



THE FOURTH ANNUAL CALIFORNIA YOUNG BOOK COLLECTOR'S PRIZE

**Sponsored by the Northern and Southern California Chapters of the Antiquarian
Booksellers' Association of America (ABAA)**

Guidance for Submissions

Most great collectors started when they were young, and most great collections started with a passion for a particular object or subject. When these objects are books and manuscripts, the collectors are called bibliophiles, or lovers of the book.

The purpose of The California Young Book Collector's Prize is to nurture the next generation of bibliophiles. The competition is open to collectors aged 35 and under who are living in California. All collections of books, manuscripts, or ephemera are welcome, no matter their monetary value or subject. Collections will be judged on their thoroughness, the approach to their subject, and the seriousness with which the collector has catalogued his or her material.

As the book fair is this year held in Oakland, the jury will be comprised of the complete executive committee of the Northern California Chapter of the ABAA.

To participate, submit the following materials as a PDF file to one of the prize committee members: Alexander Akin (akin.alex@gmail.com) or Andrew Langer (albooks@papereal.com).

- Your age and contact information, including mailing address, telephone number, and email address.
- A list of no more than twenty entries from the catalogue of your collection. Note that all items in the collection must be owned by you, the collector.
- A statement of no more than 1000 words concerning your collection. This should include:
 - A summary of your collection
 - Your reason for forming the collection

- A description of one or two of your most prized items (supported by photographs)
- A description of a few desiderata, those works that you lack, but hope to find one day to add to your collection.

The deadline for receipt of submissions is December 1, 2021, and the winner will be notified by December 20, 2021.

This year, three prizes will be awarded, as follows:

First Place: the winner of the first-place prize will be awarded:

- A gift certificate in the amount of \$500 to spend at the 2022 California International Antiquarian Book Fair, to be held in Oakland, California (February 11-13, 2022).
- Exhibition of the winner's collection to be presented at the book fair. The winner will be responsible for insuring his or her collection and for setting up their exhibition on February 10th and taking it down on the evening of February 13th. A lockable vitrine will be provided to hold your most prized possessions. The showcase will be for exhibition only; no parts of the collection can be offered for sale during the fair.
- A stipend of \$250 toward exhibition expenses (to help cover travel costs, showcase labels and insurance).

Second Place: the winner of the second-place prize will be awarded:

- A gift certificate for \$300 to spend at the 2022 California International Antiquarian Book Fair in Oakland, California (February 11-13, 2022)

Third Place: the winner of the third-place prize will be awarded:

- A gift certificate for \$200 to spend at the 2022 California International Antiquarian Book Fair in Oakland, California (February 11-13, 2022)

All three winners, in addition to the above, will receive the following memberships and subscriptions:

- A one-year membership to The Book Club of California
- A one-year membership to the Bibliographical Society of America
- A one-year subscription to The Book Collector
- A one-year subscription to Fine Books & Collections magazine

For questions or additional information on the California Young Book Collector's Prize, please contact either of these prize committee members: Alex Akin, akin.alex@gmail.com or Andrew Langer, albooks@papereal.com

