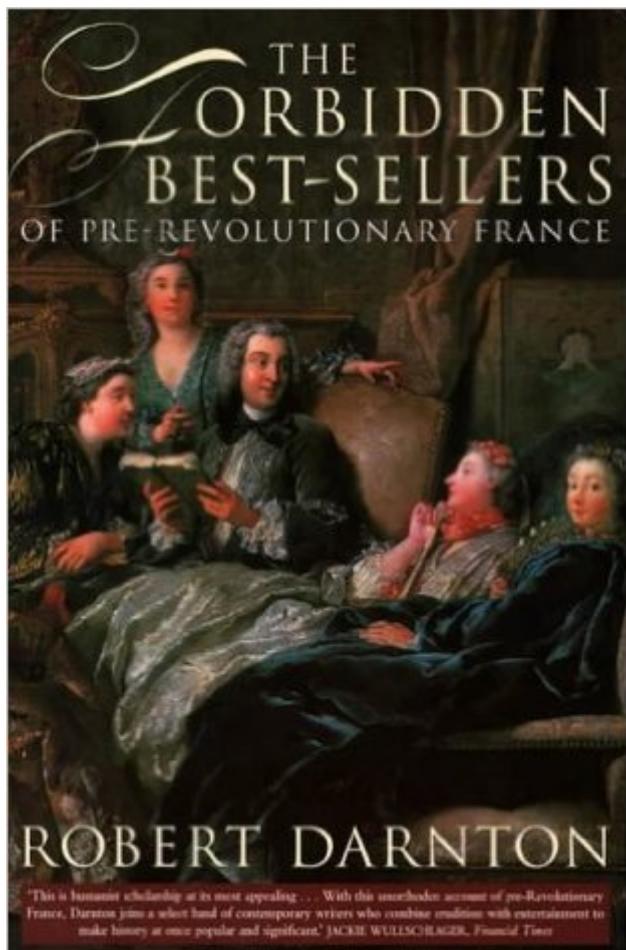


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analysis of the Revolution, as if it could be traced through the events of 1789-1800 like a substance being monitored in the bloodstream."Moreover, as Darnton's book argues, any approach that focusses exclusively on the canonical literature of the Enlightenment necessarily misses the mark since there was a flourishing popular and illegal underground literature, the so-called "livres philosophiques" or "philosophical books," that exerted a powerful impact on eighteenth century French culture and politics. These were the books sold "under the cloak," illegal books forbidden by the French Monarchy because they undermined the authority of the King, the Church, or conventional morality. "By sampling them, the reader will be able to form his or her own impressions of the world of illegal literature.

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