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[366341] $1,250

Color-printed Pictorial Alphabet

2. (ALPHABET), Osgood, Mrs. F.S.
   *The Flower Alphabet in Gold and Colors.*
   Boston: S. Colman, [1846-1847]

“A remarkable color and gold printed alphabet of 24 letters (omitting U and X), each with a color floral illustration and a large bold letter in gold shadowed with red, and a couplet of text beneath, such as “O’er stately I the Iris played, / In robe of rainbow light arrayed”.

From the preface of Frances Sargent Osgood (1811-1850), known for her friendship with Poe: “A glance at a little girl’s primer, in which poor rhymes, false measure, bad English, and worse pictures, seemed calculated to lower all love and taste for the beautiful and graceful, suggested the accompanying fairy tale, in which I have endeavored to weave pleasant associations around the first lesson of childhood.”


[366245] $1,000
Volume inscribed by Anthony to Suffragist Annie McLean Marsh

3. Anthony, Susan B.; Elizabeth Cady Stanton; and Matilda J. Gage. *History of Woman Suffrage.*
   ROCHESTER: SUSAN B. ANTHONY, 1887

“Sometimes referred to as the ‘bible’ of the suffrage movement, Anthony’s *History of Woman Suffrage* comprises a vast compendium of reminiscences, reports, arguments, and commentaries unevenly shaped by the logic of the suffrage cause and its leading proponents ... The making of the History was at once a profoundly personal and self-consciously political venture. Few social movements have been graced with leaders who could assemble, organize, and comment on such a vast amount of information and the prime mover for the History was Susan B. Anthony” (Buhle).

The initial two volumes were first published by subscription by New York publisher Fowler and Wells. In 1885, after the publication of the second volume, Anthony purchased the rights to the contents and plates from Fowler and Wells, reprinting both volumes in 1887, as here, and listing herself as sole publisher on the title pages.

Each volume of the present set is inscribed to suffragist Annie McLean Marsh. Marsh (1859-1932) of Cincinnati was a member of the Hamilton County Equal Suffrage Association. Anthony signed Marsh’s copy when she was in Cincinnati to give a lecture for the Unity Club’s Sunday Afternoon Lecture series held at the Grand Opera House on February 10, 1889.

This set in very good condition, with the bindings generally found in poor condition.

Second editions of vols. 1-2, first edition of vol. 3. Numerous portrait plates. 3 vols. Large 8vo. Publisher’s purple cloth, covers blocked in blind, spines lettered in gilt, very minor wear at corners, very minor fading to spines. Overall very good.

[353741] $17,500
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NEW YORK: V. G. AUDUBON, 1849-1851-1854

The first octavo edition of Audubon’s Quadrupeds, including five plates not found in the folio edition, Audubon’s final great contribution to natural history includes plates and descriptions of the quadrupeds of the United States, including Texas, California, and Oregon, as well as part of Mexico, the British and Russian possessions, and Arctic regions.

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[352658] $22,500

Pop-up Artist’s Book

5. Auerbach, Tauba. *[2, 3].*

NEW YORK: PRINTED MATTER, INC, 2010

This pop-up book features die-cut paper sculptures that unfold into wonderful, elaborate forms: Pyramid, Sphere, Cubearc, Möbius, Gem, Ziggurat. While much of Auerbach’s work has dealt with compositions staged in the flux state between 2D and 3D, *[2,3]* represents an expansion for the artist towards a more sculptural medium. Each “page” opens into an intricately engineered object, conceived so the large-scale paper works—up to 18” tall—can collapse totally flat. The bright, contrasting palette is familiar from Auerbach’s work across a range of materials, including acrylics, etchings and C-type prints. This groundbreaking project stands as an astonishing art-object, part bookwork and part sculpture, and represents an advance in pop-up technology.

Signed, limited, edition, number 392/1000, signed on a card laid-into slipcase inside box. 6 “pages” with each “page” opening into a 3D object. 6 vols. 20 x 16 inches. Paper covered boards, most volumes with slight rubbing, one volume with sun-fading near cut-out in slipcase, overall very good; original cloth slipcase with some shelfwear.

[366100] $3,500
Superbly Bound, with Hand-colored Plates

   BOSTON: PRIVATELY PRINTED BY NATHAN HASKELL DOLE, 1903

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[366276] $3,500
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   OXFORD: PRINTED AT THE UNIVERSITY PRESS, 1841

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[365769] $3,500

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   BOSTON: CHARLES GOODSPeed & CO, 1979

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[365295] $2,500
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   London: The Nonesuch Press, 1924-7

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   Philadelphia: Robert Bell, 1771 - 1773

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would quickly become a cornerstone for the understanding
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various editions of Blackstone and frequently cited it in
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WITENBERG, APRIL 16, 1599.

An autograph from Tycho Brahe, quoting a passage from Palingenius’ Zodiacus Vitae:

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Tycho Brahe
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The First Book on Angling Written by an American and Printed in America

1.6 BROWN, John J. *The American Angler’s Guide.*
   New York: Burgess, Stringer & Co., 1845

Sage Sale: “Said to be the first book on angling written by an American and printed in America.” The book describes the more important American fish and how to catch them. Goodspeed notes that most interesting are “the chapters on tackle, baits, and the general practice of angling, for these tell something about American angling usages then prevalent.” As Brown was a tackle dealer, it is not surprising that this area is among his chief concerns, and he goes into much useful and historical detail.

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LONDON: HEINEMANN, [1962]

Richly inventive in language, written in an argot that borrows heavily from the Russian, and with an unforgettable antihero at its center, Burgess’s book was overshadowed by the futurist 1971 film adaptation by Stanley Kubrick, which followed after the American edition of the novel, leaving off the final redeeming chapter of the first edition.


[352457] $10,000
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Harold Arlen, composer and lyricist known for “Over the Rainbow” and many celebrated musicals, became something of a father figure to the young Capote, who lived in the Arlen apartment off and on for several years. Capote’s story “House of Flowers” (Mademoiselle, April 1951) was winner of the third prize in that year’s O. Henry Awards. Arlen and Capote adapted the story into a musical that ran for 165 performances on Broadway in 1954.

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NEW YORK: HARPER AND BROTHERS, 1924

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[366285] $4,000
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NEW YORK: CHARLES L. WEBSTER, 1885.

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23. (Coaching). Newhouse, C.B.
   The Roadster’s Album.
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   With an Introduction by Hilaire Belloc.
   LONDON: DUCKWORTH & CO., [1909]
   
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   [352152] $11,000
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LONDON: T. FISHER UNWIN, 1892.

A modern fairy tale, here in the first edition in English, translated by Mary Alice Murray. “Her satisfying English-language version of the puppet’s wayward progress to real boyhood largely avoided ‘translatorese’” (Grolier 100).

A nicer copy than usually found.

First English edition. Illustrations, frontispiece with tissue guard. Title page printed in red and black. 232 pp. At head of half title: The Childrenís Library. 8vo. Publisher’s printed cloth, decorated edges following the design of the covers. Extremities rubbed and spine sunned, general toning, lower hinge tender. Text block lean, binding cracked at p. 49. Very good. Reviews from The Bookman (Jan. 1892) and a TLS review (1920) tipped in to the rear endpapers.

