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Dear Brian Lamph and About Books Staff.

Your interview/tour with Fred Bass at The Strand Book Store was absolutely marvelous. I was in ecstasy - my favorite ~~interview~~ at my favorite bookstore - what an incredible combination! -

Also kudos to your camera person. I shoot & edit my own mini-documentaries and really appreciate the "extemporaneous look" to the work - It's a nice contrast to the more typical Studio productions.

My 2<sup>nd</sup> favorite Bookstore, Powells, in Portland Oregon, merits consideration by your Producers - as a potential ~~follow up~~ episode in your About Books Series.

I live in Austin Texas. We have several wonderful Bookstores here, but nothing ever compares to The Strand or Powells. However, Austin is fortunate in many ways -

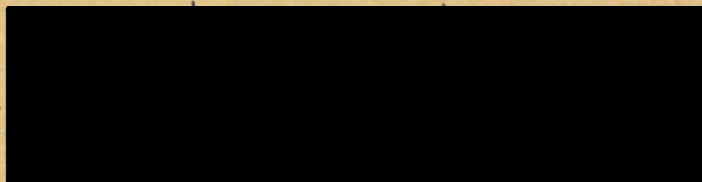
- ① We have a huge number of published writers,
- ② There is an active publishing industry (considering both traditional and <sup>the</sup> impending changes with the developing technology)
- ③ The University of Texas has an amazing collection of Rare Books at the Humanities Research Center, a world class collection of Prints housed at the Huntington and Studio degree in Printmaking, etc. etc. etc...

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It was not my intention - at the beginning of this letter - to "Sell" Austin as a potential site for segments of About Books - But it appears - that's what I've tried to do - Consequently, I've collected ~~a sample of~~ and enclosed a sampling of what Austin and Texas has to offer - for your consideration.

As a life-long reader and lover of Books, I commend your new series - Thank you -  
Sincerely yours,



Austin Texas, 78731

P.S. How about a segment on the  
①. History of Paper-making — ②. Printing  
③. Publishing — ④. Books in other cultures  
The Possibilities are endless !!! —  
⑤ Childrens Book. & their illustrations