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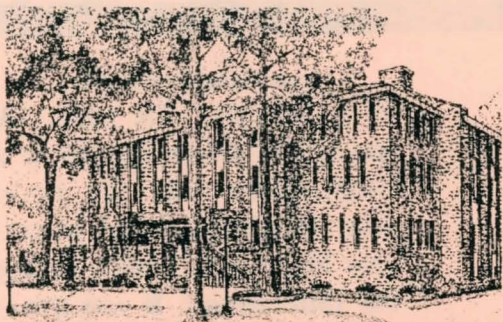
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1999 National Book Award Finalists and Winners

Awarded each year since 1950, the National Book Awards are among the most prestigious prizes in American publishing.

FICTION

Dubus, Andre

House of Sand & Fog: A Novel (813.54 D8541h)

Haruf, Kent

Plainsong (813.54 H26p)

Henley, Patricia

Hummingbird House (on order)

Jin, Ha * winner *

Waiting: A Novel (811.54 J564W)



Thompson, Jean

Who Do You Love?: Stories (813.54 T374)

NON-FICTION

Angier, Natalie

Woman: An Intimate Geography (612.6 An45)

Bowden, Mark

Black Hawk Down: A Story of Modern War (967.73 B672)

Dower, John W. * winner *

Embracing Defeat: Japan in the Wake of World War II
(952.04 D752)



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Notable Gift Acquisition: *Bayle's Dictionnaire Historique et Critique*

The Library is pleased to announce a significant gift from Dr. Albert L. Reiner, *Professor of Romance Languages, Emeritus*. Dr. Reiner was on the Ursinus faculty from 1971 to 1978. His gift to the Ursinus community is a 5-volume folio edition of the *Dictionnaire Historique et Critique* by Pierre Bayle published in 1734.

First published in 1697, Bayle's *Dictionnaire*, which consists of biographical articles of theologians (including Zacharias Ursinus!), Biblical figures, and politicians, became a very influential and controversial work. Its importance was not primarily as a biographical source, however. According to the *New Catholic Encyclopedia*, "The 'meat' of the *Dictionary* consists of lengthy, digressive, erudite footnotes, and notes to the notes, attacking and dissecting every possible theory in philosophy, theology, and science ..."

Dr. Reiner comments, "Bayle's *Dictionnaire* professed to do nothing more than correct the deficiencies of a popular encyclopedia of its day, Moreri's *Grand Dictionnaire Encyclopédique*, but it did more than rectify errors and

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Santos, John Phillip

Places Left Unfinished at the Time of Creation (976.4351 Sa59)

Thurman, Judith

Secrets of the Flesh: A Life of Colette (848.91 C679zT)

POETRY

Ai * winner *

Vice: New & Selected Poems (811.54 Ai1) ★

Glück, Louise

Vita Nova (811.54 G52v)

Major, Clarence

Configurations: New & Selected Poems 1958-1998 (on order)

Santos, Sherod

Pilot Star Elegies: Poems (on order)

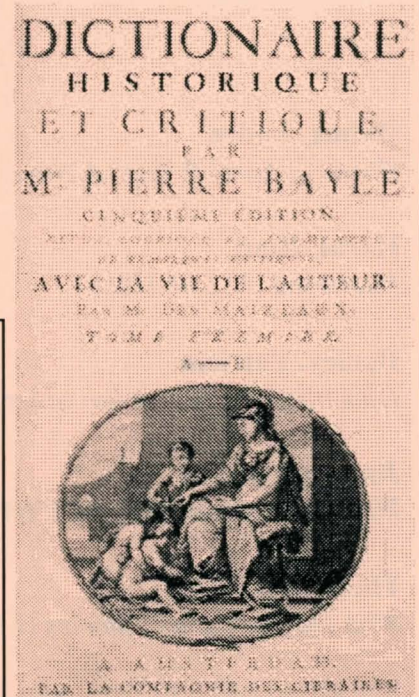
Williams, C.K.

Repair: Poems (811.54 W671r)

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fill in lacunae.” He adds, “A survey has shown that Bayle’s *Dictionnaire* was the book most frequently found in private libraries in France during the 18th century. It was translated into English and was well known to America’s Founding Fathers.”

The *Dictionnaire Historique et Critique* will be kept in the Library’s Rare Book Collection.



Myrin Library Quick Question



Question: How many books does the library add to the collection in one year?

Answer: We usually add approximately 7,000 books each year. You can visit the recent acquisitions section of the Library’s homepage, <http://myrin.ursinus.edu>, to browse through recent titles.

**Myrin’s Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule
November 23 - 28**

November 23 (Tuesday)	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
November 24 (Wednesday)	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
November 25 (Thursday)	Closed
November 26 (Friday)	Closed
November 27 (Saturday)	Closed
November 28 (Sunday)	5:00 p.m. - Midnight

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