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Bestsellers — Reference Titles

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Publishing reference titles must be a lucrative business if the numbers **YBP** handled in a year is any indication. In a recent 12 month period we handled 3,570 titles coded reference. Fifty of the top academic sellers are listed here starting with the **Oxford Companion to Fairy Tales**. Literature tops the list with 9 titles and 6 titles in women's studies including **Routledges Biographical Dictionary of Women in Science**. University Presses account for a large number with **Oxford UP** publishing 11 of our top sellers; on the trade side **Greenwood** (who else!) comes in with 10. This collection is well rounded with Science, Literature, Dance, History, Social Science and even Library Science included (see **Copyright Essentials for Librarians and Educators**.) Definitely a book for every corner of your library.

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Something About Books — Identity Theft

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What would you do if someone stole your identity? The thought came to me as I was watching one of those nighttime television news shows. They were telling the story of a New York doctor who had her identity stolen. The thief went the full route, using credit cards, opening accounts and even taking money out of accounts. What a frightening story it was.

I wondered what books were out there on the subject and a quick check of the Alibris site, under the heading "identity theft" brought up three titles. Still more searching by subject brought me to the heading "plagiarism" and an interesting title popped up: *Words for the Taking* by Neal Bowers. I ordered this book and the telling of his tale, of the hunt for a plagiarist, is a sad story on many levels.

I first became acquainted with literary plagiarism in the early 1960s as an undergraduate at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. I was then the editor of the student newspaper, and often wrote poetry and short stories for the university literary magazine. My dream was to be a professional writer, and I thought I was fairly good, until I was stopped in my tracks by the reading of

one of my classmate's short stories in my English composition class. It was so good, that to this day, nearly forty years later, I can still retell most of the story. At the time, I sat stunned, thinking I could never write a story that well. The trouble was, as we found out a few months later, when another student began showing around the "original" story as published in *Redbook* magazine, it was not our student's story. The next day, in bold letters at the top of the blackboard, we found the word "PLAGIARISM" and we all heard a stern lecture on fair use.

Which brings me to the story written by Neal Bowers. Bowers is a much published poet both in book and magazine form, and among his prizes are a National Endowment for the Arts Poetry Fellowship and the Union League Civic and Arts Poetry Prize. He is on the English faculty at Iowa State University, Ames, and is also the author of the recently published novel *Loose Ends* (2001 - Random House) which he calls an "academic, literary mystery" novel.

Words for the Taking: The Hunt for a Plagiarist (W.W. Norton, 1997) begins simply enough. Bowers picks up his voice-mail messages in January 1992 and finds the

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