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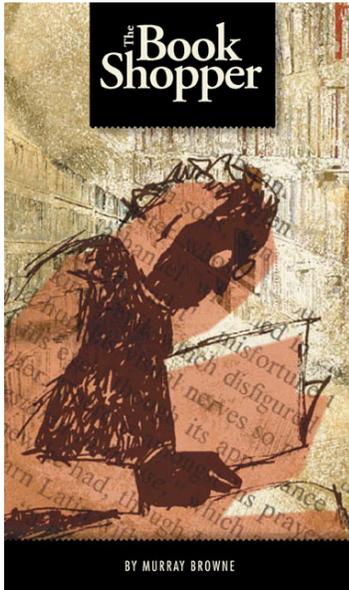
The Book Shopper

A Life in Review

by Murray Browne

"Browne's take on how books shape our lives is keen, amusing, and ornery." -- *Booklist*

For readers who love to browse for books and are always looking for that next great read — and a good deal — Murray Browne offers this personal guide to bookstores, online booksellers, and the off-center kind of people who frequent them. *The Book Shopper* will make you laugh as it guides you through the cluttered aisles of contemporary book culture.



"This predilection [for browsing used bookstores] has grown into a real (albeit quirky) passion for thinking about the many ways books affect our lives—how and where we shop for them, the people we know who read them, the small passages that stick in our heads for years only to reappear at the oddest moments. The minds of book people are mosaics of ideas, thoughts, and phrases that have originated in books . . . I'm fascinated by how we hold and shape these fragments, how they coalesce into what I call my book shopper state of mind." —from Chapter 1 of *The Book Shopper*

In chapters such as "Prerequisites: What Every Good Bookstore Should Have," "Books as Gifts," and "The Classic Book Group," Murray Browne offers a lifeline to readers who love to browse for used books but don't want to be overwhelmed by the possibilities.

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