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The Popularity of Mme de Graffigny's *Lettres d'une Péruvienne*: The Bibliographical Evidence

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No attempt will be made to investigate die here, but I shall list some of die mens guise de conclusion. But as Fontenelle warned us in die Histoire des oracles, "Assurons nous bien du fait, avant que de nous inquiéter de la cause."1 Indeed, it is not easy to establish an order of popularity for eighteenth-century French works. Back in 1910, in a pioneering article, Daniel Mornet established which works appeared most often in die catalogues of five hundred private libraries of die second half of die eighteenth century.2 1 Fontenelle, Histoire des oracles, Première Dissertation, IV. 2 Daniel Mornet, "Les Enseignements des bibliothèques privées, 1750-1780," Revue d’histoire littéraire de la France 17 (1910), 449-96. Mornet found La Nouveille Héloïse in 165 libraries, the Lettres d’une Péruvienne in 108, and Manon Lescaut in only 33.

EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY FICTION, Volume 3, Number 1, October 1990  EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY FICTION He was cautious about die validity of his findings, not least because die libraries he searched were entirely diose of wealtiiy Parisians, and he insisted on die need to "multiplier autant que possible les enquêtes et les contrôles." In die last decade, similar studies have been made of notaries ' lists of deceased persons' books in dieir inventaires après décès. Unfortunately, diese lists are invariably incomplete, being restricted generally to die most valuable book on each shelf of a bookcase or library.3 More recently, Paul Benhamou has started studying die cabinets de lecture bodi in Paris and die provinces to find out what was read by diosé who could not afford to buy books.4 One of die problems he faces is determining what books may have been kept "under the counter" and thus omitted from die official lists, because diey had been banned. Finally, Robert Darnton has studied bestsellers, using mainly die records of die Société typographique de Neuchâtel for die period 1769-89.5 Unfortunately, this is die only archive of an eighteenth-century publisher of French books to have survived almost intact, and little comparable evidence is available. These are just some of die many possible approaches, all presenting results of ony partial validity and needing to be checked against each odier until a clearer picture emerges. Anodier approach, which modern computer cataloguing is making increasingly viable, is through physical bibliography. Thorough searches can now produce lists of editions of an audior's works which are probably close to complete. It is my contention die, if such lists can be drawn up for die major novels of die century, diey will provide sounder evidence for die popularity of each dian has heretofoire been available. Even so, lists of this kind, as we shall see, raise as many problems as diey solve. Specifically, I am preparing, in collaboration with Jo-Ann McEachern, a full descriptive bibliography of all editions of die writings of Mme de Graffigny, from 1745 to die present day. My original purpose 3 J. Quéniart, Culture et société urbaines dans la France de l'Ouest au XVIIIe siècle (Paris: Klincksieck, 1978); M. Marion, Recherches sur les bibliothèques privées à Paris au milieu du XVIIIe siècle (1750-1759) (Paris: Bibliothèque nationale, 1978); and R. Chartier, Lectures et lecteurs dans la France d'Ancien Régime (Paris: Seuil, 1987). 4 P. Benhamou, "La lecture publique des oeuvres de l'abbé Prévost à Paris et en province dans la seconde moitié du XVIIIème siècle," Cahiers...
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