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**BIG TIME AUTHOR HOME FOR SALE**

**by Bruce Strauch (The Citadel)**

Tom Clancy’s Baltimore penthouse is on the market for $8.7 million, a drop of 28%.

12,000-square-feet, five-bedrooms at the Ritz-Carlton Residences in Baltimore’s Inner Harbor. It was put together from four units. Writing Clear and Present Danger will let you do that sort of thing.


**AND THE BRONTËS BEGAT ...**

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The Brontës’ corpus engendered nearly as many other writings as the Bible. The “Brontë literary-industrial complex” celebrates Charlotte’s birth this year, keeping British and American publishers very busy.

Claire Harman has a new Charlotte Brontë biography; there’s a Brontë-themed literary detective novel; a novelistic riff with Jane Eyre a serial killer; a collection of short stories derived from the last line of Jane Eyre, “Reader, I married him”.; and a fan-fiction “autobiography” of Nelly Dean, the servant-narrator of *Wuthering Heights*.

Last year we had Y/A novelization of Emily’s adolescence; a book of essays called *The Brontë Cabinet: Three Lives in Nine Objects*, and all the countless academic monographs.


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Now it’s getting a $73 million renovation. That includes a facelift on the exterior marble panels and the *Florence Knoll* furniture with its mid-century Modern style as seen on the old “Bob Newhart Show.”

The building was a gift by bibliophile brothers Edwin, Frederick and Walter Beinecke. It’s one of the world’s largest rare book and manuscript treasure houses. It acquires 10,000 to 15,000 books a year and 2,000 to 3,000 manuscripts. The collection is balanced across times and genres rather than seeking a black tulip, the bibliophile term for a rare treasure.

Originally, you had to be a credentialed scholar, but now the doors are open to undergrads as teaching with original materials becomes the rage.


**LET’S READ BOOKS BY EX-SPIES**

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