Unpacking My Library: Writers And Their Books

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Unpacking My Library: Writers And Their Books is a book by Leah Price, published by Yale University Press in 2011. It explores the personal libraries of thirteen famous novelists, including Gary Shteyngart, Jonathan Lethem, and more. The book is a collection of essays and book reviews that focus on the relationship between writers and their books. It examines how authors build and collect libraries, and how these collections reflect their literary tastes and personal histories.

The book's central theme is the idea that a writer's library is a reflection of their identity, their tastes, and their cultural heritage. Price argues that by examining a writer's library, we can gain insight into their creative process and their relationship to the written word.

In the introduction, Price writes: "As a writer and a reader, I am fascinated by the relationship between a writer's library and their work. I am curious about how a writer's books shape their thinking, and how their thinking shapes their books. I am interested in the ways in which a writer's library is both a repository of knowledge and a source of inspiration."