



Tips for researching books for value:

The **condition** of the book can affect the price:

- Condition: Is the spine or cover damaged or frayed? Are there markings in the book? Are the pages browned/yellowed? Is the cover soiled?
- Dust jacket: Books with a dust jacket are worth more than books without a dust jacket.

The **publication date** can also affect the price of a book. The publication date of a book is usually found on the first few pages of the book.

The description column of the search results often lists this type of information. Look for:

- Copies with the same publication date as the book you are researching.
- Descriptions of condition.

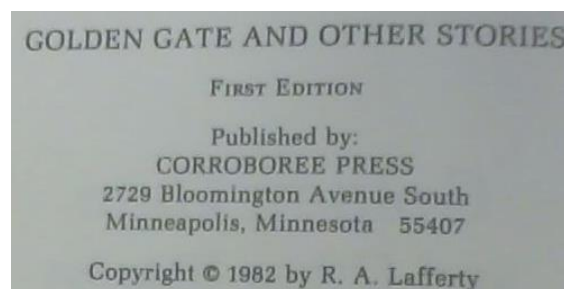
Prices are higher or lower depending on the publication date and/or condition of one book versus the publication date and condition of other similar books for sale.

- Older books are usually worth more than newer books.
- Ex-library books are worth less than non-library books.

### Signed copies and first editions

Books signed by authors and first editions of books can increase their value. The format of the book (hardcover vs. softcover) may also affect the value.

**How do you know if a book is a first edition?** Look for “First Edition” printed along with the publication date information.



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