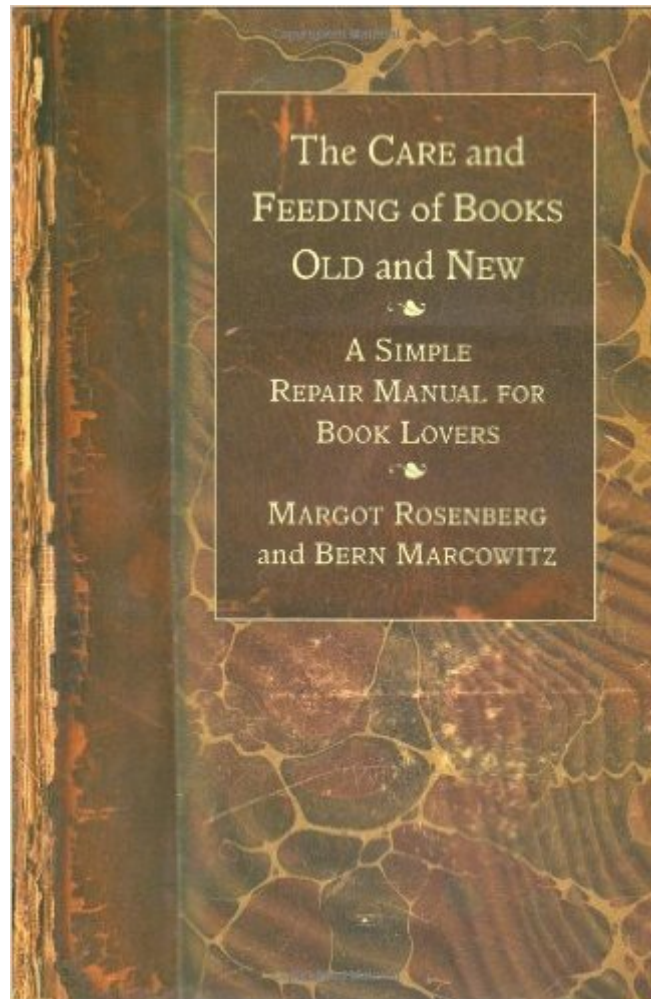


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The Care And Feeding Of Books Old And New: A Simple Repair Manual For Book Lovers



Synopsis

When Margot Rosenberg and Bern Marcowitz opened Dog Lovers Bookshop, they expected to be asked mostly about dogs and canine literature. But soon they found themselves fielding questions about the care of books. Customers who bought books, especially older volumes, on providing good care for their dogs were often eager for guidance on how to care for their cherished books, too. The book-care advice currently available is too often geared to book professionals, not amateur bibliophiles who just want to keep books safe and happy, remedy their simple ills, and perhaps enhance their value. *The Care and Feeding of Books Old and New* features easy-to-follow instructions that emphasize the use of common household products in simple repairs and in the cleaning of books and dust jackets. Bern and Margot have written the book that they, and their customers, wanted: a concise and friendly volume comparable to the better commonsense guides to everyday dog care. Indeed, the authors think that their approach to book care is directly attributable to years of caring for all kinds of dogs, and the inspiration of dog books. In short, this handy book-owner's manual is meant to help you become your books' best friend.

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Margot Rosenberg and Bern Markowitz wrote "*The Care and Feeding of Books Old and New*" after repeatedly being queried by their customers on how to care for old books. The couple owned Dog Lovers Bookshop in Manhattan (now on the web), which specialized in the literature of dogs,

including many old and esoteric volumes. Inspired by basic handbooks for new dog owners, they set out to write a common sense guide to book ownership that covered routine care and basic first aid. In that, they have largely succeeded. This book would be a useful and much appreciated addition to the collection of any reader who isn't an expert, but is interested in keeping his or her books in top shape through preventive measures and minor repairs. It's a fantastic help for anyone who frequently purchases secondhand books that would benefit from a little clean-up. The book starts out with an explanation of the common household products, as well as some specialized products, that will be of use to you in maintaining and repairing books. Then the authors talk about conditions which pose a threat to books -mold, insects, water, dirt, etc.- and what you can do to remedy the damage. There is a chapter on cleaning books and a chapter on repairing them. Both chapters address all parts of the book, including dust jackets. Most of the advice is for hardback books, but some of it applies equally to paperbacks. The discussion of book repair includes a section on professional bookbinding in case your book's affliction is beyond the scope of an amateur. There is a lengthy and informative interview with John Landau, owner of Find Binding and expert bibliopegist. The authors go on to recommend the best ways to handle, store and protect books.

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