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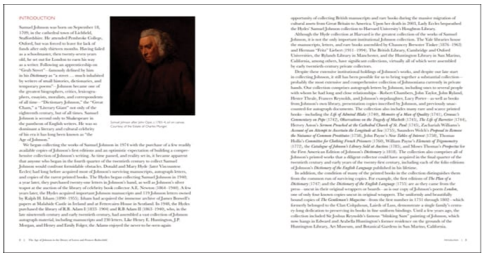
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The individual entries, when viewed in the aggregate, survey and illuminate the breadth and depth of the literary and intellectual canon of the authors of the Age of Johnson, illuminate their relationships and their works to one another. The text taken as a whole demonstrates why Samuel Johnson, as an individual and as an author, defined the era long named for him.

Loren Rothschild, a former attorney and business executive, is chairman emeritus of the Huntington Library, Art Museum, Botanical Gardens. He has been collecting rare books and manuscripts for 50 years. Rothschild has donated his collections of the works of Sir Richard and Lady Isabel Burton, Evelyn Waugh, and Paul Theroux to the Huntington Library. His collection of the works of William Somerset Maugham is recorded in a bibliographic catalogue published by Heritage Book Shop, Los Angeles, in 2001. Throughout the past fifty years, British and Irish 18th-century literature has remained Rothschild's primary intellectual and collecting interest. **Frances Rothschild** has shared and encouraged Loren's interest in compiling his manuscript and rare books collections. Frances is a presiding justice of the California Court of Appeal.





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