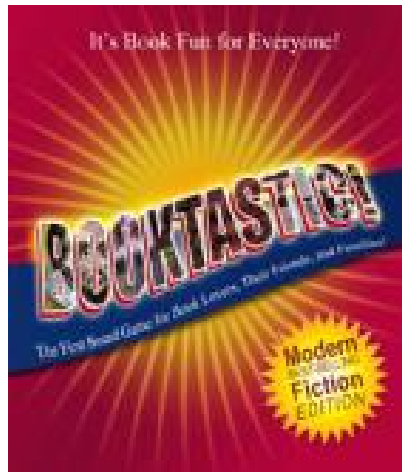


## How to play the game:

Collect your combined entry form and question sheet, fill in your details, find the answers and lodge your entry in the Cold Book Case.

You never know – you could win some amazing prizes including a copy of Booktastic – the book based board game, a genuine Inova X5 torch as used on the CSI TV series and a fantastic gift basket from Nick's Seafood Restaurant.



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*Follows & Leeds*

Agents Of

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LIBRARY BOOK RECOVERY AGENCY

**And The Search For Jerome Saint's Seminal Work:  
The Library Technician in the British Empire**

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## The Story of Follows & Leeds.

Tuesday.

Darling Harbour.

Sydney.

Winston MacArthur Leeds stood looking into the calm waters of Cockle Bay, watching the reflections of the city as a jet arced overhead on its way north to who knows where. Cockles, he thought. Cockles of your heart. Cockle Bay cockles - I used to love to go to the markets in Cardiff in Wales and get a jar of cockles and eat them. Hmm. Winston wondered for a moment why you couldn't get cockles here in Sydney. He then began thinking of those famous Sydney Rock Oysters and wondered if there was such a thing as Sydney Jazz Oysters or Sydney Symphony Oysters.

"Penny for your thoughts!"

It was Victoria. Victoria Follows, associate of one Winston MacArthur Leeds. Together they ran LiBRA - the Library Book Recovery Agency from a couple of rooms above an antique shop in Ultimo, a short walk from where they were now standing. Winston and Victoria had set up LiBRA on the noble ideal of reuniting libraries with their long lost overdue books - returning the books to their rightful homes, putting them back into circulation.

"I think you'd want your money back if I told you that" said Winston.

As usual, Victoria looked 'the business', dressed to impress, but without having cost the earth to do so. Winston on the other hand was in his usual jeans and open necked striped shirt. He was wearing a panama hat to keep the sun off his somewhat less than hirsute head.

"So, what have you got?" he asked.

"There's a big one brewing", said Victoria, causing Winston to look heavenwards searching for signs of a storm.

Victoria ignored Winston's skywards gaze, "come on, I'll tell you as we go. We're needed at the State. I've told Mrs. Chaucer to answer the phone if it rings."

Mrs. Chaucer was their tea lady, secretary, receptionist and landlady. She owned the antique store downstairs, but liked to look after the "library people upstairs" as she called them. Mrs. Chaucer didn't seem to get many customers. Mr. Chaucer was also noticeably absent. Apparently he was on a trip - but he seemed to have been away for a while.

"The State?" asked Winston.

"State Library" said Victoria, "they've found that they're missing an old one - come on then!"

Twenty minutes later. They were across town at the State Library and after the usual formalities and introductions were ushered into an office with Philippa Estanté, the State Library's Manager of Antiquarian Manuscripts.

After some small talk, Philippa came to the point.

"We seem to have mislaid our copy of *The Library Technician in the British Empire*." said Philippa.

"That sounds vaguely familiar. Who wrote it?" asked Winston slowly.

"Jerome Saint, who was the Librarian at St Ledger's Theological College in London. It is his seminal work, written and published in 1907 and is extremely rare. It was one of the first examples of a scholarly examination of the role of Library Technicians around what was then the British Empire published anywhere in the world. There was sadly, only a very small print run by the printers and not many copies were sold. Regrettably, hardly any survived into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We had one of only three surviving copies left in the world."

"I remember hearing about that at TAFE" said Winston.

"And you've lost it" said Victoria flatly.

"Well, it would appear that we currently are unable to ascertain its exact location, might be more the way we'd prefer to categorise the situation" said Philippa. "The State Library does not lose books"

"No, it's just that sometimes you don't know where to find them," said Winston.

Half an hour later, Winston and Victoria were walking down Martin Place.

"It would seem" said Winston, "that the game's afoot!"

"Yes, this is going to be a tough nut to crack" Victoria replied, "We may need some help to find the book"

"And we've only got three days! You'd have thought we'd have been called in before now - but if we can solve this one LiBRA will be set for years to come. We'll be famous!" said Winston.

"In library circles anyway" replied Victoria "come on, time for a coffee"

And so gentle reader; you are hereby invited to assist Winston and Victoria, Agents of LiBRA, in their search to find **Jerome Saint's 'The Library Technician in the British Empire'**.

**Let the game begin!**