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Rare Sendak Book Found at NMSU Library

A first edition of “Seven Little Stories on Big Subjects” by Gladys Baker Bond and illustrated by Maurice Sendak for the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith (1955) has recently come to light at NMSU’s Branson Library. John Freyermuth, a library technician in the Collection Services Department, found the first edition listed on the Internet’s Bookfinder page. The book had been sitting on a “problem” shelf of the library awaiting a decision about its rather frayed condition, when Freyermuth became aware of its possible value. Some of the seven titles included are: “The Crankiest Man on Main Street,” “Johnny Red Feather,” and “Jacob’s Friendliest Town.”

The volume is a library copy, thus well-used, but its set of seven paperbound books are in very good condition, because the box that holds them has received the most wear. According to Ms. Jo Ann Reisler, a Virginia dealer in fine children’s books, the NMSU copy should be worth at least \$1,000. For more information, contact Jean Dickinson, Assistant Collection Services librarian, at 646-8093.

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