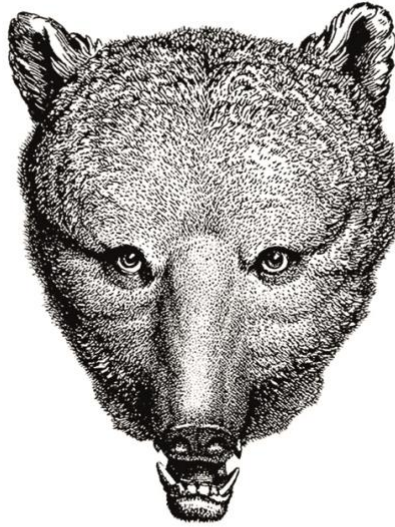


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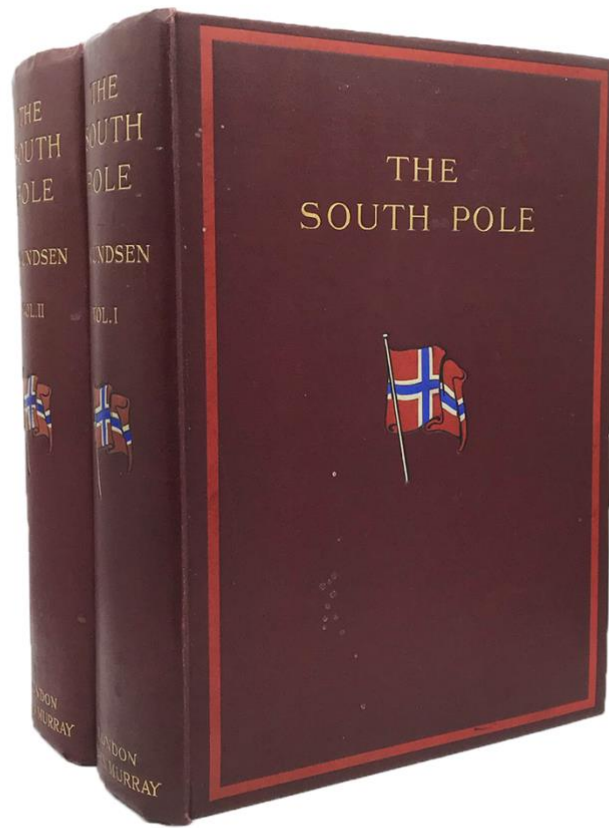
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**1. AMUNDSEN, Roald.** *The South Pole. An Account of the Norwegian Antarctic Expedition in the "Fram" 1910-1912, translated from the Norwegian by A. G. Chater*

London, John Murray, 1912

€2000

FIRST ENGLISH EDITION (published the same year as the Norwegian first). Large 8vo, 2 vols: xxxv, [1], 392 pp., with 83 illustrations including photographic frontispiece, and final folding map of the South polar region; x, 449, [1] pp., with 53 illustrations including photographic frontispiece, fold-out sectional diagram of the "Fram", 18 maps and charts, 1 of which being the fold-out chart of the immediate surroundings of the South Pole, and final folding coloured map of the Antarctic region, bound just before the index. Tissue guards protecting the frontispieces. Publisher's original burgundy red cloth with gilt titles to front cover and spine, Norwegian flag embossed on upper board. Top edges gilt. Very light foxing to the first leaves of both volumes. An excellent copy.

*This book contains Amundsen's account of the race to the South Pole in competition with Robert Scott. Amundsen and his team reached the Pole in December 1911, 34 days before Scott. This is a well-crafted edition, containing a number of full-page photographic images not found in the Norwegian original publication, which are here reproduced with higher quality of resolution.*

Taurus 71; Spence 16; Rosove 9.A1.

**2. AMUNDSEN, Roald, and Lincoln ELLSWORTH.** *Our Polar Flight: The Amundsen-Ellsworth Polar Flight*

New York, Dodd, Mead and Company, 1925

€250

FIRST EDITION, second printing. 8vo, viii, 373 pp., with 60 photographic illustrations including frontispiece plate. Publisher's original gilt-stamped blue cloth, aircraft N25 embossed on front cover, title to spine. Untrimmed fore-edge. Bookplate of famous Swedish aeronautical engineer Henry Kjellson glued to upper pastedown. Kjellson designed the "FVM Ö 1 Tummelisa" biplane. A fine copy.

*Ellsworth's "father owned coal mines and was a millionaire, and Ellsworth offered Amundsen economic assistance in exchange for a place on Amundsen's next expedition. His father [...] agreed to give the necessary funds for the purchase of the two German Dornier Wal machines, registered as N24 and N25. Together with the Aviation Society an administering company was formed with the name [...] The Norwegian Aviation Society Ltd for Amundsen-Ellsworth's Polar Flight 1925 [...]". In 1925 they "attempted to fly to the North Pole with five others in two aircrafts, the N24 and the N25. They started from Ny-Ålesund, Svalbard, on 21 May 1925 and flew side by side to 87°43' N, where they landed on leads in the drift ice after more than eight hours in the air. N24 had been damaged on take-off and it was now obvious that the plane could not be flown again. The six men struggled for 3½ weeks to create a take-off strip on the drift ice. On 15 June Hjalmar Riiser-Larsen managed to get N25 into the air with all six men on board. They landed off the north coast of Svalbard and were able to hitch a ride back to Ny-Ålesund with a small ship which was in the area by chance. There were huge celebrations when the men returned to the capital" (from The Fram Museum website)*

**3. AMUNDSEN, Roald, and Lincoln ELLSWORTH.** *Der erste Flug über das Polarmeer*

Leipzig, Grethlein & Co., [1927].

