Prokhasko, and translated
by Jennifer Croft and Boris Dralyuk

*A more rustic Moominvalley or 100 Acre Wood.
I wanna live here.*

Ink Girls by Marieke Nijkamp,
illustrated by Sylvia Bi

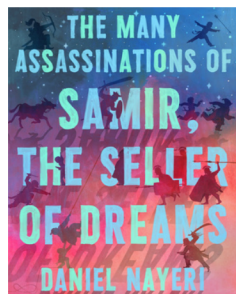
*An inspiring story about the power of a free press, filled
with depictions of strong women and girls.*



Dear Mothman by Robin Gow

*The Many Assassinations of Samir,
the Seller of Dreams* by Daniel Nayeri,
illustrated by Daniel Miyares

*A historical novel set on the Silk Road filled with
so much storytelling magic that it feels like a
fantasy. Would make a great family read-aloud.*



OK THAT'S TOO MANY FAVORITES

YOUNG ADULT & ADULT



Where You See Yourself
by Claire Forrest

A crush, a college search, lots of fun Minnesota cultural references, and positive disability representation.

Saints of the Household by Ari Tison
I read this whole book in one sitting on January 1st and haven't stopped thinking about it since.

Alte Zachen / Old Things by Ziggy Hanaor, illustrated
by Benjamin Phillips
A deceptively simple story about how history shapes the people we love.

Bianca Torre is Afraid of Everything
by Justine Pucella Winans

Darkly funny, queer as hell, and featuring lots of birds, anime references, and an anxious protagonist. I'm not gonna shut up about this one for awhile.



The Employees by Olga Ravn



Nova by Samuel R. Delany

Wail Song by Chaun Webster
I think Chaun is one of the smartest poets currently writing.

PREDICTING THE 2024 REPORT

How Dreadful! by Claire Lebourg, translated by Sophie Lewis is an incredibly charming and sweet picture book out in February.

K Is in Trouble by Gary Clement is a graphic novel for middle grade readers inspired by Kafka and Gorey which is a flavor of weird I like. You can read it in January.

Snowglobe by Soyoung Park, trans. by Jounghmin Lee Comfort. The first edition is going to be the prettiest YA book of 2024, I'm calling it now. Out in February.

About Uncle by Rebecca Gisler, translated by Jordan Stump is so weird and gross and I loved it. This one's for grown ups. Out February.



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ASK ME ABOUT
THE ANIMALS AT
WILD RUMPUUS

Tusk Poetry is a project of Timothy Otte and sometimes friends. These occasional zines are meant to be progress reports on reading and writing, small portions of a larger project (the project of being a living writer). A tusk is a heavy and pointed bone protruding from the mouth of an animal. *Tusk* is also an album by Fleetwood Mac.



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SOME ERRATA

This zine was designed to be appropriate for the children's bookstore where the Guild secretary works, but he also loved some books that aren't good fits for that setting. These include, in the order they were read:

Poetics of Work by Noémi Lefebvre, translated by Sophie Lewis (novella)

Out of the Sugar Factory by Dorothee Elmiger, translated by Tanya Leslie (novel)

Rain Violent by Ann Spiers (poems)

No Document by Anwen Crawford (nonfiction)

Brief Lives of Idiots by Ermanno Cavazzoni, translated by Jamie Richards (stories)

Birds by William Benton (poems)

Happening by Annie Ernaux, translated by Tanya Leslie (nonfiction)



Blue in Green by Wesley Brown (novella)

Debts & Lessons by Lynn Xu (poetry)

Selected Poems by Denise Levertov
(rereading this forever)



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