

Rare Spike Milligan Books

The hardest Milligan books to find are his limited edition chapbooks. With low print runs, the maximum was 150 copies and the lowest 40 copies; these are by far the rarest Milligan books.

Amongst his commercially produced books *The Bald Twit Lion* would be the rarest. There seems to be always copies available for sale but not in the numbers of his other titles. This title does not seem to have been fully embraced by Spike Milligan Productions and is often left off listings of his books.

Another title that is hard to find is *Badjelly the Witch and Dip the Puppy: Two Tales of Wonder*. This is a paperback omnibus book. Being a paperback is one of its problems but it is not easy to find. If you search by ISBN might think its title is *Badjelly the Witch (A Target book)* as this is what mostly comes up and there is rarely an image of its cover.

There are particular editions of some Milligan titles that I have found hard to find. The 1986 Michael Joseph classic collection edition of Adolf Hitler My Part in his Downfall is probably my vote for rarest. Another I have found hard to find is *Startling Verse for all the Family* the red cover paperback version.

Natural attrition can make many of his titles and editions rare, paperbacks were not designed to last and early hardbacks are now becoming harder to find in good condition.