sums ever paid for poetical composition,' for a six-line eulogy on Venice?

Books ... includes sections on bookmaking, the physical book, the enemies of books, and the love of books. There is a selective bibliography in addition to subject and author indexes. The illustrations are plentiful, but only moderately effective (particularly those in colour). One would hope that Gerald Donaldson profits well with this effort; for, as he quotes Dr. Johnson, 'No man but a blockhead ever wrote, except for money.'

REVIEW EDITOR

Bookman's Price Index: A Guide to the Values of Rare and Other Out-of-Print Books. [By] Daniel F. McGrath. Detroit: Gale Research Co. annual, cloth, \$78.00 ISSN 0068-0141

Bookman's Price Index is an annual publication that lists entries from the catalogues of out-of-print and antiquarian dealers. The volume examined covered the catalogues of some seventy dealers, mostly American, but including nineteen in the British Isles, two in Switzerland, and four in Canada – Dora Hood, October Books (now D. & E. Lake), Old Author's Farm, and Wolfe – a list that could bear improvement.

The entries are arranged alphabetically by author, personal or corporate, with pseudonyms indicated. Each entry includes the author, title, and place and date of publication, a description of the item or copy, the dealer's name and his catalogue and item number, the date of the catalogue, and the price asked. The descriptions are not quoted verbatim, but omit or condense 'details not essential to establishing condition or determining price.' According to the publisher, some 35,000 titles were included in the volume under review. The full names and addresses of the dealers are given at the front of the publication.

This work has become a standard tool for librarians, antiquarian booksellers, and those interested in the current value of rare and out-of-print books. It is of particular interest in Canada because of the lack of any other recent source for such prices. For this reason, it would be good to have more Canadian dealers represented in *BPI*. As with all such listings, it is well to keep in mind that these are the prices asked, but not necessarily received. Also, as the publisher warns, 'An individual dealer's evaluation of a book may not represent a professional consensus.'

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Directory of Special Libraries and Information Centers ...

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Volume one of this three-volume set (each is marketed individually) is arranged alphabetically by institution. Descriptions for libraries in the United States and Canada are listed separately: the U.S. section numbers 13,863 special libraries and archives; the Canada section includes 1,792 Canadian repositories. The coverage is