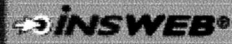


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## Book Artisan's Market

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In our first week of Book Art Awareness Month here at The Mining Company's Book Collecting site, we took you on a virtual tour of what is the essence of book art. Our second week brings us to an imaginary book artisan's market.

Picture yourself in a quaint little town. The trees are green. The sun is warm on your face but the breeze is cool. You notice the tables set up down the alley way. A light jazz fills the air. You are drawn to the wares. The books are calling your name.



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The first table features a display of beautiful miniature books. You carefully examine the limited edition handmade books, especially noticing the one featuring wildflowers.

A woman walks over and strikes up a conversation. It is the artist, Jane Conneen. She explains that the wildflower book that you had been admiring depicts wildflowers that she sketched while on long winter walks in Melbourne, Florida. You smile and make small talk before moving on, promising to return before the end of the market.

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Wandering through the market, your eye is drawn to a table filled with little sculptures. A closer look brings you to the realization that they aren't sculptures at all but rather books -- amazing books. A look at the accompanying card reveals it is the work of literary sculptress, Susan Hensel. A double take surprises you with the name of the sculpture, "Anne," a tribute to Anne Sexton. The truly amazing work astounds you but you manage to pull yourself away in search of your next adventure.



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