

## Collecting Valuable Books Using The Internet

Many people like to collect valuable books. Some people collect books by certain authors or books of a certain genre. Then, there are those who like to collect books as a hobby. These people are known as book scouts. Not only are they avid readers but they are also willing to spend a lot of time and money going through materials, magazines, books and pamphlets written by authors (deceased and alive) in order to collect valuable books.

### **What makes a book valuable?:**

People who are willing to collect valuable books have a knack for being able to tell a valuable book apart from a book that is merely a good read. Not every book is a valuable one just because it is a good read. The difference between a good read and a book that is a valuable one is that valuable ones are worth more than the former and books are valuable for two reasons: either because of the concept that they depict or because of what they are - such as first editions, limited editions that were signed by authors, books that may have been banned at a certain time because the book was considered to be provocative or controversial at the time that it was published. Many books of both sorts exist though one would have to spend a lot of time and energy and they would have to go to different bookstores and libraries to find such books. However, with technological advancements and the internet readers and book scouts can easily find valuable books online while sitting at home, instead of looking for such books in different bookstores and libraries. Why use the internet when looking for valuable books? The internet is a resourceful tool for readers, nowadays. Rather than going around and looking for valuable books in bookstores and libraries one can simply look these up online. This is less time-consuming and tedious as compared to walking around and looking for a good read. In addition to this, readers can look up prices of these books online. Another advantage of the internet is that a lot of information and material is available on search engines. Often readers and book scouts are unaware of valuable books written by their favourite authors. Many deceased authors have written books that not too many readers or collectors may know of. These books and materials may not be available in bookstores or libraries, simply because they are no longer available, or because the book was banned because it was considered provocative and controversial at the time that it was written by the author. The internet has a lot of information related to previous works of authors. This would help readers by giving them in depth looks into the lives of deceased and contemporary writers, too. With the amount of information available on the internet, readers could save time, energy and money looking for valuable books online. The internet is often crowded by book collectors and readers looking for valuable books that they may want to collect and the internet would be most convenient for such people.

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