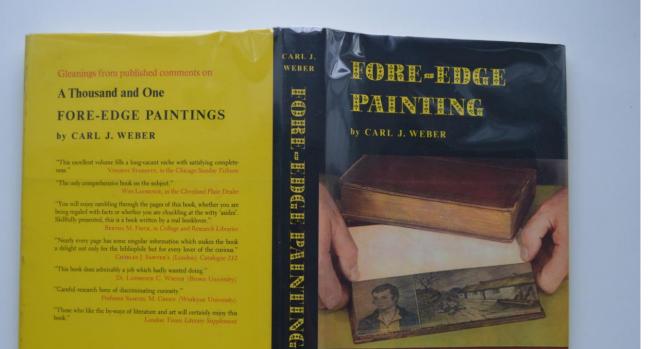
## Fore-Edge Painting (1966)



in Book Decoration

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WHILE Professor Carl J. Weber was Curator of Rare Books at Colby College, its library received a gift of a private col-lection which included a number of vol-umes with watercolor paintings concealed under the gold on their fore-edges.

under the gold on their fork-edges. In his subsequent efforts to learn more about the history of bools decorated in this fashion, he found that very little of consequence had been written on the sub-set. Spurred by a heightened curiosity, Dr. Weber continued his investigations; they eventually culminated in a book en-ther decoration of the fork-Edge Paintings, published in 1949. The volume quickly went out of print. The coding "mem here petter" which

The epithet "pretty but petty," which had been condescendingly applied to this book-art by some collectors, has been, as Professor Samuel M. Green wrote in the Colby Library Quarterly, "amply refuted by Professor Weber."

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A Historical Survey of a Curious Art in Book Decoration

> BY CARL J. WEBER



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Provenance: Jeff Weber

Description: Signed "For John Clouston with warm regards, Jeff Weber"