

# Level Library of American Fiction: An Unparalleled Collection of American Literature

The Level Library of American Fiction is an unparalleled collection of American literature, featuring first editions, signed copies, and rare manuscripts from some of the most celebrated authors in American history. The collection was assembled over several decades by Dr. Martin Level, a renowned collector and scholar of American literature. Upon his death in 2006, the collection was donated to the University of California, Berkeley, where it is now housed in the Bancroft Library.



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The Level Library is a valuable resource for students and researchers of American literature. The collection provides a unique opportunity to study the development of American literature over time. It also offers insights into the lives and work of some of the most important figures in American literary history.

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Dr. Martin Level began collecting American literature in the 1950s. He was a passionate collector who spent countless hours searching for rare and valuable books. Over time, he assembled one of the most comprehensive collections of American literature in the world.

Dr. Level's collection was not limited to first editions and signed copies. He also collected rare manuscripts and letters. These materials provide valuable insights into the creative process of some of the most important figures in American literature.

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## **The Collection**

The Level Library of American Fiction is divided into two parts: the first edition collection and the manuscript collection.

### **First Edition Collection**

The first edition collection includes over 10,000 first editions of American literature. The collection includes works by all of the major American authors, from Mark Twain to Toni Morrison.

The first edition collection is a valuable resource for scholars and researchers. It provides a unique opportunity to study the development of American literature over time. The collection also offers insights into the publishing history of American literature.

## **Manuscript Collection**

The manuscript collection includes over 1,000 manuscripts and letters from American authors. The collection includes manuscripts of works by Mark Twain, Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, William Faulkner, and John Steinbeck, among others.

The manuscript collection is a valuable resource for scholars and researchers. It provides a unique opportunity to study the creative process of some of the most important figures in American literature. The collection also offers insights into the personal lives of these authors.

## **Access to the Collection**

The Level Library of American Fiction is available to scholars and researchers by appointment. The collection is not open to the general public.

To request an appointment, please contact the Bancroft Library at (510) 642-6481.

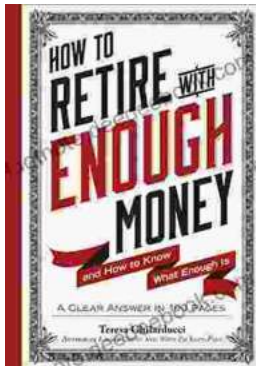
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