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Nicholas Rowe (1674-1718) is known primarily for his edition of Shakespeare’s plays (1709) – the first modern edition, which included ‘Some account of the life of Mr. William Shakespear’, the earliest attempt at a biography of any length – his translation of Lucan’s “Pharsalia,” and for his tragedies. “The Tragedy of Jane Shore” is his sole work written using Shakespearean language.

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LONDON: FOR THE AUTHOR, 1782.

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NEW YORK: RANDOM HOUSE, (1941).

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[339459] $3,500
Dante as He Was Read by the Romantics

32. Dante Alighieri. *The Vision; or, Hell, Purgatory and Paradise. Translated by The Rev. Henry Francis Cary, A.M. With the Life of Dante, additional notes, and an index.*
   London: John Taylor, 1831.

First published in 1814, Cary's acclaimed translation was critical to the rediscovery of Dante’s masterpiece among the British of the Romantic era. Not only was it praised by Shelley, Byron, Wordsworth and Coleridge, but it became the popular standard translation throughout the 19th century. This is a particularly beautiful copy of the third edition, incorporating Cary’s revisions, in an elegant binding by Bartlett and Co. of Boston.

Third edition. 3 vols. 8vo. Full tan calf with gilt borders, gilt compartments and dentelles, teg, signed Bartlett and Co. of Boston; some shelfwear and wear to hinges, which are solid; bookplates. [366298] $1,000

The Sequel to the Origin

   London: John Murray, 1871.

Darwin’s Descent of Man created an uproar second only to his Origin of the Species; however, “contrary to popular error, prevalent now as well as then, Darwin never said that man was descended from apes, let alone monkeys; what he claimed was that man’s ancestors if alive today would have to be classified among the Primates” (De Beer, Charles Darwin, pp. 210-1). ODNB further clarifies, “The Descent, understood by Darwin as a sequel to the Origin, was written with a maturity and depth of learning that marked Darwin’s status as an élite gentleman of science”.

First edition, first issue. 8vo. Publisher’s green cloth. Light wear to covers, expertly recased. Bookplate. [101316] $9,000
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Stockdale’s 1790 edition of Defoe’s classic, the first to include Stothard’s depictions of Crusoe, as well as a listing of “Writings which are considered as undoubtedly DeFoe’s” and “A List of Books which are supposed to be De Foe’s.”

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Illustrated by Thomas Stothard; 8vo. Red full straightgrain morocco binding by Baytun, signed, with gilt decorated boards, spine, and dentelles, aeg, some foxing to endpapers and preliminaries.

[366251] $1,750

Illustrated by Rackham

Illustrated by Arthur Rackham.

LONDON: WILLIAM HEINEMANN, 1915.

Notes Hudson: “[Rackham] is not usually remembered as an illustrator of Dickens, but A Christmas Carol was decidedly successful, for he contrived to adapt the tradition of ‘Phiz’ and Cruikshank to his own characteristic style in the pictures of Victorian London and at the same time found scope for his fantasy in the ghost scenes. We also find him here developing his special talent for silhouette, rare among illustrators... He was well qualified by sympathy to interpret Dickens in certain of his moods.”.

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[366058] $6,500
Inscribed to GE’s Chief Railway Engineer

36. Edison, Thomas. *Autograph Note Signed*,
   “Thos. A. Edison” on his first visit to Schenectady in 30 years, for the Chief Engineer of General Electric’s Railway Department.
   SCHENECTADY, OCT. 18 1922.

From an album given to William Bancroft Potter (1863-1934) of General Electric. W.B. Potter worked as the chief engineer of the General Electric Company’s Railway and Traction Department. He held at least five patents for electric railroad inventions. Edison has inscribed his name and the following: “The boast of heraldry of pomp and pawn all that beuty e’re gave the path of glory leads but”, a paraphrase of Gray’s Elegy.

On October 18, 1922, Edison toured the GE Factory with Charles Steinmetz; it was his first visit in 30 years. “Edison initially came to Schenectady in 1886 to start up the Edison Machine Works, a new company under the umbrella of Edison Electric Light Company. In 1889, he combined all his businesses into the Edison General Electric Company.”

With portrait above and sentiment surrounding the signature. 4 x 5 inches. Matted and framed, fine.

[354127] $4,500
A Choice Portrait of Einstein


DEERING, NH: C. 1960s.

When Life magazine proposed to do a “photo story” on Albert Einstein in 1938, the physicist stipulated that “Miss Jacobi” be the photographer. Lotte Jacobi was, like Einstein, a German exile, whom he knew from their days in Berlin. “Jacobi chose to shoot the pictures at Einstein’s residence in Princeton, where he would be most comfortable. The resulting series of photographs are perhaps the most striking ever taken of Einstein. […] However, they were deemed too informal for Life and were never published in the magazine. They have been reproduced elsewhere on numerous occasions and remain Jacobi’s most famous series.” (Steven Schuyler, “Lotte Jacobi: A Personal and Historical Profile,” AB Bookman’s Weekly, Feb. 1, 1999).

An excellent example of Jacobi’s portrait of the great thinker, here signed by the photographer.

Black and white photographic print post card, signed by the photographer in ink beneath the image. 5-1/2 x 3-1/2 inches. Fine.

[329305] $1,500

The Great 20th-Century American Novel


NEW YORK: CHARLES SCRIBNER’S SONS, 1925.

In 1922, having already written *This Side of Paradise* and *The Beautiful and the Damned,* Fitzgerald told his publisher Max Perkins, “I want to write something new—something extraordinary and beautiful and simple and intricately patterned” (Bruccoli, p. 198). The triumphant result three years later was *The Great Gatsby,* a “prose poem of delight and sadness” (Connolly) which has become the foundational expression of the decadence of the roaring Twenties and the striving and emptiness at the heart of the American Dream.

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40. Franklin, Benjamin. *Memoirs of the Life and Writings of Benjamin Franklin ... Comprising the Private Correspondence and Public Negotiations of Dr. Franklin, and his select Political, Philosophical, and Miscellaneous Works, Published from the Original Mss.*

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[366252] $3,500
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41. Franklin, Benjamin. *Philosophical and Miscellaneous Papers.*

LONDON: C. DILLY, 1787.

One of the most elusive Franklin publications, this volume is notable for its inclusion of the chart of the Gulf Stream which accompanies “A Letter from Dr. Benjamin Franklin, to Mr. Alphonsus le Roy, Member of several Academies, at Paris. Containing sundry Maritime Observations.” This map, originally published in Philadelphia in 1769 and executed by James Poupard, was the earliest published map of the Gulf Stream. Adjacent to the chart is a long column of explanatory text entitled “Remarks Upon the Navigation from Newfoundland to New York in order to avoid the Gulph Stream....” The plate which illustrates this same article shows twenty-seven various nautical figures, including modes of anchoring and buoying ships. Also of note are articles entitled “Description of a new Stove for burning of Pitcoal, and consuming all its Smoke” and one on chimneys (each of these two articles contains a plate illustrating various figures discussed in the text); “Information to those who would remove to America”; and “Remarks concerning the Savages of North America.” This is the only edition listed in the NUC, Sabin, and Howes.

