

How many books are burned?

Background: Montag is explaining his job and the amount of books that were burned at one house.

“It’s fine work. Monday burn Millay, Wednesday Whitman, Friday Faulkner, burn ‘em to ashes, then burn the ashes. That’s our official slogan.” (P.8)

“Books bombarded his shoulders, his arms, his upturned face.” (P. 37)

In this story, books are illegal to read and own. If a fireman finds out that someone owns a book, they are required to burn them.

- a.) At one house the piles of books in the attic were as tall as he was. Estimate how many books were burned there.
- a. 20-40
 - b. 10-50
 - c. 100-200
 - d. 5000-10000
- b.) If Montag burns 10 houses a month with that many books. Estimate how many books are burnt yearly.
- a. 50-100
 - b. 10000-20000
 - c. 120000-140000
- c.) Could you continue working as a fireman if you had to burn that many books?