



# INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF ANTIQUARIAN BOOKSELLERS

## Communication with the Trade

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# About ILAB

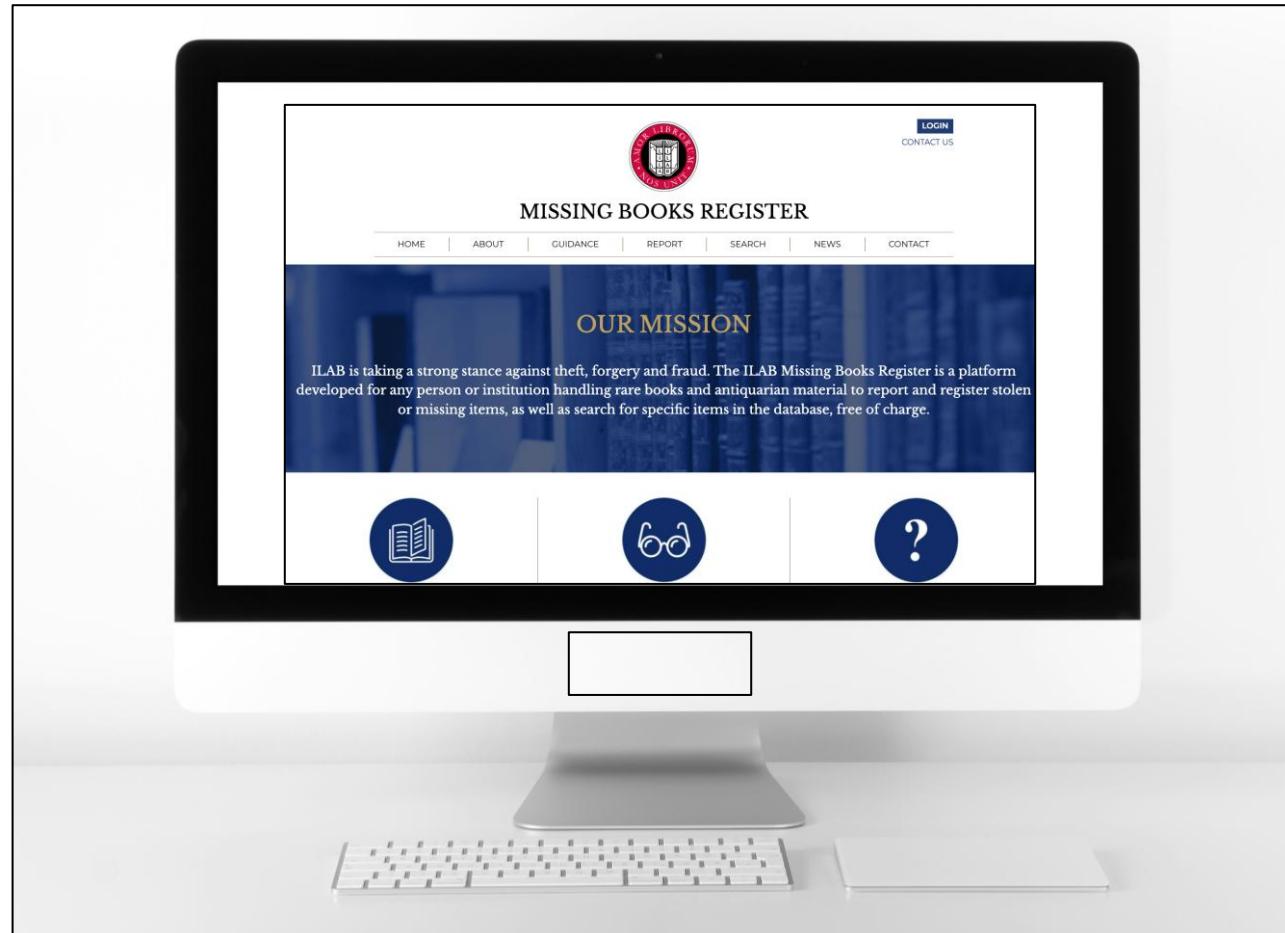
The International League of Antiquarian Booksellers (ILAB) is a global federation of 22 national antiquarian booksellers' associations, representing over 1,600 professional rare book dealers worldwide.

Since 1947, ILAB has worked to set ethical standards in the trade, foster trust between booksellers and institutions, and protect cultural heritage.

ILAB maintains close ties with libraries, archives, museums, and law enforcement bodies, positioning it as a unique bridge between the market and the custodians of collections.



# The Missing Books Register



# What is the Missing Books Register?

The Missing Books Register (MBR) was created and is hosted by ILAB. It aims to assist in the recovery of missing or stolen books and other associated items such as manuscripts, autographs, antique maps, and prints, and to discourage future thefts.