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[332819] $10,000
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44. Gibbon, Edward. *The History of the Decline and Fall of The Roman Empire.*

London; Oxford; William Pickering, Talboys and Wheeler, 1827.

Gibbon’s magnum opus, written and published over a 13-year period beginning in 1776. This edition comprises part of Pickering’s Oxford English Classics published in conjunction with Talboys and Wheeler from 1825-8.

First Pickering, Oxford English Classics, edition. Portrait frontispiece to first volume. 8 vols. 8vo. Three quarter green morocco with gilt borders and spine compartments, teg, marbled endpapers, light scattered foxing to first and last pages, ownership signature to each title page.

[366306] $2,500

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LONDON: METHUEN, 1908.**

This classic was developed out of bedtime stories Grahame told to his son Alastair, known in the family as Mouse.

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NEW YORK: CHARLES L. WEBSTER, 1885-1886.**

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48. Greenaway, Kate. *Almanacks 1883-1895 [with:] Almanack and Diary for 1897.*

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The first French edition of Hamilton, Madison, and Jay’s celebrated collection of articles supporting the ratification of the United States Constitution. The other issue of this printing contains an introduction by the translator, M. Trudaine de la Sablière, in the first volume (not present here, hence the irregular pagination); the preliminary pages here contain the U.S. Constitution.

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HALLOWELL, [MAINE]: GLAZIER, MASTERS & CO, 1831.

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54. Hardy, Thomas. *Far from the Madding Crowd.*

LONDON: SMITH, ELDER & CO, 1874.

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55. Harrer, Heinrich. *Seven Years In Tibet.*


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[353258] $3,500

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[352646] $2,250

‘Man is not made for defeat. A man can be destroyed but not defeated.’

   NEW YORK: CHARLES SCRIBNER’S SONS, 1952.

First edition of Hemingway’s most popular novel, his last sustained work of fiction in his lifetime. On the bestseller list for half a year, the book not only silenced those who had lambasted *Across the River and into the Trees*, but earned its author the Pulitzer Prize and the Nobel. Hemingway was sure that *The Old Man and the Sea* would “get rid of the school of criticism that I am through as a writer.” John Dos Passos agreed later saying that the phenomenal success of *The Old Man and the Sea* “was like a magician’s stunt”.

First edition, first printing, with capital “A” and publisher’s device to copyright page. 8vo. Pale blue cloth with some light water staining and lean to spine, spine lettered in silver; unclipped dust jacket with minor rubbing to top edge, scuff along front edge, small water stain to head of spine; interior clean and bright.

[366546] $2,500
‘I know nothing comparable to it in science fiction or fantasy except The Lord of the Rings’ – Arthur C. Clarke

59. Herbert, Frank. *Dune*.

Originally published as in serial form in Analog magazine, it was later accepted by Sterling Lanier at Chilton, a publisher of auto repair manuals, and released at the very high price of $5.95. Because of this, the first printing did not sell well, but it slowly gained critical praise, including a letter from Arthur C. Clarke to Lanier that read: “Dune seems to me unique among modern science fiction novels in the depth of its characterization and the extraordinary detail of the world it creates. I know nothing comparable to it in science fiction or fantasy except The Lord of the Rings.” It tied for the 1966 Hugo Award, and was the inaugural winner of the Nebula Award for Best Novel. It is widely considered the best-selling science fiction book of all time, and is one of the earliest examples of climate fiction, popularizing the term “ecology”.

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[354145] $16,500
'Words can be like X-rays if you use them properly – they’ll go through anything. You read and you’re pierced.'

60. Huxley, Aldous. *Brave New World.*

Huxley’s most celebrated work, a dystopian vision of the future – the first key work in English – and a classic of twentieth-century literature, in the striking dust-jacket.

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[351846] $4,500

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Guy Jarrett (1881-1972) was a successful stage magician and puppeteer. In this book he incorporated stories about show business alongside detailed explanations to some of his illusions, as well as card and parlor tricks. This first edition was self-published by Jarrett with his own typesetting, printing and binding, and his spelling and abbreviations are often incorrect, and the sequence of illustrations don’t always match up with where they’re referenced in the book.

One of the most important books on stage illusions ever published. Very scarce.


[352158] $4,000
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CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA: PUBLISHED BY F. CARR, AND CO, 1829.

The first collected writings of Thomas Jefferson, issued three years after the sage’s death and edited by his grandson and the executor of his estate, Thomas Jefferson Randolph. The memoir was written by Jefferson at the age of seventy-seven and is accompanied by a journal kept during his tenure as Secretary of State. The remainder of the content consists of correspondence not already published as government publications. The folding facsimile is of Jefferson’s draft of the Declaration of Independence, showing his emendations, and the engraved frontispiece is after the famous Gilbert Stuart portrait. An important collection, the starting point in the apotheosis of Jefferson.


[366253] $6,500

The First Edition of Johnson’s Dictionary

63. Johnson, Samuel. *A Dictionary of the English Language: in which the words are deduced from their originals, and illustrated in their different significations by examples from the best writers.*
LONDON: PRINTED BY W. STRAHAN, FOR J. AND P. KNAPTON; ETC., 1755.

A finely bound first edition of “the most amazing, enduring and endearing one-man feat in the field of lexicography” (PMM). Strahan’s ledger shows that a printing charge was made to the proprietors of the Dictionary at least as early as December, 1750. By the beginning of 1753, Johnson had resolved his differences with booksellers, and progress became more rapid, though he did not start the second volume until April, 1753. The Dictionary was officially published on April 15, 1755, in an edition of 2000 copies, and sold at the high price of £4-10s-0d.

“Johnson’s writings had, in philology, the effect which Newton’s discoveries had in mathematics” — Noah Webster.

First edition. Title pages printed in red and black. Text printed in two columns. 2 vols. Folio (407 x 248 mm.). Recent period-style binding in full speckled calf, boards ruled and decorated in blind, spines gilt with contrasting lettering pieces. Fine (some light toning at outer margins), a very attractive set.

[365547] $20,000
The rocky publishing history of Dubliners is well known: finished in 1905, it was rejected by 15 publishers before Grant Richards accepted it. Richards’ printers refused to set some of the type – inaugurating Joyce’s lifelong struggle with censorship – and Joyce refused most of Richards’ changes. It was then taken up by Maunsel & Roberts of Dublin, who eventually came to a similar conclusion. Maunsel even burned all but one of the copies of the sheets, which Joyce managed to wheedle out of him, and it was given back to Richards, who set the type from the lone Maunsel sheet saved from the flames. Joyce subsequently added “A Little Cloud” and “The Dead” – possibly his most famous single story – to the collection.

