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Quality and quantity: twin attractions for bargain hunters at Lifeline’s Hunters Hill Book Fair – 5-6 November

It takes a combination of elbow grease, Ajax and Oomph to present the high quality of pre-loved books that Sydneysiders have come to expect from Lifeline’s acclaimed Hunters Hill Book Fair—in early November.

More than 40,000 books in over 50 categories ranging from children’s and young adults’, to literature and fiction, non-fiction, politics and history, cookery and collectables, will be on sale.

Volunteers have been preparing stock for months at Lifeline’s industrial-scale Hornsby book depot—a repository for hundreds of thousands of books donated by readers for re-sale to raise funds for Lifeline’s telephone crisis support and suicide prevention services.

It’s where books, as well as CDs and DVDs, are delivered by the van-load each day and where volunteers sort and select those that pass Lifeline’s tough quality control.

“And then every book gets a clean,” said Alison Rose, a committee member and category leader in the popular art, media and photography section.

“We give them a dusting down with a brush, especially the top edges if books have been sitting on shelves for years.” And if the edges are badly discoloured, they’re gently buffed to restore them.

The volunteers clean dust jackets and paperback covers with a soft cloth and a squirt of multi-purpose cleaner. For stubborn, sticky labels and persistent stains, Alison reaches for the hard stuff: “This is the Oomph we need to get rid of those,” she said, holding up a bottle of the glue and stain remover.

Such tender loving care underscores Lifeline’s boast that its books are as close to as-new condition as possible.

So if you love books, and you believe in Lifeline’s purpose of building resilient, suicide-safe communities, head to Hunters Hill Town Hall on 5-6 November, between 8 am and 5 pm.

Top billing in the Special Books section, is a 1921 deluxe edition of *The Enchanted Forest*, signed by one of its two authors, Ida Rentoul Outhwaite, priced at \$500. There is also a complete 7-volume set in slipcase of C.S. Lewis’ *The Chronicles of Narnia*, for \$150.

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