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WHO DOESN'T LOVE A DOG BOOK? by Bruce Strauch (The Citadel)

(1) **Andrew O'Hagan**, *The Life and Opinions of Maf the Dog, and of His Friend Marilyn Monroe* (2010) (Dog given to **Marilyn** by **Frank Sinatra**. Observes last two years of her life. Yes, it's fiction.); (2) **Virginia Woolf**, *Flush: A Biography* (1933) (**Elizabeth Barrett Browning's** cocker spaniel. Canine stream of consciousness.); (3) **Gay** and **Laney Salisbury**, *The Cruellest Miles* (2003) (674 dogsled run in 1925 bringing medicine to Nome to fight diphtheria. Nonfiction.); (4) **J. Percy FitzPatrick**, *Jock of the Bushveld* (1907) (Dog in wilds of South Africa. Called by **Teddy Roosevelt** "the best and truest of dog stories."); (5) **Paul Auster**, *Timbuktu* (1999) (Dog and crazy homeless man on a trek.)

See — **Barbara Trapido**, "Five Best," *The Wall Street Journal*, May 9-10, 2015, p.C10.



SPORTS BEAT AT THE OLD NY SUN by Bruce Strauch (The Citadel)

The **Library of America** is marking the centenary of famed sports-writer **Bill Heinz**' birth by publishing *The Top of His Game: The Best Sportswriting of W.C. Heinz*. His "Death of a Racehorse" has been called one of the greatest sports columns ever published.

His boxing novel *The Professional* was published in 1956. **Hemingway** called it "the only good novel about a fighter I've ever read and an excellent first novel in its own right."

See — **Nathan Ward**, "You Find the Best Stories in the Loser's Dressing Room," *The Wall Street Journal*, Feb. 7-8, 2015, p.A11. **Ward** is the author of forthcoming from Bloomsbury USA *The Lost Detective: Becoming Dashiell Hammett*.

THE GREAT BIG CHARTER by Bruce Strauch (The Citadel)

June was the 800th anniversary of *Magna Carta*. The four surviving copies were put on display in the **British Library**, and they were each different. There was no "original." It was an oral agreement. These were "engrossments" or written records of the oral pact.

In fact, the text was the same. They were just different shapes, sizes, handwriting, ink color.

See — **Dan Jones**, "The Mad King's Magna Carta," *Smithsonian*, July 14, 2015, p.51.

THROUGH AND THRU by Bruce Strauch (The Citadel)

As public education spread in the 19th century, the English 'u' was dropped from words like arbor, arbor and clamor. As a meddling Progressive, **Teddy Roosevelt** got into the battle to Americanize spelling, joining forces with **Andrew Carnegie's** Simplified Spelling Board. And **Teddy** issued an executive order that all publications of the executive department adhere to the new spelling. He wanted that second 'r' in purr gotten rid of. And "blessed" would be "blest," and "kissed" "kist."

This kicked off a firestorm of mockery in the press. The Supreme Court ignored the order. Then passed a resolution against it. For once, **Roosevelt** drew in his horns and rescinded the order.

See — **Thomas V. DiBacco**, "Teddy Roosevelt, Rough Rider Over Spelling Rules," *The Wall Street Journal*, April 17, 2015, p.A17.

LET'S READ ABOUT THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR by Bruce Strauch (The Citadel)

And they're all written immediately after the war. (1) **Constanca de la Mora**, *In Place of Splendor* (1939)(daughter of wealth and privilege marries republican officer and heads their press bureau); (2) **André Malraux**, *Man's Hope* (1937) (the war in the air); (3) **Ramón Sender**, *The War in Spain* (1937); (4) **Alvah Bessie**, *Men in Battle* (1939) (Abraham Lincoln Brigade); (5) **Ernest Hemingway**, *For Whom the Bell Tolls* (1940) (the earth moved).

See — **Richard Rhodes**, "Five Best," *The Wall Street Journal*, Feb. 7-8, 2015, p.C10.

RETURN OF A CLASSIC BOOKSTORE by Bruce Strauch (The Citadel)

Last year, the **Rizzoli Bookstore** — beloved of art, architecture and design fans — closed its historic shop at 57th Street in Manhattan. But now it's back, and all have breathed a sigh of relief. You can find it on Broadway just west of Madison Square Park in an 1896 Beaux Arts tower. The black-and-white stone floor pattern was inspired by flags used in **Siena's** Palio horse races.


See — **Sam Cochran**, "A New Chapter," *Architectural Digest*, Nov. 2015, p. 72.

TOO LATE FOR XMAS, BUT MAYBE ON SALE by Bruce Strauch (The Citadel)

That marvelous Charleston-based Southern magazine *Garden & Gun* has put out their cookbook — *The Southerner's Cookbook, Recipes, Wisdom and Stories*, (Harper Wave). Fried cornmeal-crust catfish, braised quail, creamed collards, bacon-wrapped venison loin. Just to-die-for. Jezebel sauce. Charleston Brown Water Society punch. Yum.

Curious about Jezebel sauce? Vidalia onion, tsp. veg oil, 3 tbsp. grainy mustard, 3 tbsp. horseradish, ¼ cup apple jelly, ¼ cup pineapple preserves, lemon zest, tsp. lemon juice.

See — **Books for Cooks** <mb-cooks@gmail.com>, *The Post & Courier*, Dec. 2, 2015, p.D5.



Future Dates for Charleston Conferences

	Preconferences and Vendor Showcase	Main Conference
2016 Conference	2 November	3-5 November
2017 Conference	8 November	9-11 November
2018 Conference	7 November	8-10 November