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Library Design  
Wedding List and Gift Service

*“It was fabulous to sit with the Five Books curation team and together choose a library perfectly suited for our company. The books give colleagues useful, high quality reading choices directly relevant to our work – and the books make great gifts for clients.”*

Charles Maynard is co-founder and Senior Managing Director of BDA Partners



FIVE BOOKS

“Five Books does more to shape my book purchases than anything else.” *New York Times* columnist *David Brooks*

## LIBRARY DESIGN

We design libraries. Five Books has experience supplying libraries – and smaller specialist collections – to private clients. This can be a one-off arrangement, ranging in scale from a shelf of the best books on a particular genre or subject area, to much larger collections. We also update or maintain libraries, regularly supplying new books in the required fields. Or we can duplicate entire libraries for second homes.

Five Books also offers a gift (christening, graduation, anniversary etc) and wedding list service – we use our expertise to create a unique collection of books chosen specifically, after consultation, to appeal to the tastes of an individual or couple.

We provide libraries for private clients, businesses and schools as well as commercial projects.

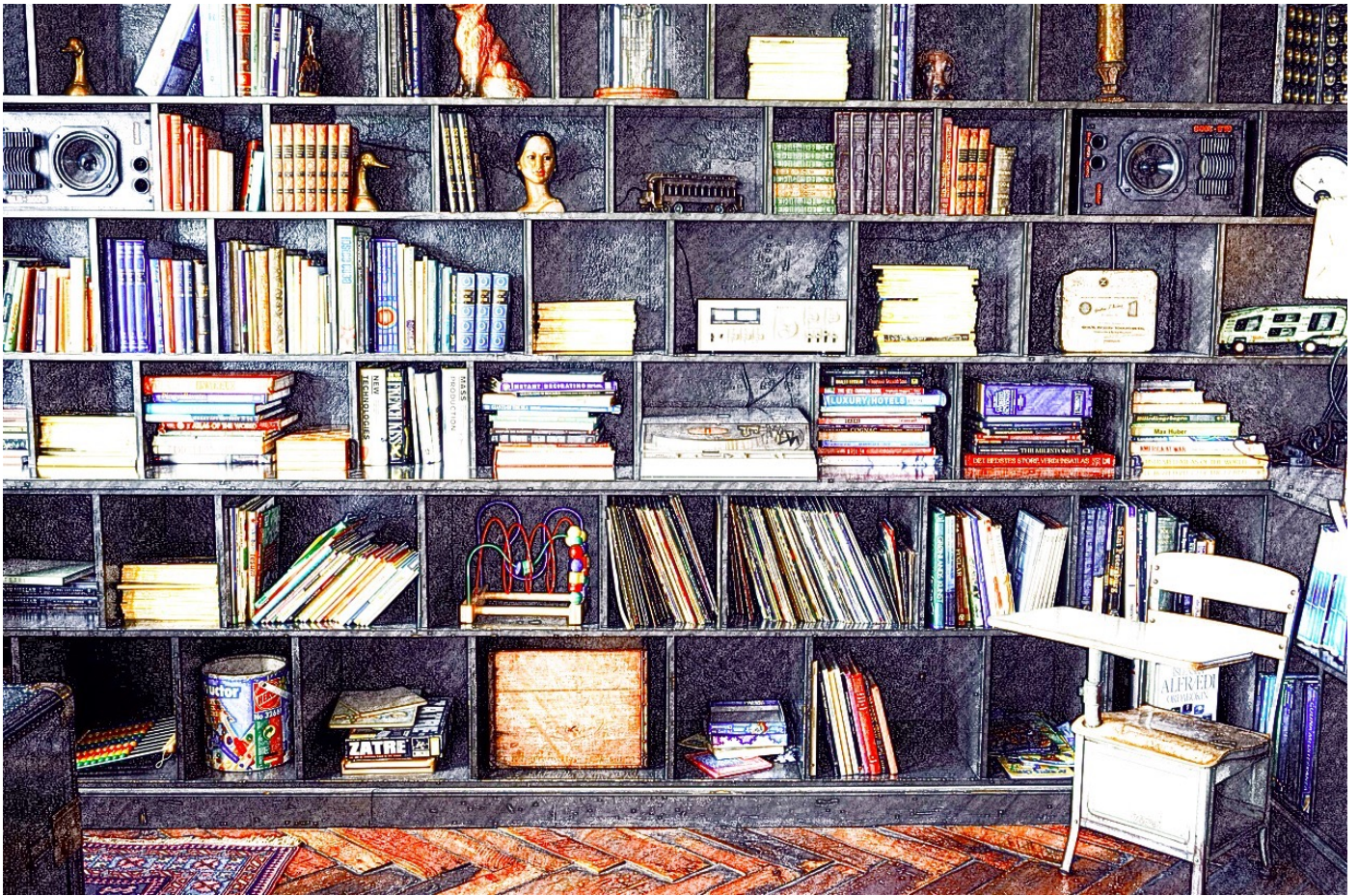
“To build up a library is to create a life. It’s never just a random collection of books.”  
*Carlos Maria Dominguez*



## LIVING WELL WITH BOOKS

“In a good book room you feel in some mysterious way that you are absorbing the wisdom contained in all the books through your skin, without even opening them.”

*Mark Twain*



You may wish your library to be designed by subject, for example: travel, art, photography, modern classics or antique and collectible books – or, by colour, binding or even book size. You might even want to recreate a historic library. Whatever your preferences we can create the perfect library for you.

We excel at creating highly specialised, complex or esoteric libraries.

## OUR TEAM



**Sophie Roell** is editor of Five Books. As a journalist, she has travelled the world, including to North Korea. She has degrees from Oxford and Harvard.

