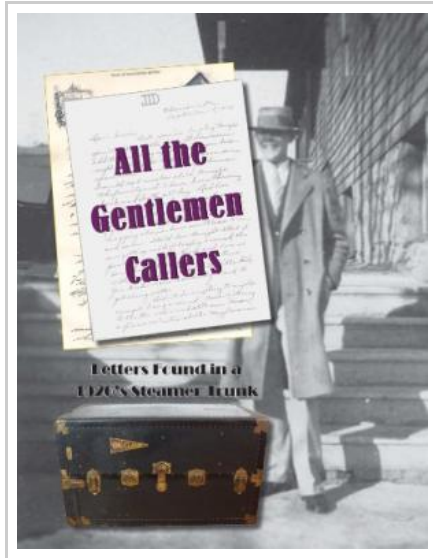




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## All the Gentlemen Callers: Letters Found in a 1920s Steamer Trunk

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Yesteryear Publishing. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 184 pages. Dimensions: 10.0in. x 7.9in. x 0.7in. Shortly after completing the recent biography of my Aunt Jessie Pifer, I opened her steamer trunk (the high school graduation gift from her parents in 1924) to have a photograph taken of its fabric-lined interior to be used on the back cover of that book. Years ago when we moved Jessie to an assisted living facility I had not opened the drawers in the trunk because it felt intrusive. A few years later when circumstances compelled me to tell Jessies story, I chose to keep the trunk closed and positioned so that the purple and gold decal in the shape of a pennant with the word Clarion emblazoned on it could best be viewed, serving as a daily reminder of Jessies life and what had happened to her. Expecting that the standing trunk would make a charming photograph, I set it upright and opened it, to best display its set of five drawers on the right, integrated metal holding rods with custom-fitted wooden hangers of various shapes on the left, and its build-in cosmetic case on a swivel at the bottom. In opening the bottom drawer...



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