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From Your (nail-biting) Editor

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My son's wedding is in three days and my emotions are all over the place. First, there's the stuff that has to be finished before we get on the airplane, arranging for a sitter for the dog, making sure I've packed all the presents, packing all the clothes and other accoutrements. And then there are the usual frantic calls about the wedding — who is coming that didn't RSVP, how to set up a powerpoint presentation for a 80-person strong group in a Dallas restaurant for the Rehearsal Dinner, what's the weather going to be like in Dallas. Second, there's the emotion of knowing that your little baby is really flying the coop. You are sad and happy at the same time. I know I will cry. It's the end of an era and the beginning of another one.

This issue of ATG is guest edited by the wonderful Ed Colleran and includes articles by Lolly Gasaway, Bill Rosenblatt, Bryan Carson, and Eric Slater. We have an Op Ed on Impact Factors by Reid Lifset, interviews with Andrejs Allerovs, Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Coutts Library Services, Victor Navasky, Publisher and Editorial Director of The Nation, and Michael Cooper, President and Founder of BUSCA, Inc. Our profiles encouraged for this issue include JoAnne Kelley, Thomas Gallina and John McDonald.

There are two articles on The Library Hotel and OCLC's trademark lawsuit, see IMHBCO by Rick Anderson on p.84 and Back Talk by Anthony Ferguson on p.102. We have more book trade gossip from Barry Fast in Talk of the Trade and a new gripe in Group Therapy about "sample" journals. Tom Gilson and Debbie Vaughn have provided us with reference title and book reviews. CHAOS is back and we welcome Pat Harris who aims to keep the "voice of standards" clear and strong.

Eleanor Cook, Norman Desmarais, Tom Loughran, Pamela Rose and Bruce Strauch have all worked hard to get in their usual submissions plus there's lots more not mentioned here, so get reading!

Oops! I am wondering if I packed the shoes that match my mother-of-the-groom dress. Details. Details. See you all in Charleston soon!

Yr. Ed.

Letters to the Editor

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Dear Narda and Katina:

Thank you for the copies of Against the Grain.

I have happily shared the extra copies of this great journal with colleagues who appreciate the excellence of Against the Grain.

I had glanced at copies of the journal at ALA meetings in the past, but I had never had the time at those meetings to read through it. Now I know why Against the Grain is so highly regarded.

Thanks to you, Katina, for doing such a great job pulling together so much information contributed by so many well informed and connected people. And thanks, Narda, for asking me to contribute to the journal.

All the best,
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