

As the monitor of the Voces de Santa Fe website email box, I recently received an email from Ann Armstrong of Rancho Palos Verdes, California. Ann was vacationing in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. While there, Ann came into possession of a wonderful book known to many of us in the Voces de Santa Fe group. The title of the book is "The Delight Makers" written by Adolf F. Bandelier and was first published in 1890 and this copy was published in 1912.

"The Delight Makers" is set in Frijoles Canyon. Adolph Bandelier was shown Frijoles Canyon in the 1880s by members of Cochiti pueblo, the descendants of those who originally lived there. The ceremonies, familial culture, and the overcrowding that ultimately led to Frijole's demise, all came from Cochiti history. The book also includes descriptions of the pueblos located at Puye, Santa Fe and the Galisteo Basin, as well as the Navajo, who were raiding the pueblos, in the 1400s. The book ends with the construction of a new Pueblo, the Pueblo of the Stone Lions, on the Pajarito plateau.

What is special about this particular copy is that the original owner signed it as Charlie L. Miller, 607 Palace Ave, Santa Fe, New Mexico. He dated the inscription July 11, 1923. The cursive style of his handwriting is classically calligraphic (scroll down for pictures).

Ann writes the following about how she came to acquire this book:

"I looked out from the dormer window of our hotel in the White Mountains one breathtaking fall day and decided that the hours we had left before we drove up North were going to be spent taking in the beautiful New Hampshire country. As usual, I looked up the nearest used book stores hoping to find the next gem that would be my bedtime reading. I found it in a building that looked like a couple of sheds patched together and the book was on a shelf in a room so lined with bookcases I held my breath to get between them."

"It wasn't the title or the story that drew me rather it was the year the book was written and the inscription inside to the name of Charlie Miller, 607 Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico and dated July 11, 1923. After I read the book, I looked up the name of Charlie Miller in Santa Fe. I felt this book had to "go home." I didn't find any relatives but I was attracted to the listing of a website called [Voces de Santa Fe](#). Instinct moved me to write to them asking for guidance. I was delighted to get a reply from Jim Baca and an invitation to send the book to be placed in the Fray Angelico Chavez Library."

“I feel those “Indians” of so long ago are reaching out through our book to make a connection with our world and they deserve a proper home and resting place. Charlie Miller is doing that too.”

-Ann Armstrong
Rancho Palos Verdes, California

A sincere thanks to Ann for entrusting Voces de Santa Fe with the task of bringing this book back home.

Also, can anyone in this group contribute any clues about Charlie Miller? His address may help someone to provide more information about who he was. Someone reading this may know of him or his family. If anyone can provide any further information on the identity of Charlie Miller, it would be appreciated by all, especially Ann. Also, the book carries a stamp that reads:

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Office Supplies
Stationery
Santa Fe

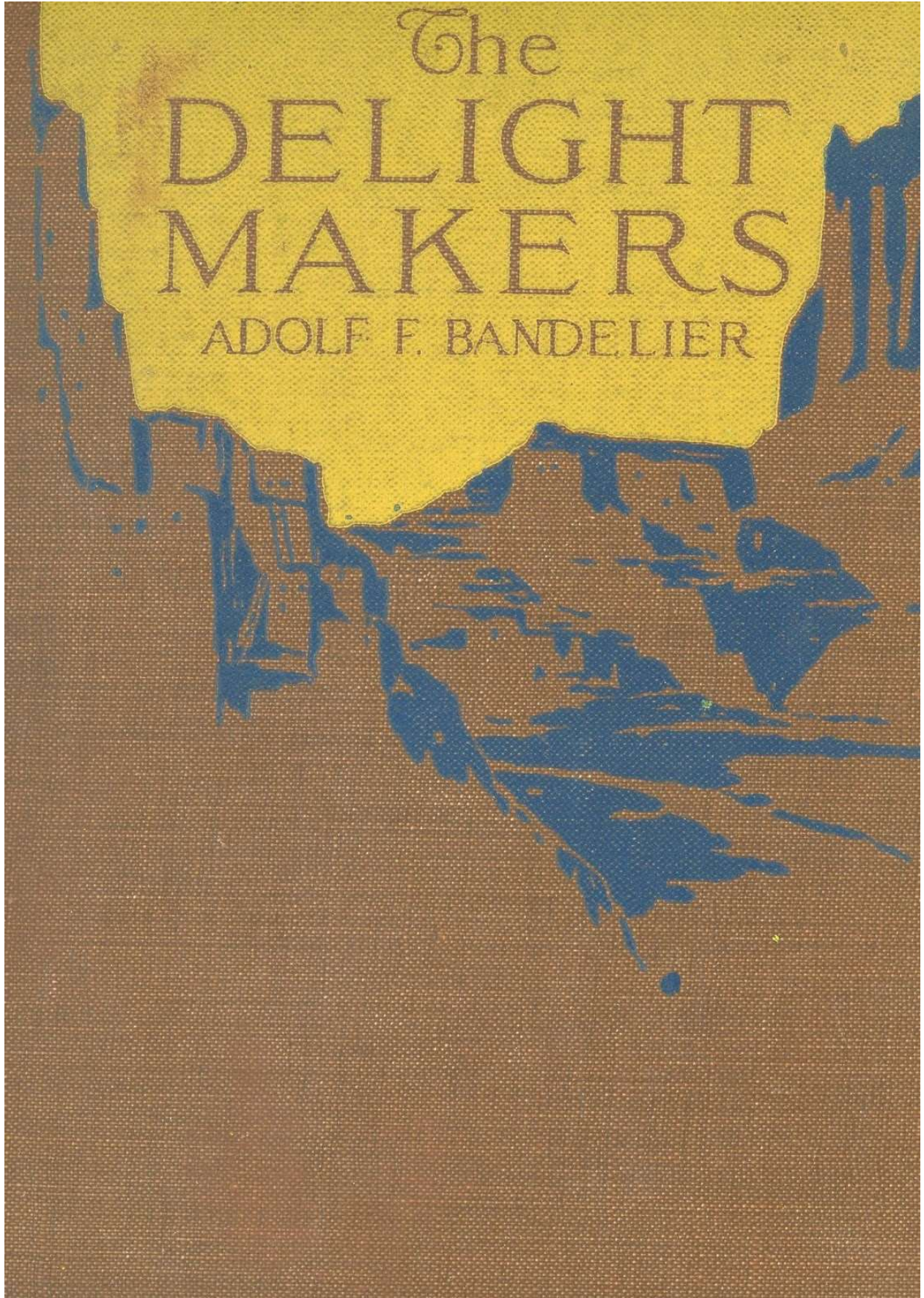
Thanks in advance to anyone who can help us identify Charlie Miller!

It appears that this book’s long journey has come full circle.

Siempre,

Jim Baca, Co-founder
Voces de Santa Fe

The
DELIGHT
MAKERS
ADOLF F. BANDELIER



Charles L Miller
607 Palace ave
Santa Fe
New Mexico

July - 11 - 1973

Charles Miller

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