

Banned Booksellers Week, November 5-11, 2018

More than 200 booksellers will remove their inventory from the Abebooks family of websites in solidarity with colleagues who will be banned from the sites effective November 30. The participating booksellers ask that customers take a week's vacation from Abebooks and consider purchasing books from independent sites like <https://www.biblio.com>.

Abebooks' Statement on the Ban of Booksellers from the Czech Republic, Hungary, Russia, and South Korea

Statement to the International League of Antiquarian Booksellers, November 3, 2018

Last month, we notified some sellers that we would be unable to support them after November 30. We did so because our third-party payment service provider is closing at the end of the year.

Buyers will be able to continue to make purchases through AbeBooks regardless of their location, but unfortunately a small number of sellers will be impacted as we migrate to a new payment service provider.

We regret that we cannot continue to serve all sellers. We remain committed to helping those affected by this change and are actively contacting them to help them explore other options.

We are deeply appreciative of our community of buyers and sellers, and our goal remains to serve all book lovers, both buyers and sellers, in as many countries as possible.

Statement to the International League of Antiquarian Booksellers, October 27, 2018

We recently announced to sellers in certain countries that AbeBooks will no longer be able to support them effective November 30, 2018. This included 4 countries with national associations that are members of ILAB: Czech Republic, Hungary, South Korea, Russia.

We sincerely regret having to take this action but it is no longer viable for us to operate in these countries due to increasing costs and complexities.

We continue to support sellers in all other 18 of the 22 countries with national associations that are members of ILAB (i.e. Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States).

Any ILAB affiliated seller in any country with questions about this change is invited to reach out to me directly (email: [redacted]), and I'll be happy to help them. We highly value our relationships to ILAB affiliated sellers because they offer unique selection and adhere to the highest standards, and we will continue to search for ways to support sellers from a greater selection of countries.

Kind regards,

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