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In the almost limitless sea of books, here's one that will make you laugh as it helps you find your way to books that you'll want to read. With witty poignancy, *The Book Shopper: A Life in Review* describes the inner world of the writer's imagination and the outer world of disheveled used book stores and dusty basements whose shelves sag under the burden of too many books. In *The Book Shopper* Murray Browne discusses practical matters: How to deal with cantankerous used book store owners. Which contemporary writers he likes and thinks have staying power. How to assess a used book store to determine if it measures up. How to decide when to unburden oneself of a portion of one's inventory. He also considers more personal matters: What reading means to him. The rewards of the life of the imagination. How he set about writing about his life. Murray Browne has published numerous essays, book reviews, newspaper articles, feature stories, and technical articles. His essays and reviews have appeared in *The Elysian Fields Quarterly*, *The Knoxville News-Sentinel*, and *The Grand Rapids Press*. He has also co-authored *Understanding Search Engines: Mathematical Modeling and Text Retrieval*. Browne grew up in East Central Illinois, and received a BA in English and radio-television from Indiana University and a master's degree in information (library) sciences from the University of Tennessee. A proud father of two grown daughters, Browne currently lives in Atlanta, Georgia, and works as a media content analyst for Turner Broadcasting.

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