



Bookshelf

FAVORITE BOOKS

(in no particular order):

Ulysses, James Joyce
(especially the Cyclops episode)

Young Men and Fire, Norman Maclean

The Education of Henry Adams, Henry Adams
(especially "The Virgin and the Dynamo")

A Bridge Too Far, Cornelius Ryan

A Prayer for Owen Meany, John Irving
(the introduction is some of the most powerful writing in the English language in the last fifty years)

The Flu: The Story of the Great Influenza Pandemic of 1918, Gina Kolata

FAVORITE AUTHORS:

Hunter Thompson

John Keegan

CURRENT READING:

I and Thou, Martin Buber

Heritage: Civilization and the Jews, Abba Eban

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B&T Profile

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Martin Warzala is responsible for the work group and systems that support Baker & Taylor's (B&T's) collection development services for domestic and international Public, K-12 School, and Academic Libraries.

He has been employed with B&T for over twenty years and has held positions in database administration and worked on a number of system development projects. Prior to employment with B&T, Warzala worked in public and academic libraries. In addition to his master of library science (MLS) degree, he has a master's degree in liberal studies. An active professional, Warzala has served on professional committees and discussion groups, published articles, and made presentations on library collection development and acquisitions topics.

What advice does Martin give to publishers working with B&T?

"Publishers should understand that we appreciate their attention and interest in meeting with our group to discuss product lines and exchange information on what customer librarians want from publishers.

The single most important thing that publishers must understand about our work group, and for that fact, our customers, is that we need the most accurate, timely, and complete data provided to B&T's database administration and buying teams as far in advance of a product's publication date as possible.

Like our mutual customers, we are dependent upon data integrity to do our job well. Printed publisher catalogs and fact sheets, in addition to being environmentally unsound, are a less-than-desirable way to convey information about products in the twenty-first century."

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