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Publisher's Profile

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Number of employees: 10 Estimated number of books to be published in 1995: 14 In print titles: 114

The **Howard University Press** was formally established in 1972, following a decision by President James E. Cheek and the Trustees of the University, becoming the first and only university press operated by a historically black university in the United States.

Its commitment to the University's historic mission involves publishing that contributes to solutions for the human and social problems in the United States and throughout the world. Supporting Howard's mission, the Press gives priority to publishing books and periodicals that serve to increase the general knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the contributions and interests of African Americans and people of color throughout the world. The Press' titles range from world politics, religion, women's studies, Caribbean and Latin American studies, education, literature, drama, art history and other fields.

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high-end carriage trade, which started on a shoestring and has been most successful. Their Yellow Pages ad states: "Rare Books, Autographs, Prints & Maps . . . Highest Prices Paid for Quality Books & Autographs . . . Visit our New York Gallery: The Waldorf Astoria Hotel Park Avenue." Enough said. This is the shop which holds the books most of us can only dream of owning. They do 8—10 catalogues per year with a recent catalogue offering such gems as **Virginia Woolf's A Room of One's Own**, \$2,000 (signed first edition in which she proclaims "A Woman must have money and a room of her own is she is to write fiction."); **Eudora Welty's The Golden Apples**, \$850, signed first edition; **Thoreau's The Writings**, \$12,500, in a finely bound limited manuscript edition and even an extraordinarily rare first edition of **Spenser's The Faerie Queene** for \$25,000. They offer individualized lists and have a large stock of more modestly priced offerings as well. Bauman's has been open in Philadelphia for fifteen years and they offer better books in American History, American English and European Literature, signed and inscribed books, children's books and autographs and documents.

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