



Here Be Books

Looking for a Book? *Here Be Books* can help.

You're made to feel welcome the moment you enter *Here Be Books*, a used-book store in Summerville where you're always greeted with a cheerful "Hello" or "Good Afternoon." Sam, the "official greeter," a German Shepherd/Welsh Corgi mix, does his best to make you feel welcome, too, often offering his belly up for a rub.



Sam

Here Be Books is a browsers' bookstore, located in the Oakbrook Plaza Shopping Center of Summerville at the corner of Ladson and Dorchester Roads. There are a couple of big comfy chairs where you can relax, peruse books, or sit and visit with the owners, Tim and Tina McDuffie.

Whatever it is you're looking for, with over 40,000 books in stock, you're sure to find something of interest at *Here Be Books*. They've got all the categories covered from fiction to nonfiction. Most of their books are used, out-of-print, or collectible. They do carry some new, rare and antiquarian books as well. "We have about 90% of our books in our computer database now," said Tim. "Just ask, if you can't find something and I'll look it up. We can search by author, title, or ISBN."

"When you go to the big commercial bookstores like Barnes & Noble, you find what's popular, in print, what everybody else is buying and reading," said Becky Simmons, one regular customer. "At *Here Be Books*, you find unexpected things and forgotten treasures, including older titles by that author you just discovered when you read her latest best seller. Most of what we find at *Here Be Books* are things we weren't looking for," Becky continued. "I love that when I come in, I can afford to buy just about any book I see. That's a great feeling."

Here Be Books carries both hard cover books and paperbacks. "Many customers have told us they appreciate that we carry hard cover books," said Tina. "They're easier on the eyes than regular paperbacks. They also make great keepsakes: people like to have their favorite books in hardback. They're more durable and look prettier on the shelf."

Another regular customer said, "At *Here Be Books*, people can find recent hard cover books, with their dust jackets, in new condition, for five or six bucks. Books you would've paid twenty-something dollars for six months ago."

The other used-book stores in the area don't carry many hard cover books, if at all. *Here Be Books* also stocks some large print and audio books. "We'd like to beef up our large print and audio

book sections," Tina said.

You can trade in books for store credit at *Here Be Books* and use your credit to buy other used books for half price. Details are available on their web site at www.herebebooks.com.

The McDuffies also buy books. The categories they're always looking for include: ancient history, local history, children's mystery series like Nancy Drew and The Three Investigators, recent Science Fiction & Fantasy, paranormal, parapsychology, and role-playing games. "If you have something else, give me a call," said Tim.

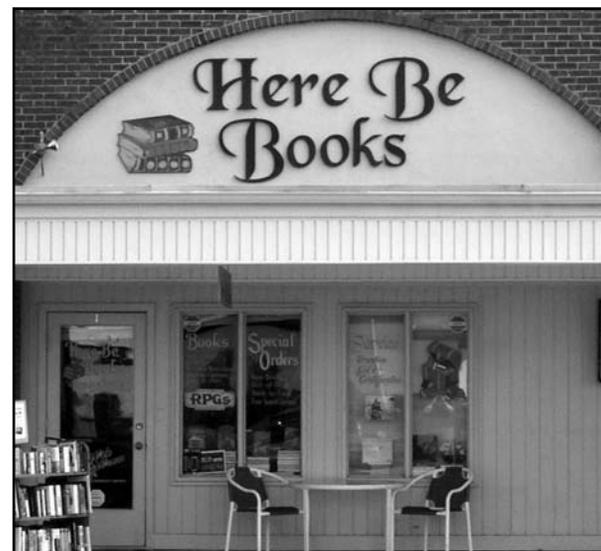
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"You can spend hours searching for books yourself on the Internet, but you take your chances," said Becky Simmons. "You might get a great book in excellent condition; you might get a beat up copy or the wrong book. Worse, you may never get the book you paid for at all. I'd rather have an expert find the book. I probably save money, and certainly save time, in the long run."

"Tim's been buying and selling books and roleplaying games online for more than twelve years now. We know what to look for, what sellers to avoid, in order to get you the best copy available for the least amount of money," said Tina McDuffie.

When asked what they liked best about *Here Be Books*, customers cited, "service, friendliness, and helpfulness" over and over again.

Shortly after opening their store in August 2005, the McDuffies discovered they had multiple copies of many titles in their stock. Rather than throwing them away, they determined to find good homes for them and started "Operation: Books for Troops." Just bring the name and FPO or APO address of a service member serving overseas to the store and the McDuffies will send the service member a box of books for free. *Here Be Books* even pays the postage. "We've got lots of books ready to go," Tina said. "Our goal is to send a box a week, but we keep running out of addresses." The McDuffies also donate books to other causes. If you know a charity that could use some books, give Tina a call.



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