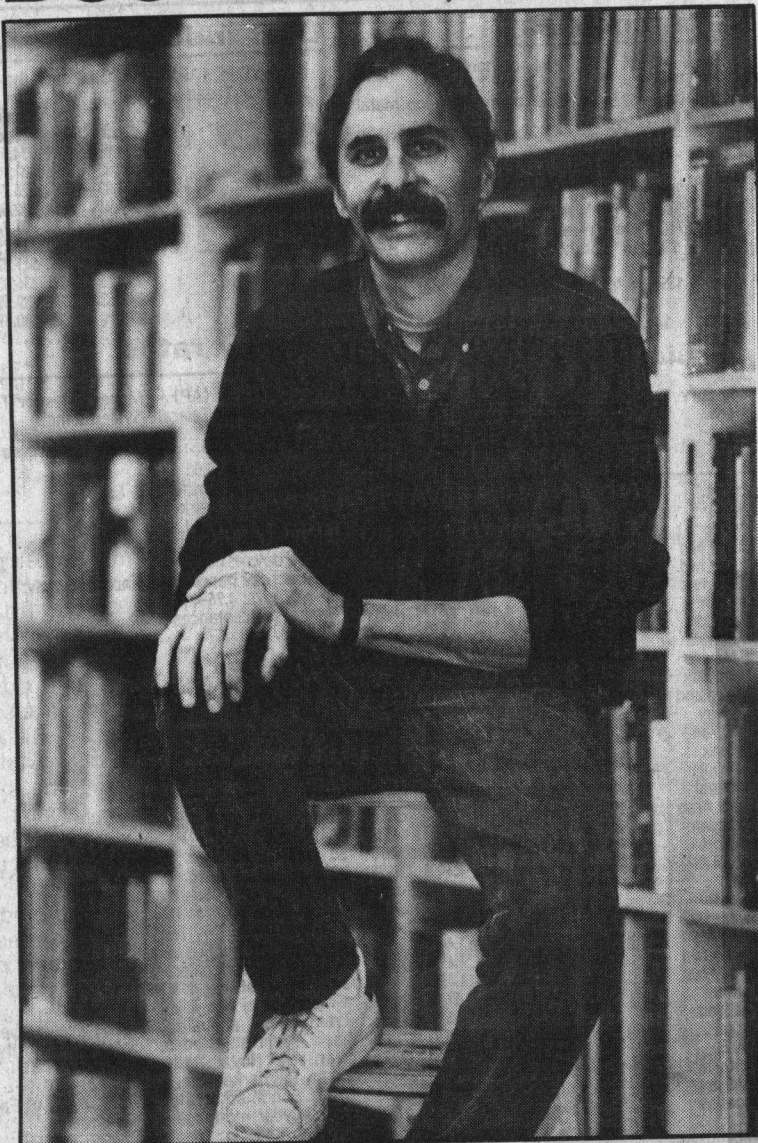


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Rare-book dealer opens in Santa Cruz

Sentinel staff report

SANTA CRUZ — A new bookstore has opened in downtown Santa Cruz, but don't expect to find Kitty Kelly or Danielle Steele on the shelves.

Owner David Watson opened The Literary Guillotine at 204 Locust St. a little more than two weeks ago to specialize in new and used scholarly books.

Watson spent 10 years selling books for antiquarian book dealers in San Francisco and Philadelphia and once managed a Santa Cruz book store.

He carries new and used books from university presses and specializes in rare and out-of-print books. Watson said he will search for out-of-print books and special order new books.

Other areas of concentration are literary criticism, philosophy and religion, history and philosophy of science, history and historiography and technical books.

The shop's name — The Literary Guillotine — comes from a work by Mark Twain in which he holds mock trials to judge his contemporary's works.

Watson, who attended school in Santa Cruz and has lived here for the past five years, said opening a store was a natural expansion of a rare-book business he conducted from his house by mail.

"I had enough books to open a storefront," he said. "It was getting kind of cluttered at home."