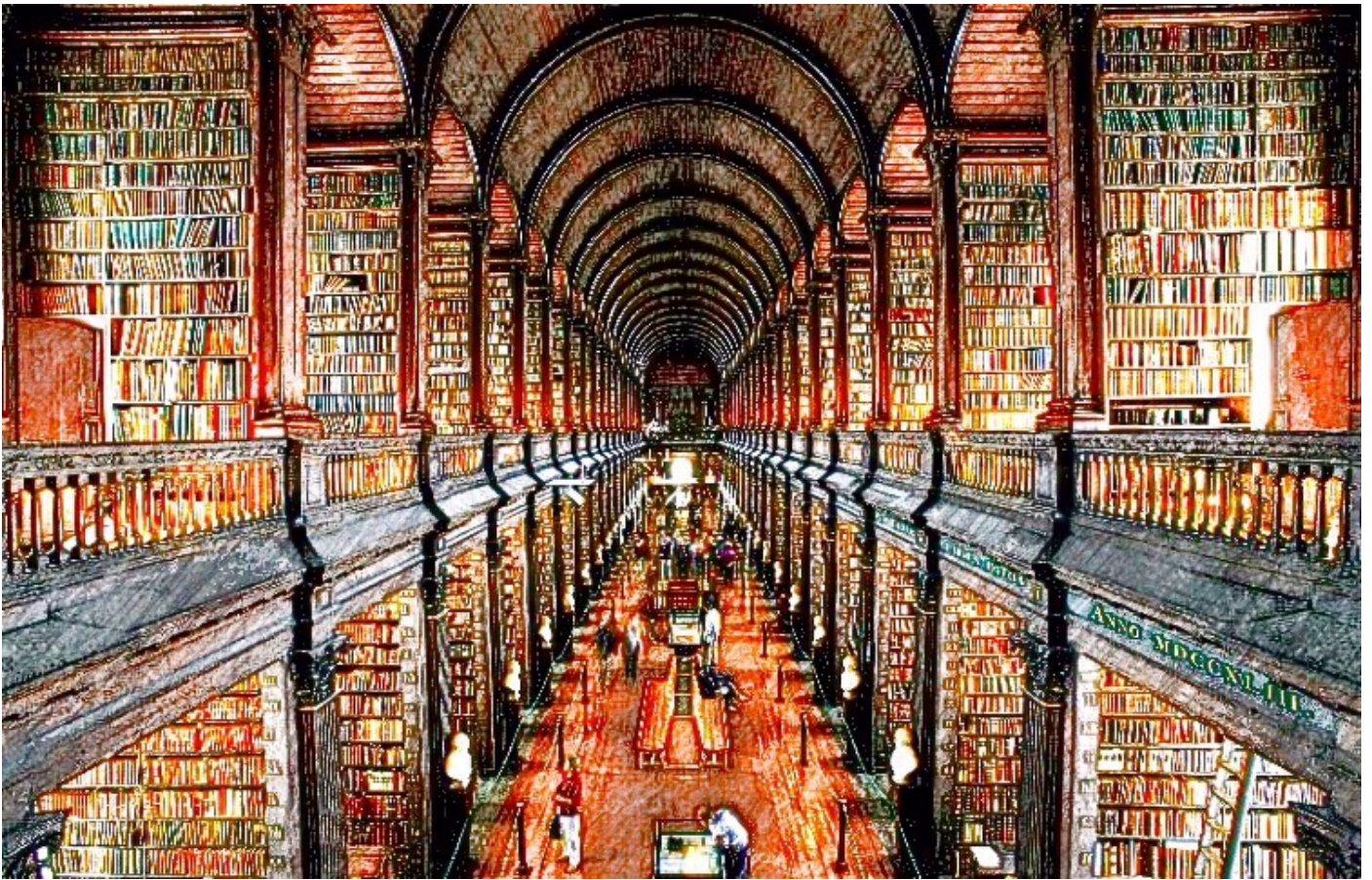
**Romas Viesulas** has worked at Monocle and UBS Investment bank. He has degrees from Oxford and Harvard and speaks five languages.

**Zoe Greaves** is a children's author. She has over 15 years of bookselling experience at Daunt Books and Waterstones.

**Nigel Warburton** is a British philosopher. He is the author of a number of popular philosophy books and also runs the Philosophy Bites podcast.

Our team and recommendation network also includes: Thea Lenarduzzi (commissioning editor at the TLS), Cal Flyn (Oxford alumnus and author) and Caspar Henderson (author of *The Book of Barely Imagined Beings*) among many, many others.

## HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE AND WHAT DOES IT COST?



With the exception of out-of-print or difficult-to-source editions, we supply books directly from wholesalers at recommended retail price (RRP). As a very rough guide, the books in a small library of 50-75 books will cost approximately GBP750.

In addition, we charge a consultation fee of GBP75 per hour (plus any travel) to cover our costs. We will tell you how much this will add up to as soon as we have an idea of the kind of library you want and how much work is involved.

The time scale will vary depending on the size of each library and the requirements of individual clients. We estimate that the average length of time for larger libraries, between first consultation and delivery/installation, will be 4-6 weeks. However, delivery times will be much shorter for less complex commissions. E.g. If, as so often happens, you need a present for a child or teenager within a week, we will do our best to make their dream library happen within your timeframe.

“When you stand inside somebody's library, you get a powerful sense of who they are, and not just who they are now but who they've been...”

Lev Grossman

## INTERESTED? PLEASE CONTACT US!

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Film director *Chris Weitz* (*Antz*, *American Pie*)



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