Any individual, library, archive, or dealer can report a loss.

The MBR publishes information regarding missing and stolen books and antiquarian material online, and alerts ILAB's worldwide dealer network immediately after a theft or security issue has been reported.

Unlike commercial databases, the MBR is a free and public database: there is no cost to register, report, or search.

Via: [www.ilab.org](http://www.ilab.org)

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**MISSING BOOKS REGISTER**

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## OUR MISSION

ILAB is taking a strong stance against theft, forgery and fraud. The ILAB Missing Books Register is a platform developed for any person or institution handling rare books and antiquarian material to report and register stolen or missing items, as well as search for specific items in the database, free of charge.

# REPORT A STOLEN OR MISSING ITEM

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Don't wait to report a stolen or missing item. It is vitally important to inform the ILAB network in order to hinder thieves and scams in their work.

## Registered Users

Username or Email

Password

*Forgotten Password*

**LOG IN TO MY ACCOUNT**

## Register New Account

Sign up to report an item to the ILAB Missing Books Register. Registration is free of charge.

**SIGN UP FOR AN ACCOUNT**

# Report the incident

Profile   Incidents (2)   **New Incident**

## Add New Incident

Please confirm all relevant information regarding the incident. You'll notice that you cannot yet add items to this page, but you will be able to add items to the incident once the incident is created. Once you have filled out the form, please click Add New Incident.

1 Register   2 Add Incident   3 Add Items

**SHORT DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:**

**WHEN DID THE INCIDENT OCCUR?:**  
09/09/2025

**ADDITIONAL DETAILS RELATING TO THE TIME AND LOCATION OF INCIDENT:**

**FULL DESCRIPTION AND DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT:**

**REPORTED TO POLICE??**

**DO YOU WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS?**

**DESCRIPTION OF SUSPECT (IF APPLICABLE):**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (IF APPLICABLE):**

**CASE NUMBER (IF APPLICABLE):**

**REPORTER NAME (IF DIFFERENT FROM LOGGED-IN USER):**

**REPORTER CONTACT (IF DIFFERENT FROM LOGGED-IN USER):**

# Report the item(s)

## Update Item

If you'd like to edit any information about an item, please do so here.

**TITLE:**

Chess Problems. Either to play and mate, or compel self-mate in

**AUTHOR:**

THOMPSON, Theophilus.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Original grey wrappers, front and rear cover lettered in black within floral frame, pictorial illustration of a man and woman over the board on front cover. ~~Photographic portrait frontispiece~~

**INVENTORY NO.:**

180855

**PUBLISHER:**

For sale by O. A. Brownson, Jr

**PUBLICATION DATE:**

1873

**IMPRINT:**

Dubuque, Iowa

**ITEM FORMAT:**

Octavo.

**IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS:**

Spine restored, small chip to rear wrapper bottom corner, genera

**ITEM IMAGES:**

Delete Photo

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**LOST IN TRANSIT?****RECOVERY DATE:**

09/09/2025

# Report the item(s)

## Update Item

If you'd like to edit any information about an item, please do so here.

**TITLE:**

Original drawing celebrating the golfing victory of Cecilia Leitch.

**AUTHOR:**

TOWNSEND, Frederick Henry (illus.).

**DESCRIPTION:**

Signed in ink "F. H. Townsend 1910", captioned in ink underneath, annotated in pencil along left edge ("Mount by this ~~so the paper is perpendicular~~"). Rough pencil sketch on verso with a

**INVENTORY NO.:**

182333

**PUBLISHER:****PUBLICATION DATE:**

1910

**IMPRINT:**

London

**ITEM FORMAT:**

Pencil and ink drawing on buff card (266 x 196 mm).

**IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS:**

Card browned, edges rubbed and a little chipped: in very good co

**ITEM IMAGES:**

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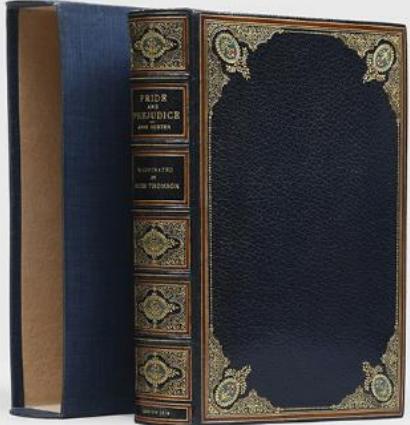
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**LOST IN TRANSIT?****RECOVERY DATE:**

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# Appearance on Register

## RECENTLY LISTED



**Pride and Prejudice. With a Preface by George Saintsbury and illustrations by Hugh Thomson.**

by AUSTEN, Jane; THOMSON, Hugh (illus.).