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[353249] $5,000

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[354131] $9,500
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First Edition. 8vo. Original blue-green cloth, original unclipped printed gray dust jacket, Japan tissue repair to jacket spine.

$12,500

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68. Khayyam, Omar. *The Quatrains of Omar Khayyam of Nishapur. Translated from the Persian into English, including Quatrains now for the first time so Rendered by Eben Francis Thompson with an Introduction by Nathan Haskell Dole.*

WORCESTER, MASS.: PRIVATELY PRINTED, 1906.

Eben Francis Thompson, spurred by his friend, Dole — editor, publisher, and translator — set about to render a verse translation of Omar Khayyam that was more faithful to the original Persian than the popular verse versions of Fitzgerald. One of Dole’s deluxe private press projects printed in Massachusetts, this one is bound by the Rose Bindery of Boston, who specialized in binding rare volumes in unique elegant bindings that followed Arts and Crafts principles.

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Writing from his home in Vermont, but drawing on his memories of his Anglo-Indian youth and his studies in Eastern philosophy, Kipling wrote a timeless mythical cycle of stories about the man-cub, Mowgli, and his adventures as he grows up in the central Indian jungle.

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[366250] $750

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   NEW YORK: GEORGE H. DORAN COMPANY, 1923.

First edition of this investment classic, a fictionalized biography of Jessie Livermore, to whom the book is dedicated. “This book, in fact, is almost an encyclopedia of trading advice from a master who lived through good times and bad ... Lefèvre captures the excitement of Livermore’s career and, at the same time, preserves much of Livermore’s market wisdom” (Zerden).

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[354134] $9,000
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[SPRINGFIELD, IL]: [1857].

First printing in book form of an important early speech by Lincoln declaring the Dred Scott decision to be “erroneous,” setting the stage for the Lincoln-Douglas debates and his House Divided speech of the following year, and laying the foundations for the Emancipation Proclamation.


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Angered by Douglas’s speech, Lincoln took aim at the substance of Justice Taney’s decision and at two historically inaccurate assertions: that the preamble of the Declaration was not intended for African Americans, and that African Americans were in a better situation in the mid-19th century than they had been in during revolutionary times. In a trope which he would repeat and refine in his rhetoric, reaching its zenith with the Gettysburg Address, Lincoln wrote of the founding fathers: “They defined with tolerable distinctness, in what respects they did consider all men created equal – equal in ‘certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.’ This they said, and this they meant.”

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[352761] $22,500
Sharp Copy of a Notable Book

72. Maclean, Norman. *A River Runs through It and Other Stories.*

CHICAGO AND LONDON: UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO PRESS, [1976].

Norman Maclean’s autobiographical title novella of fly fishing and life draws upon his early years spent mostly in the Rocky Mountain region. Though critically acclaimed from the outset, the work received little attention until its adaptation as a major film, after which it achieved tremendous popular success. In addition to the title story, this collection includes “Logging and Pimping and ‘Your Pal, Jim’” and “USFS 1919: The Ranger, the Cook, and a Hole in the Sky.”

Attractive copy of this modern classic.

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Kurt Vonnegut’s Copy: ‘Dear Kurt: Under the assumption that your curiosity, at least, has be aroused...’

73. Madonna, with Glenn O’Brien. *Sex.*


Kurt Vonnegut’s copy, presented to him and with a charming form letter addressed to him from Len Riggio, the president of Barnes and Noble. Photography by Stephen Meisel, with the Art direction by Fabien Baron. Edited by Glenn O’Brien. Sex was published at the beginning of the second phase of Madonna’s career. The first finished with the release of 1990’s Immaculate Collection and this book was released around the same time as the establishment of her Maverick production company and the culmination of the Blond Ambition tour.

First edition, first printing. 4to. Spiral bound, aluminum stamped and die cut sheets. Fine condition, opened in original pictorial mylar envelope, including the Erotica CD in original mylar envelope.

[353106] $1,500
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74. Milton, John. *Paradise Lost*. A Poem in Twelve Books ... [and] *Paradise Regained*. A Poem, in Four Books. To which is added *Samson Agonistes* and Poems upon Several Occasions From the Text of Thomas Newton D.

*BIRMINGHAM: PRINTED BY JOHN BASKERVILLE, FOR J. AND R. TONSON, 1760.*

The mind is its own place, and in itself | Can make a Heaven of Hell, a Hell of Heaven.

An outstanding copy of the handsome Baskerville octavo. Milton’s *Paradise Lost* is the greatest poem of the later seventeenth century, and profoundly influential upon the course of English literature; his Poems upon Several Occasions includes Lycidas and his verses on Shakespear.

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[366281] $1,750

First Separately Printed Edition That Lists Moore as the Author


*PHILADELPHIA: ISSUED BY JOHN M. WOLFF, STATIONER, N.D. [C. 1842-1865].*

Although BAL has this listed this as being likely published c. 1842, it was likely printed later. The earliest edition of the poem was printed anonymously in 1823, and it was only printed under Moore’s name in his Collected Poems (Bartlett & Welford, 1844).

A beautiful presentation of a rare ephemeral publication.

First separately printed edition that lists Moore as the author. Printed text within red border. Folio (17 x 11 inches). Near fine, matted in cloth folder opposite color printing of Santa Claus.

[366093] $7,000
Obama’s First Book

Barack Obama’s moving and lyrical memoir, recounting his early life through his work as a community organizer in Chicago and enrollment in Harvard Law School.
First edition, first printing. 8vo. Fine in fine dust jacket.

[346899] $1,150

The Most Celebrated Political Satire of the Twentieth Century

77. Orwell, George. *Animal Farm.*
LONDON: MARTIN SECKER, 1945.
An attractive copy of the greatest of postwar political satires.

[338568] $9,000

Calf-Bound Volume Collecting Paine’s Most Resonant Works

NEW YORK: SOLOMON KING, 1830.
Includes Common Sense, The Crisis, Rights of Man, Public Good, and more.

[366261] $800
The Only American Book With Original Picasso Etchings


NEW YORK: THE LIMITED EDITIONS CLUB, 1934.

One of the most ribald works of antiquity, illustrated with Picasso’s magnificent etchings and drawings. This is “the only American publication with original Picasso etchings, which are among his most important in the classical style” (The Artist and the Book).

Limited edition, No 1452 of 1500 copies signed by Picasso. Illustrations by Pablo Picasso. 4to. Printed paper covered boards, near fine in publisher’s blue paper covered chemise and matching slipcase; slipcase expertly repaired.

[353248] $6,000
A Handsome Plutarch

80. Plutarch. Lives of the Noble Grecians and Romans, Compared together by that Grave Learned Philosopher and Historiographer Plutarch of Chaeronea.

LONDON: PRINTED BY ABRAHAM MILLER, SOLD BY WILLIAM LEE, 1657.

And now also in this edition are further added, the lives of twenty selected eminent persons, of ancient and latter times; translated out of the work of that famous historiographer to the King of France and Poland; Andrew Theuet. To which, for clearer explanation and emendation of the former translation (in several places) are subjoyned notes and explications upon Plutarch’s lives; collected out of Xylander, Crushus, Henry Stephanus and others; with the synchronisms and cotemporary persons with them; shewing the several ages in which they lived.

