



**Christmas Gift Ideas.** BAM member Freda Katritzky, a woman who has been passionate about castles since childhood, has just published *Châteaux Privés, The World of Private Castles, Palaces and Estates*. The 125- page, soft-cover book features twenty castles around the world, each of which Freda has personally visited. Among them, are: Monaco's own Palais, a French Château in China, Alnwick Castle, dubbed the "Windsor of the North" and the setting for two Harry Potter films, Bovey Castle, the setting for Conan Doyle's *Hound of the Baskervilles*, and the home of the Earls of Carnarvon - it was the 5<sup>th</sup> Earl who discovered the tomb of Tutankhamum. The book is not only lush with photographs, it is rich in history, personalized by descriptions written by the castle owners themselves. Just as interestingly, all the castles are open to the public. *Châteaux Privés* may be acquired in English, French or German, and is available at most local bookshops or by E-mail at [www.chateauxprives.com](http://www.chateauxprives.com).