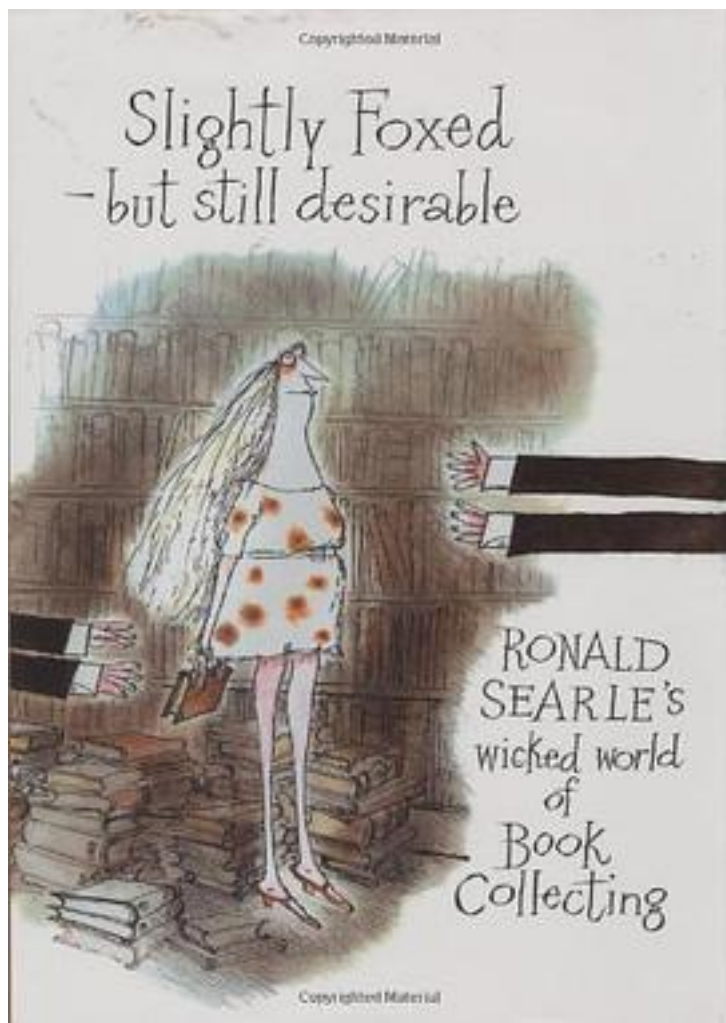# Slightly Foxed- but still desirable

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As any, even vaguely addicted book collector will have swiftly learned, most

booksellers' catalogues are written in a parallel language that can fool anyone but the 'cognoscenti' and which makes the mysteries of the Rosetta stone, or Linear B, look like something out of Enid Blython.

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