

# The widening stain

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## W. Bolingbroke Johnson

He was talented and knew how to entertain. This mystery started out in a promising fashion. Set on an American university campus, with the action focussing on the library, it reminded me a lot of the British Library Crime Classic series.

### The Widening Stain by W. Bolingbroke Johnson, Paperback

. Any Cornellians out there should definitely give it a go, though, it's a quick read. While best known for his writings on the Middle Ages and his work with light verse, he was an authority on many subjects, including the history of Cornell University, where he taught and served as the university historian.

### The Passing Tramp: Down These Mean Lanes a Librarian Must Go: The Widening Stain (1942), by W. Bolingbroke Johnson

I think this would have been more valued around its publication date than now. It would be a stretch to work in the jitterbug in lieu of the Varsity Drag as the story hardly leaves the library. The book, which offers a satirical glimpse of academic life at an institution strongly resembling Cornell University, is one of the most beloved bibliomysteries involving books of all time.

### The Widening Stain (Paperback)

Resolution of love interests completely unsatisfying, because there was never any build up of romance with the various possibilities, and the decision seemed completely arbitrary, perhaps to do with the general lack of character development. I received this ARC from the publisher in exchange for a honest review I'm more than happy I requested this ARC because I discovered a new to me interesting author. Stain was reprinted in 2007 by the excellent Rue Morgue Press, although oddly the plot description on the Amazon page declares that one of the male professors at the nameless university presumably Cornell is the novel's sleuth.

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