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A NEW EDITION, JUST PUBLISHED

1. WESSELLS, Henry. *The Private Life of Books*. With eight illustrations from photographs by Paul Schütze. [24] pp. Designed by Jerry Kelly. 3.5 x 5.5 inches, [Upper Montclair, N.J.]: Temporary Culture, 2020. Second edition, one of 1,000 copies printed. Illustrated card wrappers, french flaps. As new. [310703] **\$17.50**

Six poems by Henry Wessells on reading, memory, books, and the second law of thermodynamics. Photographs by Paul Schütze. Originally published as an artist book in September 2014.

The title poem, read by the author, provides the concluding voiceover in *The Booksellers* documentary directed by D.W. Young.

Henry Wessells is a writer and antiquarian bookseller. He lives in Montclair, New Jersey.

Paul Schütze is an Australian artist working with sound, image and fragrance. He lives in London.

“Suitable for a gentleman-scholar’s waistcoat pocket, for consultation upon occasion, or for the reticules of learned ladies.” — Mark Valentine

From reviews of the first edition :

“a startling book ... beautiful in every way: the words, the images, and the production” — Rebecca Rego Barry, *Fine Books & Collections*.

“marvellously sombre, both in presentation and content. [...] This fine, odd, even moving book...” — *The Book Collector* (Winter 2014).

ISBN 978-0-9764660-8-6.

2. [DAVIDSON, Avram]. *Chance Meeting. Avram Davidson & Philip K. Dick*. [16] pp. 8vo, [Upper Montclair, New Jersey]: The Nutmeg Point District Mail, 2018. First edition, one of 150 copies. Stitched in Hahnemühle wrappers, with letterpress label printed by Jerry Kelly from Foundry Centaur type. As New. Publications of the Avram Davidson Society, number five. [310001] **\$20**
 Chance Meeting prints two uncollected pieces by Avram Davidson on Philip K. Dick : Davidson's perceptive review of *The Man in the High Castle* from *The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction* for June 1963 and his memoir of PKD from *Locus* 256, vol. 15, no. 5, for May 1982.
3. DAVIDSON, Avram. *The Wailing of the Gaulish Dead*. ... Preface by Eileen Gunn. [At head of title:] *Adventures in Unhistory*. [viii], 37 pp. 8vo, [Upper Montclair]: The Nutmeg Point District Mail, 2013. One of two hundred copies. Printed paper wrappers. As new. Publications of the Avram Davidson Society, number four. [310015] **\$25**
 Original previously unpublished *Adventure in Unhistory* by Avram Davidson, composed in November 1981. Published by the Nutmeg Point District Mail on 8 May 2013 in New York and Upper Montclair, to mark the twentieth anniversary of the death of Avram Davidson.
- 4 DONALD TRUMP THE MAGAZINE OF POETRY. Illustrated throughout. Unpaginated, [24] pp. Oblong quarto (8.25 x 9 inches), [Upper Montclair, New Jersey]: Temporary Culture, 2016. Pictorial wrappers, back cover by Molly Crabapple. As New. [310029] **\$7.50**
 Contributors include : Christopher Brown, Brendan C. Byrne, Molly Crabapple, MJ Duffy, Ernest Hilbert, Nicole Neenan, Mark Singer, the John Sladek Society, H. Wessells, Michael Zinman.
5. FEELEY, Gregory. *Arabian Wine*. Text ornaments and endpiece by Deirdre Newman. E-booke in pdf, mobi, & epub formats, DRM free. [Upper Montclair, New Jersey]: Temporary Culture, 2015. **\$10**
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6. HALDEMAN, Joe, and Judith CLUTE. *Forever Peace. To Stop War*. Poem by Joe Haldeman. Etchings by Judith Clute. With 10 original aquatint etchings printed on Somerset handmade paper by the artist from the original plates (two with added color), numbered & signed by the artist in pencil. [4] pp. text. Letterpress printed on Somerset handmade paper by David Wolfe. 11-1/4 x 15 inches, [Upper Montclair, New Jersey]: Temporary Culture, 2008. One of 25 numbered copies, signed by the artist and author. Hand bound in patterned paste paper over boards. As New. [310009] **\$1,000**
 Joe Haldeman is author of the science fiction classic *The Forever War* (1975) and many other books. The poem was first published as “Endangered Species” in *Vanishing Acts*, edited by Ellen Datlow (St. Martin's Press, 1999), and was also used as the epigram to his novel *Forever Free* (Ace, 1999).

7. SWANWICK, Michael. *Hope-in-the-Mist. The Extraordinary Career & Mysterious Life of Hope Mirrlees*. Preface by Neil Gaiman. E-book in pdf, mobi, & epub formats, DRM free. [Upper Montclair, New Jersey]: Temporary Culture: 2016. **\$10**

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8. SWANWICK, Michael; Gardner DOZOIS. *She Saved Us from World War Three. Gardner Dozois Remembers James Tiptree, Jr. An Interview by Michael Swanwick*. With two folding facsimile plates. [20] pp. 8vo, [Upper Montclair, New Jersey]: Temporary Culture, 2020. One of 200 unnumbered copies. Pictorial wrappers, portrait of Gardner Dozois by John DeChancie. As new. [310699] **\$20**

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9. SWANWICK, Michael. *What Can Be Saved from the Wreckage? James Branch Cabell in the Twenty-first Century*. With a preface by Barry Humphries. E-booke in pdf, mobi, & epub formats, DRM free. [Upper Montclair, New Jersey]: Temporary Culture: 2016. **\$10**

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10. WALKER, Wendy. *My Man and other Critical Fictions*. Frontispiece illustration of Joseph Conrad and the author by Joanna Ebenstein and G. F. Newland. 138 pp. Oblong 8vo, [Upper Montclair, New Jersey]: Temporary Culture, 2011. One of 527 copies, trade issue. Full green Brilliantia cloth, upper cover titled in gilt. Printed dust jacket. As new. [310017] **\$20**

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11. WALKER, Wendy. *My Man and other Critical Fictions*. Frontispiece illustration of Joseph Conrad and the author by Joanna Ebenstein and G. F. Newland. 138 pp. Oblong 8vo, [Upper Montclair, New Jersey]: Temporary Culture, 2011. First edition, one of 22 copies signed by the author and by the artists. Hand bound in full dark green Asahi cloth, upper cover with printed label. As new. [310014] **\$300**

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12. WEBB, Don. *When They Came*. [2], [x], 222, [6] pp. 8vo, [Upper Montclair, New Jersey]: Temporary Culture, 2006. First edition, trade issue, one of 500 copies. Pictorial wrappers. As new. [310019] **\$20**

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14. WESSELLS, Henry. *A Conversation larger than the Universe. Readings in Science Fiction and the Fantastic 1762-2017 ...* With a Foreword by John Crowley. 288 pp. With more than 100 illustrations; index. 8vo, New York: The Grolier Club, 2018. First edition, trade issue, one of 1500 copies printed. Pictorial wrappers, french flaps. As new. [310010] **\$35**

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