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BROOKLINE BOOKSMITH

279 Harvard Street (Coolidge Corner)

Brookline, MA 02446

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www.brooklinebooksmith.com

This Coolidge Corner staple outlived the nearby Barnes & Noble. With a regular schedule of author signings and speakers, a wide selection of new titles, and a basement packed with discounted used books, there is something for everybody. There is also a cozy children's area and a quirky selection of odds & ends and unique gifts. Take the Green Line from Boylston Street to Coolidge Corner.

NEW ENGLAND MOBILE BOOK FAIR



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Newton, MA 02461

(617) 527-5817

www.nebookfair.com

It's not mobile. It's not a fair. It's a giant warehouse completely covered in books – on shelves, tables and in boxes on the floor. Their new titles are offered at everyday discounts; the crowded backroom is chock full of more markdowns. Described in customer reviews as “charmingly cramped”, if you want a spot to read, pull up a corner of the floor. One must-know

tip before you go: this store is organized by publisher, not author. If you're having trouble navigating, just ask a member of the staff. You can take the T (Green Line, D train) but a cab is a lot quicker – and easier to transport all those books you are going to buy.

SPECIALTY BOOK STORES

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ARS LIBRI

500 Harrison Avenue

Boston

(617) 357-5212

www.arslibri.com

Founded in 1976, the South End bookstore Ars Libri maintains America's largest collection of rare and out-of-print books on art. They regularly publish a catalog of their collection which can be sent upon request.

BOSTON BOOK ANNEX

906 Beacon Street

Boston

(617) 266-1090

www.rarebook.com/bba

The Boston Book Annex boasts over 100,000 titles of both general used and scholarly books and maintains an impressive foreign language section. The inventory is perpetually added to and you can expect to find prices anywhere from 50 cents on their sidewalk cart on up to \$50 inside for rarer finds; most fall within the \$5 - \$10 range. Take the Green Line from Boylston to Fenway Station.

LAME DUCK BOOKS

12 Arrow Street

Cambridge

(617) 868-2022

www.lameduckbooks.com

Tucked away on a side street in Harvard Square, Lame Duck Books resembles a gentleman's study, replete with dark wood and rare works of art. The shop specializes in first editions,

signed copies, and extremely rare finds, like President Kennedy's inaugural address (right), from the collection of Arthur Schlesinger Jr.'s personal library. Though the signed manuscript sells for a cool \$125,000, selections from Lane Duck's inventory can range from \$5 to \$500,000.

LOREM IPSUM BOOKS

1299 Cambridge Street
Cambridge
617-497-7669

www.loremipsumbooks.com

This Inman Square outlet boasts a variety of genres, from anthropology and art to fiction, philosophy, and literary criticism. Though they do maintain a selection of rare, collectible items, most titles fall within the \$3 - \$12 range. During inclement weather the store offers a rainy day discount. Lorem Ipsum also buys books from the public in exchange for store credit.

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PANDEMONIUM BOOKS

4 Pleasant Street
Cambridge

www.pandemoniumbooks.com

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