Bet You Missed It—What do artists and librarians have in common?

Bruce Strauch

The Citadel, strauhb@citadel.edu

Follow this and additional works at: http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/atg

Part of the Library and Information Science Commons

Recommended Citation

Strauch, Bruce (2013) "Bet You Missed It—What do artists and librarians have in common?," Against the Grain: Vol. 25: Iss. 4, Article 34.

DOI: https://doi.org/10.7771/2380-176X.6586

This document has been made available through Purdue e-Pubs, a service of the Purdue University Libraries. Please contact epubs@purdue.edu for additional information.
Bet You Missed It

Press Clippings — In the News — Carefully Selected by Your Crack Staff of News Sleuths

Column Editor: Bruce Strauch (The Citadel)

Editor’s Note: Hey, are y’all reading this? If you know of an article that should be called to Against the Grain’s attention … send an email to <kstrauch@comcast.net>. We’re listening! — KS

REAL ESTATE THRILLERS
by Bruce Strauch (The Citadel)

Who says we’re a nation of illiterates? A raft of thrillers by realtors has come out. Illegal adoption ring. Killing for the commission. Con artist posing as wealthy countess. All grit for the mill.

Want some titles? Vicki Doudera, A House to Die For (2010); Kat Martin, Season of Strangers (2008) (this one has realtors abducted by aliens); Bente Gallagher, A Cthulhu Business (2010).


LET’S READ SOME BOOKS FOR THE ANGLOMANIAC
by Bruce Strauch (The Citadel)


MIND GAMES WITH MENSA
by Bruce Strauch (The Citadel)

For 19 years a couple hundred people have gathered in a St. Louis hotel ballroom to test new games from toy companies. The event is sponsored by the high-IQ Mensa Society. Winners get to put a “Mensa Select” sticker on their games. The players love the intellectual challenge and the total immaturity of the experience.

Educational games are despised. Ditto political and green agendas. There's a hard-partying wing in the crowd — “Hell’s Mensans” — founded in a Dayton, Ohio hot tub. And of course, geek romance is in the air. Jillian Sanderson, master of Zombie Pox, now has a patent-attorney boyfriend.


LET’S READ ABOUT OBSESSED ARTISTS
by Bruce Strauch (The Citadel)

And many are by the obsessed artists themselves. (1) Salvador Dali, Diary of a Genius (1965); (2) Elsa Schiaparelli, Shocking Life (1954); (3) Paul Gauguin, Noa Noa (1900); (4) Joyce Cary, The Horse’s Mouth (1944) (this is based on the life of Augustus John); (5) Amanda Vaill, Everybody Was So Young (1998) (about Gerald and Sara Murphy on Cap d’Antibes).


WHEN LIBRARIANS VISIT PARIS
by Bruce Strauch (The Citadel)

Anyone who has seen the famous Paris libraries is looking at the work of Henri Labrouste (1801-75) or those inspired by him. “Salle Labrouste” is the stunning reading room of the original Bibliothèque Nationale. Likewise, the Bibliothèque Sainte-Geneviève, the main research library for the students of the various Universités de Paris. They are breathtaking and just cry out repository of treasures. Stone, wood and figured cast iron soaring in barrel vaults with hundreds of thousands of books being the primary interior décor. Tall windows provide natural light to suffice the room.

Charles Garnier’s Opéra was inspired by Labrouste.


Charleston Conference Proceedings and Against-the-grain.com Usage Stats

The Charleston Conference Proceedings from 2009-2012 are now available online for free through the support of Purdue University Press, a unit of Purdue University Libraries at http://www.purdue.edu/charleston/.

The Most Popular Papers Downloaded Recently Were:

(A) Most Code Web 2.0: Bringing Library Collections to Your Users Where They Live — Carolyn Klat, Mercer University; Kevin Hatfield, Mercer University; Kim Meeks, Mercer University — http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/charleston/2010/OutofBox/2


Patron Driven Acquisitions: The Future of Collection Development? — Rebecca Schroeder, Brigham Young University; Tom Wright, Brigham Young University; Robert Murdoch, Brigham Young University — http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/charleston/2010/ContentDev/16

The Most Viewed Articles on Against-the-grain.com Were:

