



Editorial

What Happened To Those Missing Displays?

I mean "*Display*" displays!...the little pop-up tabs on the insides of some Lion covers. Probably the most famous and recognizable are the old Pan Am Airline sets. The tabs are nifty little gizmos, the product, no doubt, of someone's great imagination. I've always been surprised that they weren't more popular with customers of the time.

But, that's neither here nor there for our current discussion. If you've sorted through enough covers over the years, I'm sure you've run across such *Displays*...with no display! The tabs have been torn off. Why? They're attached to the cover too sturdily to simply have fallen off. Some, of course, could have been lost due to being mishandled, but I've seen too many for that to be the main explanation.

Collectors wouldn't remove them. Perhaps non-collectors have found them attractive enough to want them for their own sake, just the tabs. Or, maybe it was kids who found them fascinating.

In any event, it's a shame that so many have been ruined. I mean, what's a novelty without the novelty?!