

## Bookseller Maintains New York State of Mind

WEST CORNWALL — Deborah Covington loves Manhattan and loathes the country, even though she lives within rock-throwing distance of the Housatonic River and her picture window fills every afternoon with the sun setting over Sharon Mountain.

She walks 8 miles each day along the river. "I don't even look," she says. "It's like a mirage. I pretend I'm on Lexington or Madison or Fifth Avenue. I'm not a country girl at all."

Along with New York City, Deborah Covington loves books. She was a bookseller in New York for years, and before that she worked

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for her father, Ben Abramson, a leading bookseller in New York and Chicago during the 1930s and 1940s.

Covington, now 61, continues to sell books from her home in West Cornwall. Her life is filled with stories of the book business from

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The sign on Deborah Benson Covington's business says 'bookseller,' but these days she helps people build their book collections. "I collect to sell to

somebody else," she says. "I'm the daughter of a bookseller who was a merchant. . . . He thought it wasn't fair for a bookseller to collect books."

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