Folio. Full speckled calf, gilt spine with red moroccp title label. Rebacked, title page soiled, previous ownership signature, a few annotations, early leaves and last leaf with some repairs around the edges.

[366376] SOLD

Beautiful Copy of Rackham’s Iconic Fairy Illustrations


LONDON: GEORGE C. HARRAP & CO. LTD, [1933].

One of the greatest publications from the Golden Age of British book illustration, Rackham’s anthology collects and illustrates some of the best-known fairy stories from Charles Perrault, Hans Christian Anderson, the Brothers Grimm, the Arabian Nights, and other, traditional, sources.

First edition. One of 460 copies signed by the artist. 8 color plates, and numerous illustrations in the text, some full page. 8vo. Original vellum. Spine slightly darkened. In original slipcase, worn and split.

[265273] $2,750
Ayn Rand, Finely Bound

NEW YORK: RANDOM HOUSE, [1957].

Handsome copy of Rand’s best-selling, controversial, and influential novel. It was the last work of fiction she published during her lifetime, and it was her magnum opus, comprising her most ambitious story — what happens when the prime movers of the world go on strike — and clearly illustrating the principles of her Objectivist philosophy through an iconic speech by the hero of the novel, John Galt.

First edition, first printing. 8vo. Recent full green morocco, spine tooled and lettered in gilt in compartments, t.e.g. Fine.  3,000

Nice Copy of Early Bruce Rogers

83. Rogers, Bruce. *The Song of Roland.*
BOSTON: PRINTED BY THE RIVERSIDE PRESS FOR HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & COMPANY, 1906.

“The Song of Roland …, one of the most popular of the Rogers books, was notable for drawings made by Rogers from the stained glass windows of the cathedral of Chartres, printed from line blocks and hand colored” (Blumenthal).

Limited edition, number 144 of 220 copies. Illustrated throughout with 6 vignettes by Bruce Rogers, colored by hand in blues, reds, greens and yellow tones after the stained glass windows at Chartres. Printed in red, blue, brown, gilt, and black. The type fonts are a lettre batarde and Civilite types imported from France. Folio. Patterned tan paper boards, vellum spine with brown lettering. Fine copy in custom folding box, prospectus loosely inserted.  3,000
An American Classic, with a Letter from T.R.

   New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1899.

Roosevelt's classic account of the Spanish American War, here with a loosely inserted Typed Letter, signed, by Roosevelt, dated May 26, 1914, just after his return from South America: "I am very busy trying to catch up with my work, but I must send you just a line of thanks and appreciation for your letter. I am more than glad to be back home again."

First edition. [With:] Typed letter, signed, by Roosevelt, to F. M. Barnes on letterhead of The Outlook. 8vo. Recent full brown calf gilt, boards with wavy gilt rule, original cloth front cover and spine bound in, t.e.g. Fine.

[366262] $1,350

One of the Best-Loved Children's Books in Any Language, Ever

85. Saint-Exupéry, Antoine De. *The Little Prince.*
   Translated from the French by Katherine Woods.
   New York: Reynal & Hitchcock, 1943.

The English language version of the beloved parable written and illustrated by French aviator Antoine de Saint Exupéry, written during his exile in New York, published the same year as Reynal & Hitchcock issued the French original. By the time of the book's publication in April 1943, Saint Exupéry was already on his way back to Europe. He died while on a flying mission the following year.

First trade edition. Illustrated by the author. Square 8vo. Original salmon cloth with reddish brown text, slightest bump to top corner of front board, otherwise fine; dust jacket with even toning, chips to flap edges and head and foot of spine, very good and better than usually seen.

[365830] $5,500
“Where, when, and what time of day or night were you born?”

86. Salinger, J.D. Two typed letters, signed “xx JDS” and “JDS”, to poet Celia Bland, 17 May and 26 August 1985.


J. D. Salinger first met and corresponded with poet Celia Bland when she was an undergraduate at Sarah Lawrence College. The correspondence has an interrogatory tone: “Where, when, and what time of day or night were you born …? (I play, not very seriously, but I do play with the planets, the moon, the sun. Trivial, I know, but I like to know …)” His account of a visit to London differs from that presented by biographer Slawenski. Salinger discusses literature, remarking of William Hazlitt: “He’s sharp, clear, and have always liked something about his personal unpopularity. He knew Coleridge, yes, and probably the Wordsworths, but he was not, let’s say, a member, and I find that rather commending in itself. I remember Virginia Woolf wrote about him with admiration, in the unwholehearted and practical way she bestowed admiration on people and subjects worthy of grist for her essays or letters or diaries”;

also muses on withdrawing from correspondence, which had become a burden: “Have even considered printing a small announcement to that effect in some publication that everybody reads, like Woodman of the World or The Canadian Needlewoman. It’s mainly that I’m seated here at work most of the day and a fair part of the night, and then another couple of hours just trying to reduce the little pile of unanswered letters, bills, etc., and have decided to leave off for a year or two.”

Choice Salinger correspondence with interesting content.


[329774] $25,000
The Deluxe Heart of the Antarctic, Signed by All & Inscribed by Shackleton


LONDON: BALLANTYNE & CO. LIMITED FOR WILLIAM HEINEMANN, 1909.

The best edition of Shackleton’s memoirs of his monumental 1907-09 Nimrod Expedition, known for crossing the Trans-Antarctic mountain range, making the first ascent and survey of Mount Erebus, and coming within a hundred miles of the South Pole.

“The most luxurious publication ever to have appeared during the ‘heroic age’ of Antarctic exploration” (Taurus).

The Antarctic Book is signed by all. This set additionally inscribed by Shackleton to his friend Sandor von Hegedüs, dated 8 April 1911: “To my friend and co-authority Hegedüs Sandor with warmest thoughts and best wishes...” Hegedius was also godfather of Shackleton’s son Edward.

First edition. Deluxe issue, number 198 of 300 numbered sets. 2 mounted frontispieces, and numerous plates, a few of which are double-page, some mounted including 16 colored, after George Marston, some etched; 1 folding panorama and 3 folding lithographic maps printed in three colors in pocket at back of vol. II. 3 Vols. 4to. Publisher’s vellum with covers blocked in gilt with twin penguin device, the Supplement in original vellum-backed boards, t.e.g., others untrimmed. Minor soiling to the spines, front inner hinge of vol. II tender.

[366508] $40,000
Rackham Edition, Finely Bound


LONDON AND NEW YORK: WILLIAM HEINEMANN, AND DOUBLEDAY, PAGE & CO, 1908.

“Rackham cast his spell over the play,” notes Derek Hudson, “his drawings superseded the work of all his predecessors from Gilbert to Abbey and for fifty years have enriched the imagination … Here he excelled especially in landscape, and in reconciling dream and reality, giving himself to the luxury of rich detail with a rare generosity.” A fine copy of an admirable Rackham classic, in a custom binding designed and executed by Chris Lewis, who had been among Bayntun-Riviere’s most talented finishers before he started his own bindery with Derek Harris.

