



22nd Chelsea Antiquarian Book Fair Tours



Following the success of the Guided Tours at the London International Antiquarian Book Fair at Olympia this May, there will be various tours around the Chelsea Antiquarian Book Fair this year. They will take place on **Saturday, November 3, 2012** in the stunning surroundings of The Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road, (opposite Sydney Street) London SW3 5EE.

A true boutique book fair, the Fair is directed and managed by the Antiquarian Booksellers Association (ABA). Tickets are complimentary if pre-booked in advance online, or £5 (or £7 per pair) if bought during the Fair.

The Guided Tours are designed to take small groups of visitors to the Fair, who wish to learn more about books on a particular subject around the Fair. The 30-minute tours include:

“Back to Childhood” - a tour for young and old focusing on all time favourites as well as classic children's literature and illustrations. A chance to discover how much your favourite childhood book is now worth, but also to learn about how to start collecting or building on the few books which have survived from your childhood days.

“Finding the perfect gift” - there is no doubt that an antiquarian book makes the ideal gift for a special person for Christmas or as a personal gift for a wedding, birthday or a Christening. Our guide will help you to understand what to look out for and how to find that unique gift among the treasures on sale at the Fair.

“Literary London” - there are so many novels set in London that this tour will focus on books by Dickens, Thackeray, Conan Doyle, Christie, Greene, Spark and first editions of more contemporary ones like Amis, Hornby and Kureshi. Why not find a book that made your neighbourhood famous?

“Books are Art” - go on a tour around the Fair and see some of the most beautifully bound and illustrated books. Discover how they can make fantastic features in your home and learn about how to look after them properly and what to consider when buying a book for ‘art sake’.

“Quirky Chelsea” - discover some of the most unconventional books, illustrations and ephemera at the Chelsea Fair. Some may tell you a bit about local history, others will be chosen for their sheer quirkiness or background story.

“Vive la France!” - a bilingual tour of French books and books on France to celebrate the French Toussaint bank holiday. The tour will highlight exquisite examples of French books, but will also assist with starting a collection specialising on all things French.

“Books, James Bond Books” - meet the author of the newly launched Ian Fleming Bibliography and talk to him about your own collection of Bond books or how to get started. Coinciding with all the Bond celebrations in November – the 50th Anniversary of the Dr. No movie and the release of new film *Skyfall* – this is a great opportunity to get a fascinating insight into the books of Fleming's best loved character. Jon Gilbert of Adrian Harrington Ltd will do the tour and the new Bibliography published by the Flemings' own Queen Anne Press will also be available on their stand.

Notes to Editors:

- Places on these tours are free although an entirely discretionary donation of £5 towards the ABA's Educational Trust would be most welcome. The ABA's Educational Trust was formed with the broad aim of advancing education of the public in the knowledge of the book and its role in our heritage. (Charity Commission Registered Number: 1078700)
- The Fair will be open between 2pm and 7pm on Friday and from 11am to 5pm on Saturday. Tours and starting times are to be confirmed and will be advertised on the website beforehand.
- The 56th London International Antiquarian Book Fair will take place at Olympia from the 13th to 15th June 2013.

**For more details on the fair, please visit www.chelseabookfair.com
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