When retired English professor Connie Wright was six years old, she made visits to San Francisco with her grandfather to buy the latest “Oz” books.

It was the 1930s and the beginning of a love affair with books that has lasted for seven decades. In the course of her academic career, Connie built her collection of 16th, 17th, and 18th century scholarly books originally printed for students of the period who were studying Virgil, Ovid, and other classical authors. The oldest book in her collection, an Aldine edition of the works of Statius published in 1502, is an “unbelievably beautiful” volume.

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