Deluxe Edition, number 747 of 1000 copies, signed by Rackham. With 40 mounted color plates and 30 other decorations. Large 8vo. Red morocco gilt, bound by Lewis & Harris Bookbinders Ltd., Bath, England, with pictorial inlay on the upper cover, silk endpapers, a.e.g. Cloth clamshell case.

[323553] $6,000

The Beautiful Nonesuch Shakespeare


NEW YORK: RANDOM HOUSE: NONESUCH PRESS, 1929-33.

A well edited and attractive Shakespeare. In the words of T.E. Lawrence, “It satisfies. It is final, like the Kelmscott Chaucer or the Ashendene Virgil”.

One of 1050 sets for England. 7 Vols. 8vo. Original full natural tan niger morocco gilt by A.W. Bain, all edges uncut, top edge colored pink and gilt “on the rough”. A fine fresh set (usual slight variation in hue).

[316236] $2,250
The Magnificent Kelmscott Press Shelley


Hammersmith: Kelmscott Press, 1894-95.

A very nice copy of the magnificent Kelmscott edition of the poems of Shelley.

With interesting New York provenance, likely from the 1920s. With signatures of a number of New York businessmen and philanthropists, many with connections to Temple Emanu-El, including Samuel J. Bloomingdale, I. Edwin Goldwasser, Manny Strauss, Felix M. Warburg, H.A. Guinzburg, Herman Lissner, Leo Sulzberger, Solomon Lowenstein, and others.

One of 250 copies. 3 vols. 8vo. Original full limp vellum, spines stamped in gold, issued without silk ties. Light foxing to edges, long list of signatures inkered to first two blanks of volume one, otherwise a fine copy. Housed in custom cloth chemises and blue morocco backed slipcases.

[314918] $10,000
The Most Important Book in the History of Economics


LONDON: STRAHAM AND CADELL, 1776.

First edition of the “first and greatest classic of modern economic thought” (PMM): the first major work on the theory of free trade.

“It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer, or the baker that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own interests. We address ourselves, not to their humanity, but to their self-interest” (Adam Smith).

“Where the political aspects of human rights had taken two centuries to explore, Smith’s achievement was to bring the study of economic aspects to the same point in a single work. The Wealth of Nations is not a system, but as a provisional analysis it is completely convincing.

The certainty of its criticism and its grasp of human nature have made it the first and greatest classic of modern economic thought” (PMM).

First edition, complete with half-title in vol. II (none issued in vol. I); with cancels M3 and 2Z3 in vol. I. 2 vols. 4to. Contemporary English speckled calf, spines gilt, gilt-lettered lettering-pieces, very skilfully refurbished. Preserved in a fleece-lined quarter morocco folding case. Despite some scattered foxing at first and last leaves, a very handsome copy in original 18th century binding.

$275,000
Signed by Hockney & Spender

92. Spender, Stephen, Editor. *Hockney’s Alphabet*.

This publication was created to raise money for the AIDS Crisis Trust. Spender invited British and American authors to contribute texts that could accompany Hockney’s specially drawn alphabet.

Prints original contributions by 27 authors, one for each letter of the alphabet, plus an ampersand. They include: Stephen Spender (A), Joyce Carol Oates (B), Iris Murdoch (C), Paul Theroux (D), Gore Vidal (E), Norman Mailer (F), Seamus Heaney (G), Martin Amis (H), Erica Jong (I), Ian McEwan (J), Nigel Nicolson (K), Margaret Drabble (L), Craig Raine (M), William Boyd (N), V.S. Pritchett (O), Doris Lessing (P), William Golding (Q), T.S. Eliot (&) [printing the text of an unpublished letter], Arthur Miller (R), Ted Hughes (S), Kazuo Ishiguro (T), Julian Barnes (U), John Updike (V), Susan Sontag (W), Anthony Burgess (X), Douglas Adams (Y), and Patrick Leigh Fermor (Z).

Scarce in the edition printed on fine paper.


[365411] $2,500

‘Home is the sailor, home from sea /
And the hunter home from the hill’

93. Stevenson, Robert Louis. *Pencil Drawing signed lower right “R.L.S.”*, and entitled in center “Vailima”, showing the large porch of his home in Samoa with natives in the foreground, and several tall trees in the back.
VAILIMA, SAMOA: [UNDATED, CA. 1891].

A choice Stevenson drawing showing his beloved house at Vailima. Stevenson purchased 400 acres in Samoa in 1890, clearing brush and building the residence into which he moved in 1891, with his family furniture from Bournemouth and Edinburgh. He lived there with his family until his death in 1894. Vailima subsequently served an official residence and was reopened in 1994 as the Stevenson Museum.

3-3/4 x 6 inches. Fine. Old traces of mounting on verso.

[353551] $7,500
Publisher’s Deluxe Extra-Gilt Binding

94. Stowe, Harriet Beecher. Uncle Tom’s Cabin; or, Life Among the Lowly.

BOSTON: JOHN P. JEWETT, 1852.

“In the emotion-charged atmosphere of mid-nineteenth-century America Uncle Tom’s Cabin exploded like a bombshell … the social impact of Uncle Tom’s Cabin on the United States was greater than of any book before or since” (PMM).

Uncle Tom’s Cabin was published at the end of March 1852. Buyers had in a choice of three bindings: paper wrappers at $1.00, cloth at $1.50, and cloth extra gilt at $2.00 (as here). The first issue was 5,000 copies with a second issue of 5,000 copies by the first of April, which sold out before the middle of the month. By mid-October, 120,000 copies had been sold. Sets of the first issue in the publisher’s deluxe gilt binding are RARE.

First edition, first issue, bound in Blanck’s “extra gilt” C binding. Illustrated. 2 Vols. 12mo. Original publisher’s blue-green cloth, gilt pictorial, a.e.g. Expertly recased with restoration to the tops and bottoms of the spines. Foxing. Custom green morocco backed box.

[366507] $15,000

Finely Bound, with an Autograph Letter, Signed


LONDON: BRADBURY AND EVANS, 1848.

The letter, on a folded 8vo sheet, is undated, and likely written to Percival Leigh, the humorist who wrote for Punch, and who was an intimate of Thackeray. The full text reads:

Clarendon, Sunday
Dear Mr. Leigh
I hope the clerk at the bar told you that I was prevented from coming home by illness last night. Will you call here the first morning you are free? About 9 will to the best time & I’ll see you well or ill.
Fathfully yours
WM Thackeray.

First edition, mixed issue. 8vo. Full red crushed red levant with gilt borders, spine and turn-ins gilt, marbled endpapers, a.e.g., by Bayntun Riviere. Autograph Letter, signed, inserted at front. Fine.

[366292] $3,500
Earliest Recorded Thompson Letter: “I was the ‘black sheep’ of the Athenaeum”

96. Thompson, Hunter S. Autograph letter, signed “Hunter S Thompson”, to his friend Paul Semonin, with autograph envelope.