Reported: 03 Sep 2025

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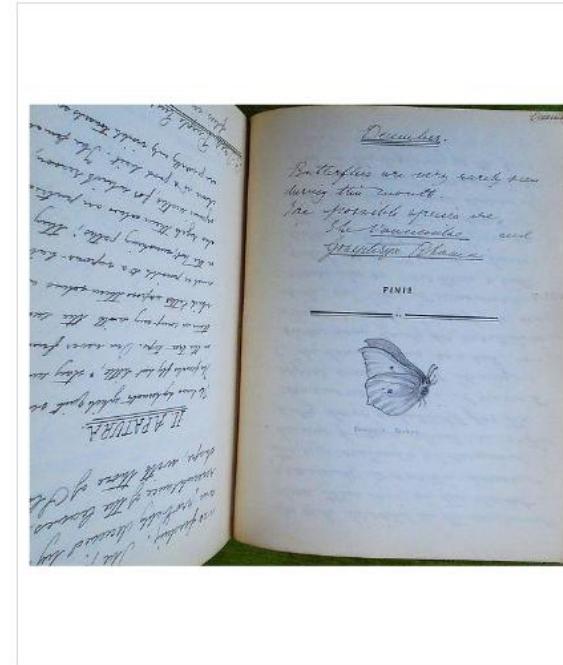


**Original handwritten signature, in full.**

by Tycho Brahe

Reported: 24 Jun 2025

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**Prideaux, Robert M.**

by Lepidoptera of the Wiesbaden District

Reported: 13 May 2025

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**Juana Erye: Memorias de una aya**

by Old-Nick [pseud. of Paul- Émile Daurand Forques]

Reported: 13 May 2025

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# The incident

One book (Le Carre, first edition, signed) has gone missing from our shop.

08 March 2025

Law Enforcement Agency (if applicable): N/A

Case Number (if applicable): N/A

## Full Description and Details of the Incident

The book (Le Carre, first edition, signed) went missing sometime between February and March, either at our former location on 18 Upper Brook Street or at our new premises at 22 Charing Cross Road.

If any of the listed items have been found or if any further information is available,

REPORTING ORGANISATION / BUSINESS: [REDACTED]

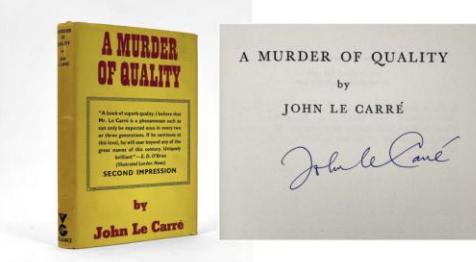
Contact: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

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## Missing Items



### A Murder of Quality

John LE CARRE

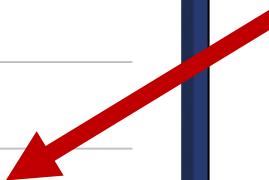
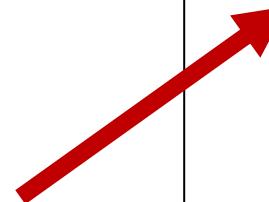
Original red boards, gilt to spine, in original dustwrapper; pp. [vi], 7-189, [iii]; upper board of wrapper with light crease towards foot; spine a little cocked, spine of wrapper slightly sunned, an attractive copy, nonetheless, of the author's very uncommon second book, the second to feature George Smiley.

#### Identifying Characteristics

Signed by John Le Carre to title page.

Edition	First Edition
Imprint	London
Publication Date	1962
Status	Missing
Publisher	Victor Gollancz Ltd.
Lost In Transit	Yes

The item(s)



# Search function

Please enter your search criteria below.

**Important:**  
ILAB has run a "Stolen Books Database" since 2004 and relaunched the system under the current name, "Missing Books Register", in 2021. Some data previous to the relaunch is not displayed here but available on request.  
Please contact the [ILAB Secretariat](#) if you wish to receive information on an item which does not appear in your search below.

