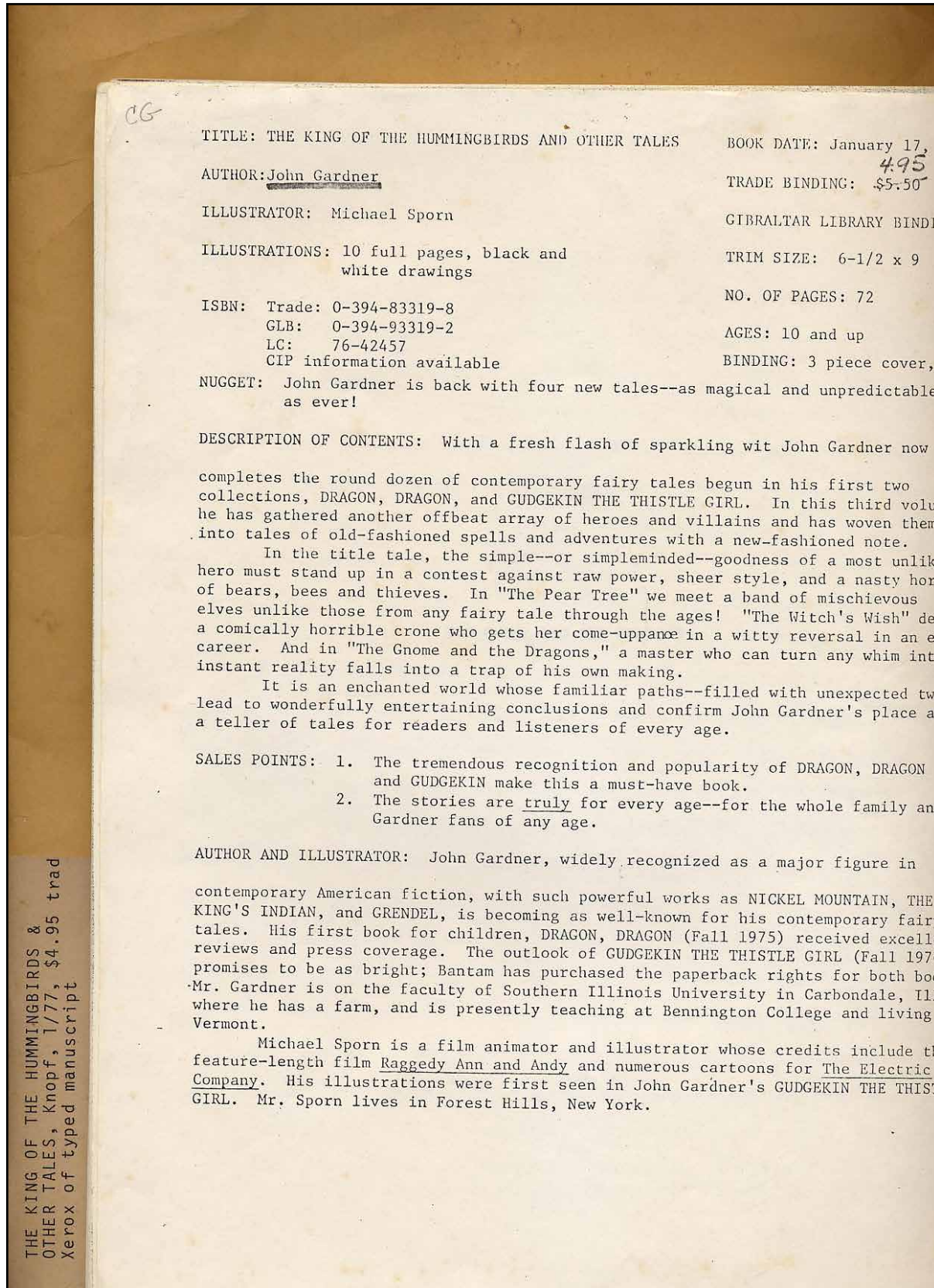


John Gardner

The King of the Hummingbirds and Other Tales

New York: Alfred A. Knopf 1977

\$250



CG

TITLE: THE KING OF THE HUMMINGBIRDS AND OTHER TALES BOOK DATE: January 17, 1977
 AUTHOR: John Gardner TRADE BINDING: 4.95 \$5.50
 ILLUSTRATOR: Michael Sporn GIBRALTAR LIBRARY BINDER
 ILLUSTRATIONS: 10 full pages, black and white drawings TRIM SIZE: 6-1/2 x 9
 ISBN: Trade: 0-394-83319-8 NO. OF PAGES: 72
 GLB: 0-394-93319-2 AGES: 10 and up
 LC: 76-42457 BINDING: 3 piece cover,
 CIP information available
 NUGGET: John Gardner is back with four new tales--as magical and unpredictable as ever!

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: With a fresh flash of sparkling wit John Gardner now completes the round dozen of contemporary fairy tales begun in his first two collections, DRAGON, DRAGON, and GUDGEKIN THE THISTLE GIRL. In this third volume he has gathered another offbeat array of heroes and villains and has woven them into tales of old-fashioned spells and adventures with a new-fashioned note.

In the title tale, the simple--or simpleminded--goodness of a most unlikely hero must stand up in a contest against raw power, sheer style, and a nasty horde of bears, bees and thieves. In "The Pear Tree" we meet a band of mischievous elves unlike those from any fairy tale through the ages! "The Witch's Wish" describes a comically horrible crone who gets her come-uppance in a witty reversal in an even career. And in "The Gnome and the Dragons," a master who can turn any whim into instant reality falls into a trap of his own making.

It is an enchanted world whose familiar paths--filled with unexpected twists--lead to wonderfully entertaining conclusions and confirm John Gardner's place as a teller of tales for readers and listeners of every age.

- SALES POINTS:
1. The tremendous recognition and popularity of DRAGON, DRAGON and GUDGEKIN make this a must-have book.
 2. The stories are truly for every age--for the whole family and Gardner fans of any age.

AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR: John Gardner, widely recognized as a major figure in contemporary American fiction, with such powerful works as NICKEL MOUNTAIN, THE KING'S INDIAN, and GRENDL, is becoming as well-known for his contemporary fairy tales. His first book for children, DRAGON, DRAGON (Fall 1975) received excellent reviews and press coverage. The outlook of GUDGEKIN THE THISTLE GIRL (Fall 1976) promises to be as bright; Bantam has purchased the paperback rights for both books. Mr. Gardner is on the faculty of Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill. where he has a farm, and is presently teaching at Bennington College and living in Vermont.

Michael Sporn is a film animator and illustrator whose credits include the feature-length film Raggedy Ann and Andy and numerous cartoons for The Electric Company. His illustrations were first seen in John Gardner's GUDGEKIN THE THISTLE GIRL. Mr. Sporn lives in Forest Hills, New York.

First edition. Unbound Xeroxed sheets of the typed manuscript issued in advance of publication for review. Very good with dampstains on some pages in original manila envelope with affixed label, which shows wear but is very good. The Xeroxed manuscript reproduces some of Gardner's hand corrections. Scarce. [BTC#62914]

THE KING OF THE HUMMINGBIRDS & OTHER TALES, Knopf, 1/77, \$4.95 trad Xerox of typed manuscript