A candid letter from seventeen-year-old Hunter Thompson in February 1955, to his friend Paul Semonin, student at Yale and a fellow member of the Athenaeum Literary Association. Thompson had high academic hopes and hints in the letter that he’s planning to go to Sewanee, but, influenced by The Wild One and emboldened by his connection with Louisville society youths, he took to raising hell and was often in and out of trouble. Thompson was kicked out of the ALA after this, and never attended college. He joined the Air Force upon release from jail.

Thompson takes a slightly repentant and deferential tone in writing to his older friend. Reading in part: “I appreciate your advice and your wanting to correct the error in my ways. ... ever since I’ve known you you’ve always seemed to have had a Midas touch so far as accomplishment was concerned, while I was the ‘black sheep’ of the Athenaeum ... to show the horrible cruelty of fate, I have to appear in court to testify against ABE for selling beer to minors. Me, his best customer. Ah, it racks my soul with sorrow.”

Some of Thompson’s letters to Semonin were published in The Proud Highway (1997), but not this one, which is the earliest Thompson letter ever made available on the market.

4 pp., envelope postmarked Feb. 11, 1955. Small 4to. General light wear and toning to envelope; letter about near fine, with original folds.

[352929] $17,500

of myself for having felt that way in the past. I hope you’ll pardon me for speaking frankly, but I couldn’t have said what I wanted to say if I hadn’t.

As far as the contents of your letter are concerned, they didn’t hurt my feelings in the least. I appreciate your advice and your wanting to correct the error in my ways. Furthermore, I do realize my responsibility as a senior and I intend to live up to it. Anyway, constant trouble is beginning to get on my nerves and I think a change of atmosphere will do me good.

I also took a good look at myself and decided that what I saw couldn’t stand quite a bit of improvement. All these factors, combined with what might happen to me if I don’t straighten up, have convinced me that the straight and narrow is the best (if not the most enticing) path to follow for the time being.

Before closing, here are a few choice tid-bits from around here: The sound work for a two hundred and fifty to seventy-five page magazine with a fake leather cover is being laid. We intend to publish the biggest and best SPECTATOR in
Hunter Thompson’s Wild First Book

97. Thompson, Hunter S. *Hell’s Angels.*

* A Strange and Terrible Saga.

NEW YORK: RANDOM HOUSE, [1967].

“...The Menace is loose again, the Hell’s Angels, the hundred-carat headline, running fast and loud on the early morning freeway, low in the saddle, nobody smiles, jamming crazy through traffic and ninety miles an hour down the center stripe, missing by inches ...like Genghis Khan on an iron horse, a monster steed with a fiery anus, flat out through the eye of a beer can and up your daughter’s leg with no quarter asked and none given; show the squares some class, give em a whiff of those kicks they’ll never know...”


First edition, first printing, of the author’s first book. 8vo. Black cloth boards, top edge black. Faintest trace of damp at top of endpapers. Near fine in original dust jacket. Owner name effaced. Near fine in very good plus dust jacket with one nick along back edge of spine panel (traces of damp on verso).

[353815] $1250

A Superb Unsophisticated Copy of the American Classic

98. Thoreau, Henry David. *Walden; or, Life in the Woods.*

BOSTON: TICKNOR AND FIELDS, 1854.

“Solid chunks of thought, in the midst of a solid chunk of nature, proving that the minimum of cash expenditure and of creature comfort may result in the maximum of acute observation and cerebration, — for almost a hundred years an inspiration to nature-lovers, to philosophers, to sociologists, to those of a Calvin Coolidge turn, and to persons who love to read the English language written with clarity” (Grolier 100).

A landmark of American literature.

First edition, one of 2000 copies printed. Without ad. 8vo. Original brown vertical-ribbed cloth with covers decoratively stamped in blind and spine ruled in blind and lettered in gilt, pale yellow coated endpapers.

[320652] $20,000
Looking at American Social and Political Institutions


The classic study of early nineteenth-century America, swiftly translated into English following its publication in France in 1835; the first American edition was published in 1838, with a substantial introduction and notes by John C. Spencer (1788-1853), prominent New York lawyer, Antimason, and Whig, who later served as Secretary of War and Secretary of the Treasury in the Tyler administration. The second part of de Tocqueville’s work appeared only in 1840, and was soon after translated into English.


[366258] $1,000

Essential Account of the Underground Railroad


Monumental work documenting the efforts and frequent successes of fugitive slaves as they made their way north along the Underground Railroad in search of freedom.

“William Still was one of the most energetic and adventurous of the many Philadelphians who operated the Underground Railroad. He had been born free, but his parents had undergone the hardships of escape. Still spent his life helping other escapees, and was so successful that, it was said, nineteen out of every twenty fugitives passing through Philadelphia stopped at his house.” This example with provenance to Dr. Jesse Holmes, a Salem, Ohio, abolitionist and Quaker school teacher. The underground railroad was particularly active in that portion of Ohio and included a station in Salem; Holmes was likely involved.

First edition. Illustrated, prospectus bound-in. 8vo. Publisher’s green pebbled cloth, elaborately stamped in blind, covers with central stamp in gilt, bevelled boards. Expertly rebacked retaining the original gilt-lettered spine, brown endpapers. Very good plus. Provenance: Dr. Jesse Holmes; his son Kersey Holmes.

[354148] $7,500
First Session of the House, with a Preliminary Printing of the Bill of Rights


NEW YORK: FRANCIS CHILDS AND JOHN SWAIN, 1789.

Original printing of the Journal for the first session of the House of Representatives covering activities of the House from March 4 to September 7, 1789, a period when key important legislative events took place. Foremost among these was the discussion of the proposed Bill of Rights. The session established the legislative foundation for the machinery of government, regulating the Customs, Judiciary, Post Office, Mint, and establishing the Executive Office. Included also is a printing of George Washington’s first inaugural address. An important and valuable volume in the history of American government: the record of the crucial start of our new government under the Constitution, with one of the earliest official printings of the proposed Bill of Rights.

Folio. Expertly bound full calf, covers bordered in gilt, spine with raised bands in seven compartments, red morocco lettering piece. Minor age toning, untrimmed.

[334553] $45,000
The Baskerville Virgil


BIRMINGHAM: PRINTED BY JOHN BASKERVILLE FOR THE AUTHOR, 1766.

A noted Baskerville imprint in a pleasing contemporary binding.

Errors in pagination as issued. 8vo. Contemporary tree calf, spine gilt, red morocco label. Front joint cracked but cords holding. Minor soiling to title leaf, foxing to the endpapers. Bookplate on the front pastedown.

[366266] $1,750

A Pair of Warhol Cats, Colored by Andy and Friends


[NEW YORK: PRINTED FOR THE ARTIST BY SEYMOUR BERLIN, 1954].

A plate from the early Warhol book 25 Cats Named Sam and One Blue Pussy.