Author

Title

Description

Keywords

**SEARCH**



HOME / ITEM SEARCH RESULTS

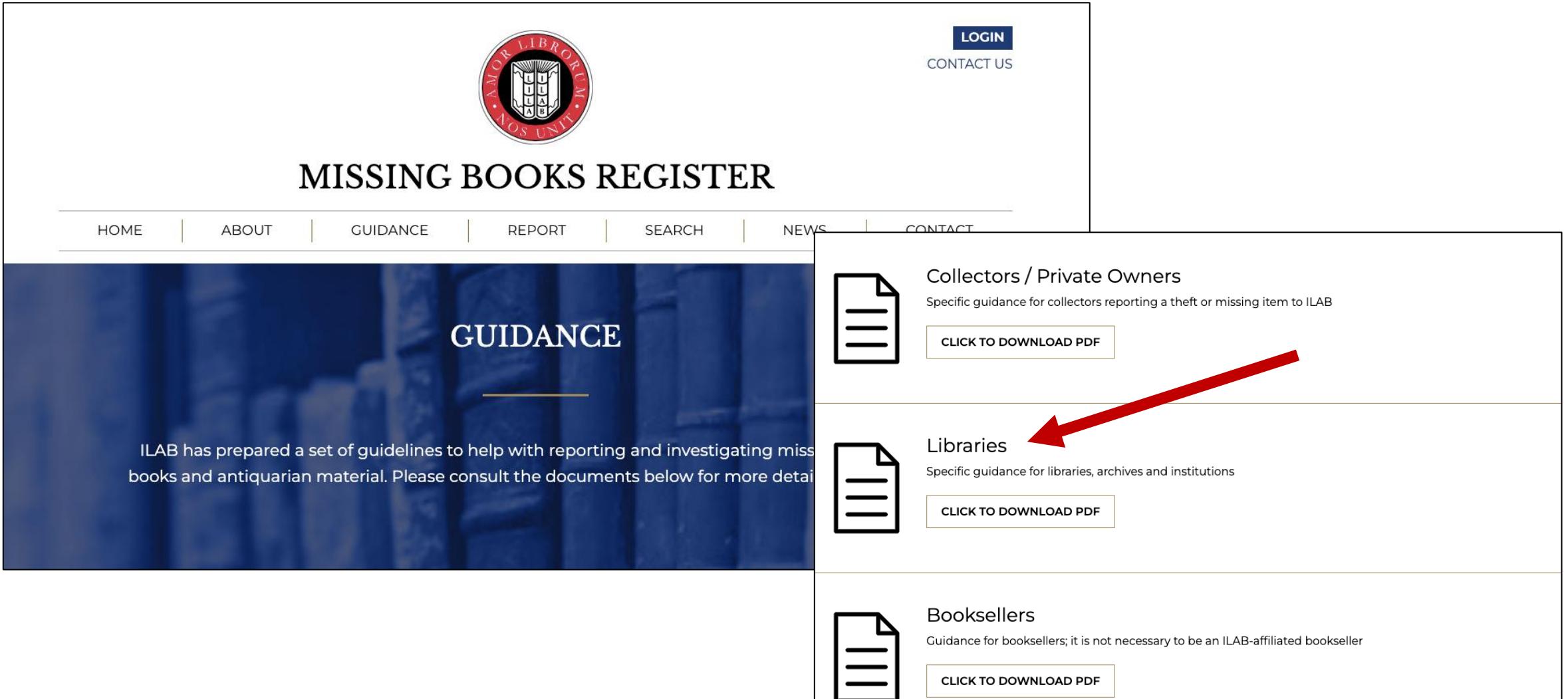
## ITEM SEARCH RESULTS

You searched for: handkerchief  
1 matches found for your search.



**Handkerchief used by a candidate to cheat.**  
by CHINESE IMPERIAL EXAMINATIONS.  
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# Tailored guidance



The screenshot shows the ILAB Missing Books Register website. At the top, there is a red circular logo with the text "AMOR LIBRORUM" and "AOS UNIT" around a central emblem. To the right of the logo are "LOGIN" and "CONTACT US" buttons. Below the logo, the page title "MISSING BOOKS REGISTER" is displayed. A horizontal navigation bar includes links for "HOME", "ABOUT", "GUIDANCE", "REPORT", "SEARCH", "NEWS", and "CONTACT".

The main content area features a large blue banner with the word "GUIDANCE" in white. Below the banner, text reads: "ILAB has prepared a set of guidelines to help with reporting and investigating missing books and antiquarian material. Please consult the documents below for more detail".

On the right side, there are three sections with download links:

- Collectors / Private Owners**: Specific guidance for collectors reporting a theft or missing item to ILAB. Includes a "CLICK TO DOWNLOAD PDF" button.
- Libraries**: Specific guidance for libraries, archives and institutions. Includes a "CLICK TO DOWNLOAD PDF" button. A red arrow points to this section.
- Booksellers**: Guidance for booksellers; it is not necessary to be an ILAB-affiliated bookseller. Includes a "CLICK TO DOWNLOAD PDF" button.

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The love of books unites us.

