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Description:

After years of competitive extravagance at birthday time, Lawrence and Nancy Goldstone decided to limit themselves to \$20 each, which is how they came to be in possession of a \$10 definitive translation of *War and Peace*, complete with maps of the major battles and fold-out color illustrations. It is also how they eventually came to be the owners of a \$650 edition of Dickens's *Martin Chuzzlewit*. *Used and Rare*, the Goldstones' tale of the journey from point A to point B, is a joyful celebration of their love of books. Rare-book dealers are a quirky lot; while one might invite you to caress an *Adventures of Tom Sawyer* worth thousands, another might turn you away altogether for no apparent reason. The Goldstones' enthusiasm is infectious, and, besides offering a

lesson in used-book parlance, the pair remind us that for every book there are at least two stories: the one between the covers, and the one beyond the covers.

From Library Journal The Goldstones are expatriate urbanites who fled jobs on Wall Street to live and write in the Berkshires. With a sense of adventure and fresh beginnings, they relate how they revived their life together and discovered the wonders of old books. Soon they were visiting used and rare book shops and auctions in the remote towns in the region, as well as in Boston, New York, and even as far away as Chicago. Along the way, the reader learns about the lore and minutiae of old books. As the authors flirt with collecting modern first editions, readers are treated to some of the fascinating stories of modern literature and get the insider's view of the arcane ways experts identify a first edition and decide what makes a book valuable. Readers also meet intriguing book sellers and collectors and others who inhabit the world of books. All in all, a delightful education in the book arts; recommended for public libraries. ?Paul A. D'Alessandro, Portland P.L., Me.
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