

The Ubiquitous Pig

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On the Santa Fe Trail...

Early winter 2006 saw Dan and I traversing the American Southwest in search of exciting items for both the antique shop and the bookstore. My late father was a Cowboy and all the while driving across Oklahoma I kept thinking of how "Dad would have loved this." One of the most interesting segues from buying and one Dad would truly have loved, was our visit to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Museum of Western Heritage. What a little known national treasure!

The beautiful structure, in Oklahoma City, is flanked by larger-than-life Frederick Remington statues of cowboys, doing what cowboys – then and now – do: shooting, roping, laughing and dragging their saddle behind them. It is filled to the brim with all of the icons of the American cowboy – boots, saddles, hats, bridles, bits, hackamores – from the earliest to those currently in use. All of this is infused with the cultural artifacts of those who shared the West with the Cowboy – the Native American Indians. The education I received about this highly sought after segment of the collectibles market was well worth the \$8.00 admission.

The knowledge I gained emboldened me to purchase boots, Indian weavings, Pendleton Woolen blankets, baskets and more.

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Sow's Ear Antiques is located just west of the Kings River Bridge on Highway 62 West. Look for big yellow billboards. Open 10-6 PM daily. Call first in January and February.

The Great Gatsby White Linen Bash

The Big Read Stops at Sow's Ear First in State

Sow's Ear the Kick-Off Site for
the NEA Big Read Project
April 2 - 8



F. Scott
Fitzgerald

The Great Gatsby was first published in 1925. The novel would prove to be Fitzgerald's most accomplished novel, and was an immediate critical success.

The National Endowment of the Arts announced in December, The Big Read, a pilot project designed to encourage literary reading by asking communities to come together to read and discuss one book. The State of Arkansas received one of the grants for the project and F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic, The Great Gatsby was selected.

BOOKS at Sow's Ear has been selected as the site for the State's kick-off event: **The Great White Linen Gatsby Bash**. The event, to be held on Sunday, April 2 will include

- ❖ 1920's style lawn games, including croquet
- ❖ Local Celebrity Read Through of The Great Gatsby
- ❖ Roaring 20's Finger Foods and refreshments
- ❖ White Linen Attire is a must!

Copies of The Great Gatsby are available at BOOKS at Sow's Ear. For more information contact Susan Krotz, Sow's Ear 1-870-423-7311.