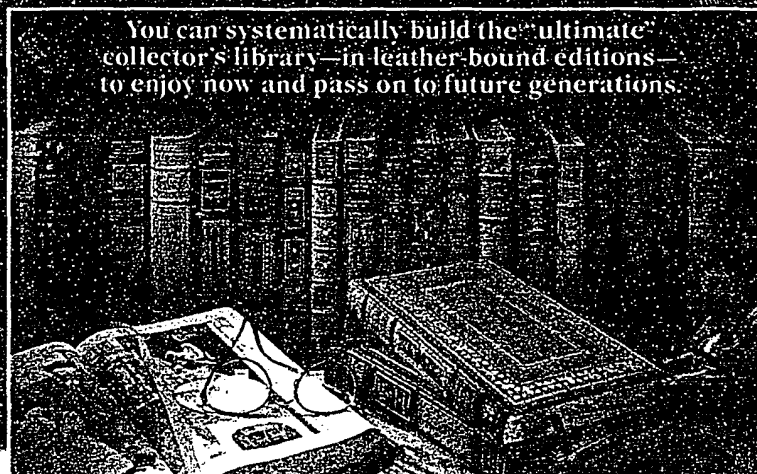


Join the world's greatest authors in the collecting experience of a lifetime.

And build your *own* library of personally signed First Editions.



You can systematically build the "ultimate" collector's library—in leather-bound editions—to enjoy now and pass on to future generations.

Gail Godwin, Kurt Vonnegut, Maya Angelou, John Gregory Dunne, Harrison E. Salisbury, Louis Auchincloss and Arthur Miller have selected Princeton University as the 1988 winner of The Franklin Library Signed First Edition Annual Grant, a scholarship awarded to encourage aspiring young writers.

**T**hey're the world's most celebrated authors. Their books have been read by millions of people throughout the world. But until now, only the privileged have been able to acquire the modern masterpieces of our greatest writers in prized First Editions. And fewer still have been able to collect First Editions that have been *personally signed* by their world-famous authors.

**That's the unsurpassed collecting pleasure that awaits you as a Privileged Member of The Signed First Edition Society.**

Each month, you'll be able to *automatically acquire* a newly published First Edition—the limited first printing of a major literary work. Each volume will be luxuriously bound in premium leather. Embellished with 22 karat gold. And *personally hand-signed* by its acclaimed author.

Think about it. If you had belonged to the Society last year, you would have had the opportunity to acquire a Signed First Edition of Raymond Carver's *Where I'm Calling From*\*... a personally signed copy of Anne Tyler's *Breathing Lessons*\*... Robertson Davies' *The Lyre of Orpheus*, also signed by the author... and other modern literary classics by some of the most distinguished authors of our time—Iris Murdoch, Alison Lurie, and Nobel Prize winner Isaac Bashevis Singer.

The First Editions you will be offered in upcoming months will be no less important... and just as magnificent. In addition to their leather bindings and 22 karat gold ornamentation, your volumes will feature distinctive cover designs... page edges gilded with tarnish-free finish for beauty and protection... specially designed decorative endsheets... and superb illustrations commissioned exclusively for these editions. And every volume is printed on fine acid-free book paper to withstand the ravages of time.

In addition, each of your Signed First Editions will include a special Foreword written by the author *exclusively* for Society members. This personal Foreword will provide the author's own insights into the content, meaning and intention of the book—to enhance your reading enjoyment.

**A singular opportunity to acquire the world's most singular books.**

As a Society member, you'll receive a Signed First Edition of each book as it is published, at the approximate rate of one book each month. Each volume costs just \$39.50—a surprisingly affordable price for books of such uncompromising quality and historic value. You may cancel your membership at any time, or remain a member for as long as you wish.

Don't pass up this opportunity to have the world's most honored authors sign their newest books *especially for you*. Join The Signed First Edition Society by returning your Membership Acceptance Certificate by March 31, 1989.

\*The New York Times Book Review noted these among its "Editor's Choice: The Best Books of 1988." The late Raymond Carver's collection of short stories was nominated for a National Book Critics Circle Award. Anne Tyler's *Breathing Lessons* was nominated for a National Book Award.

**Personally signed first editions. Leather-bound and remarkably priced at \$39.50.**

THE SIGNED FIRST  EDITION SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP ACCEPTANCE CERTIFICATE

Limit of one subscription per collector  
Please respond by March 31, 1989.

**YES**, I am honored to accept your invitation to join The Signed First Edition Society. Please send me the magnificent First Editions to be published exclusively by The Franklin Library, at the approximate rate of one book a month. Each leather-bound volume will be personally signed for me by its world-famous author and will include a special Foreword that will appear only in the Society's edition.

I understand that as a Privileged Member, I need send no money now. I will be billed just \$39.50\* for each leather-bound Signed First Edition, in advance of shipment, and I am free to cancel my membership at any time.

\*Plus my state sales tax and \$2.50 for shipping and handling.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
All applications are subject to acceptance

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print clearly)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

© 1989 FL MAIL TO: THE SIGNED FIRST EDITION SOCIETY  
The Franklin Library, Franklin Center, PA 19091 R3943-00127