Offset lithograph hand colored by Warhol and friends with Dr. Martin’s aniline watercolor dye on Ticonderoga Text watermarked laid paper. 8-3/4 x 5-3/4 inches (matted and framed to 17 x 13-1/2 inches). Handmade white gold frame with acrylic glazing. Fine.

[366045] $14,000


[NEW YORK: PRINTED FOR THE ARTIST BY SEYMOUR BERLIN, 1954].

A plate from the early Warhol book 25 Cats Named Sam and One Blue Pussy.

Offset lithograph hand colored by Warhol and friends with Dr. Martin’s aniline watercolor dye on Ticonderoga Text watermarked laid paper. 8-3/4 x 5-3/4 inches (matted and framed to 17 x 13-1/2 inches). Handmade white gold frame with acrylic glazing. Fine.

[366042] $14,000
Large Broadside Printing of Washington’s Farewell Address

106. Washington, George. *Address of the late General George Washington, To the Citizens of the United States, on declining a re-election to the Office of President.*
   
   Hartford: Hudson and Goodwin, [circa 1800].

Written largely by Alexander Hamilton, Washington’s famed Farewell Address was first printed in newspapers in September 1796 at the end of his second term as President, emphasizing the importance of unity and morality, the dangers of political factions and sectionalism and warning against “insidious wiles of foreign influence.” The reaction to the address was immediate and overwhelmingly positive, printed within regional newspapers and as separate pamphlets and broadsides throughout the United States. Revered as one of the most important documents in American history, the present broadside printing was published shortly after Washington’s death in December 1799 and is particularly collectible due to its large size and decorative appearance.

Letterpress broadside, text in five columns within double ornamental border. 22-1/4 x 18-1/2 inches. Expert restoration to folds.

[329891]  $7,500
H.G. Wells' First Book


NEW YORK: HOLT, 1895.

In *The Time Machine*, H.G. Wells’ time traveler visits the distant future and reports that human society has diverged into the Eloi, who appear to live an idle, pastoral existence, and the Morlocks, who dwell underground; he then voyages further into the future where all signs of intelligent life have perished and a round thing hops fitfully beside a blood red ocean.

The early novels of Wells, including *The War of the Worlds* and *The Island of Doctor Moreau*, display a remarkable capacity for extrapolation, but it is his first, *The Time Machine*, which establishes Wells as one of the most important precursors of what would soon be called science fiction. “Like Joseph Conrad’s similarly ominous *Heart of Darkness*, *The Time Machine* is told as a Club Story, and dramatically prefigures the profound anxieties and dislocations about to afflict the Western World [...] each tale inescapably conveys a profound unease about the future” (SFE).

An interesting association copy, with the signature of California poet George Sterling, demonstrating the wide distribution and readership for Wells’ books. Sterling was famously mentor to Clark Ashton Smith, California poet and artist turned master of the decadent far future pulp tale in the 1930s.

Nice copy of the book that marked the literary ascent of H.G. Wells.

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The Discovery of DNA


*A Personal Account of the Discovery of the Structure of DNA.*

NEW YORK: ATHENEUM, 1968.

Watson’s elegantly written account of the greatest twentieth-century discovery in biology.

8vo. Blue cloth. Fine copy in unclipped dust jacket (tiniest scuff at head of front jacket fold).

[352266] $1,800
The Boston ‘Leaves of Grass’, with the Calamus Poems


*BOSTON: THAYER & ELDRIDGE, 1860-61.*

The first printing of the third edition, the first Boston edition, and the first edition to be issued by a publisher, following the first two self-published editions. The first edition to contain the Calamus poems. Thayer and Eldrige had approached the poet with a letter that in part read, “We are young men. We ‘celebrate’ ourselves by acts. Try us. You can do us good. We can do you good — pecuniarily.”

This binding is preceded only by the rare advance review copies bound in brown wrappers. A very attractive copy of an important edition.

*8vo.* Publisher’s dark reddish orange coarse cloth with vertical wavy grain and beveled edges, spine titled in gilt with motif of hand and butterfly, boards in blind, upper cover with a globe arising out of clouds, lower cover with a sun rising over the ocean, all edges trimmed (Myerson’s binding C, BAL binding B). Spine slightly cocked, light rubbing to spine rends; small “withdrawn” stamp in ink on front pastedown; small pencil sketch on recto of frontispiece; a few scattered pencil annotations to text. Very good plus.

[354350] $5,000

Signed by the Author


[NORFOLK, CT.]: NEW DIRECTIONS, [1949].

One of the most enduringly powerful of Tennessee William’s plays, featuring characters based on his own family. It was his first great success, and his first work adapted for the screen in 1950, starring Kirk Douglas, Gertrude Lawrence, and Jane Wyman. This copy signed by Williams.


[324408] $1,000
The Earliest Book on the Mathematics of Poker


**NEW YORK: WILLIAM H. MURPHY, 1875.**

First edition of this important early mathematical approach to poker; along with Blackbridge’s *The Complete Poker Player* (1875), it is the earliest book devoted solely to the game. The author, Henry T. Winterblossom, advertises himself as a Professor of Mathematics, and his book is the first to treat the mathematical aspects of poker. Winterblossom argues that knowing the probabilities of success with each hand mitigates the risk inherent in gambling and reduces the player’s reliance on luck: “All games of chance create a morbid appetite in those who indulge in them, in proportion to their ignorance of the mathematical basis upon which those games are constructed.”

12mo. Publisher’s blue cloth, front cover stamped in gilt and black. Spine ends rubbed, light soiling to cover and spotting to text, but in all an attractive copy.

[315094] $2,500

Inscribed

112. Wolfe, Thomas. *Of Time and the River.* A Legend of Man’s Hunger in His Youth.

**NEW YORK: CHARLES SCRIBNER’S SONS, 1935.**


Thick 8vo. Dark blue cloth. Fine in near fine dust jacket with fold down middle of front panel, spine very slightly sunned.

[220964] $4,500
"We will grieve not, rather find / Strength in what remains behind"


LONDON: PRINTED FOR LONGMAN, HURST, REES, AND ORME, 1807.

‘All bright and glittering in the smokeless air’

Wordsworth’s 1807 Poems presents a large number of first appearances of his best known works, and indeed, some of the most enduring poems of the English language: “Resolution and Independence”; “I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud” “Ode to Duty”; “The Solitary Reaper”; “Elegiac Stanzas”; “Composed upon Westminster Bridge, September 3, 1802”; “London, 1802”; “The world is too much with us”; and, finally, “Ode: Intimations of Immortality”.

Bound without half titles. 2 vols. 12mo. Quarter speckled calf over marbled boards. Fine.

[323276] $4,750

Prokosch’s Own Copy

114. Yeats, W.B. Leda and the Swan.


Frederic Prokosch (1908-1989) was a cosmopolitan American novelist, whose first novel The Asiatics was published to great acclaim in 1935. Prokosch, educated at Haverford and Yale, produced a series of “Butterfly Books” hand bound in brightly colored papers, including his own writings and the works of modernist poets such as Auden and T. S. Eliot. Leda is a powerful sonnet by William Butler Yeats, who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1923, the year he wrote the poem.

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