

VINTAGE BOOKS

MATERIALS TO HAVE ON HAND

Baking soda
Quick erasing sponge
(melamine foam)
Resealable plastic bags
Paper towels
Fine sandpaper
Tacky glue
Rubber bands
Acid-free tape

LEATHER BOOKS

I don't recommend applying wax to antique leather books. The oils from your hands while reading should be enough to keep the leather in good condition.

REMOVE MILDEW & MOLD

The solution to this problem is easy--*do not buy books that contain visible mildew or mold!* They are beyond salvage.

CLEANING SOILED EDGES

Believe it or not, the edges of books can be sanded to remove soil and/or to even out the pages. Use fine sand paper and sand in one direction for best results.

FOR MORE DETAILS

Check out the blog post on this topic: [How to Clean & Care for Vintage Books](#).



HOW TO CLEAN COVERS



Use a damp melamine sponge to wipe tough dirt and grime from book covers. Dry immediately.

HOW TO REMOVE MUSTY ODORS



Sprinkle baking soda between a few pages of the book. Place it in a plastic bag for a couple of weeks. Repeat if necessary.

HOW TO REPAIR A TORN SPINE



Reapply the spine with tacky glue and hold it in place with two large rubber bands. Allow glue to dry for 24 hours, then remove bands.

HOW TO REPAIR A TORN DUST JACKET



Use acid-free tape to repair rips and tears found on book dust covers. This avoids the dreaded ugly yellow tape syndrome.