€100

FIRST EDITION. 8vo, 261 pp., with 83 illustrations, most of which being full-page images taken from photographs and printed on plates, some smaller illustrations engraved in the text. Final folding map showing the route of the first dirigible flight ever attempted over the Arctic Sea. Title printed in reddish brown and black ink. Ownership inscription to verso of half-title. Publisher's original light blue cloth, blue lettering stamped on front cover within triple-rule gilt border. Spine stamped with letterings and decorated with series of single blue wavy fillets alternating with series of triple-fillet gilt. Glassine protective jacket. A fine copy.

*Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen led the first expedition proven to have reached the North Pole in a dirigible in 1926. The dirigible's name was Norge, a semi-rigid airship. Italian aviator Umberto Nobile was the designer and pilot, whereas American adventurer Lincoln Ellsworth, along with the Aero Club of Norway, financed the trip, which was known as the Amundsen-Ellsworth 1926 Transpolar Flight.*

**4. ANDRÉE, Salomon August, Nils STRINDBERG, and Knut FRAENKEL.** *Il libro di Andrée. Con L'"Aquila" verso il Polo. I diari di S. A. Andrée, Nils Strindberg e Knut Fraenkel. La storia della spedizione polare di Andrée ricostruita sulla base dei documenti ritrovati all'Isola Bianca a cura della Società Svedese di Antropologia e Geografia.*

[Verona], Mondadori, 1930

€170

FIRST ITALIAN EDITION. 4to, xvi, 449, [3] pp., with 116 full-page photographs on plates, largely unpublished, some smaller illustrations engraved in the text, and 7 maps, one of which being the final folding coloured map. Half-title, title printed in red and black. Publisher's original cloth and illustrated dust jacket protected by opaque translucent paper. Italian translation by Giacomo Prampolini. A fine copy.

*This is the story of Swedish polar explorer Andrée and his tragic expedition on board of the hydrogen balloon called "Ornen" (Eagle). The book is based on documents found by the crew of the ship known as Bratvaag which, during a trip dedicated to scientific research towards Franz Josef Land, found the spoils of the Andrée Expedition on the deserted island of "Kvitøya" (White Island). 33 years earlier Andrée's balloon had disappeared without leaving any apparent trace.*

**5. BYRD, Richard Evelyn.** *Skyward: Man's Mastery of the Air as Shown by the Brilliant Flights of America's Leading Air Explorer. His Life, his Thrilling Adventures, his North Pole and Trans-Atlantic Flights, Together with his Plans for Conquering the Antarctic by Air.*

New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1928

€100

FIRST EDITION, first printing, the only one "to contain the photogravure frontispiece portrait of the author" (as stated on verso of t-p). 8vo, xvi, 359 pp., illustrated with 46 plates including frontispiece. Illustrated endpapers. Original blue buckram with gilt-tooled letterings on front cover and spine, blind-ruled borders on both boards. Deckled edges. Original illustrated dust jacket protected by glassine film. Minor wear to jacket joints. A fine copy.

*Byrd's first Antarctic expedition was the first of the mechanical age of exploration. The undertaking included a sizable crew, two ships, and three airplanes. They made base camp, "Little America," on the Ross Ice Shelf, and then made a number of excursions by land, sea, and air, under harsh conditions, collecting much geographical and geological data. The expedition was awarded the gold medal of the American Geographical Society upon its return.*

#### SIGNED FIRST EDITION

**6. BYRD, Richard Evelyn.** *Little America. Aerial Exploration in the Antarctic: The Flight to the South Pole*

New York, G. P. Putnam's, 1930

€400

FIRST EDITION, First printing. 8vo, xvi, 422 pp., with 70 illustrations, mostly photographic, including frontispiece portrait of the author from a drawing, and 4 maps, 2 of which being large folding maps bound at end before the index ("Map of the Bay of Whales from Survey of Blackburn and Coman 1929-30" and a map of the South Pole). Paper bookplate with image of a ship and "From the book of" printed beneath, the ink autograph of the author just below. Manuscript Christmas dedication written on frontispiece backside. Illustrated endpapers and inserted sheet with Byrd's portrait picture on one side and, on the other side, the advertisement of the opening of "Byrd's South Pole Ship 'City of New York'", perhaps a

temporary exhibition, which contained an Antarctica museum (23rd Street entrance). Publisher's blue cloth gilt, no dust jacket. Blue upper edge. An excellent copy.

*Byrd's first Antarctic expedition was the first of the mechanical age of exploration. The undertaking included a sizable crew, two ships, and three airplanes. They made base camp, "Little America," on the Ross Ice Shelf, and then made a number of excursions by land, sea, and air, under harsh conditions, collecting much geographical and geological data. The expedition was awarded the gold medal of the American Geographical Society upon its return.*

**7. CERESOLE, Alfred.** *Guide to Zermatt and Environs*

St. Gall, J. A. Preuss, [ca. 1890]

€180

12mo, [12], 87, [1] pp., with 89 b&w photographic illustrations, one being fold-out and the others full and double-page, and large final folding map. Original pictorial red cloth with gilt-stamped title on front cover. All edges marbled. Glassine protective jacket. A fine copy of the second edition.

**8. CONWAY, Martin.** *The Alps*

London, Adam and Charles Black, 1910

€50

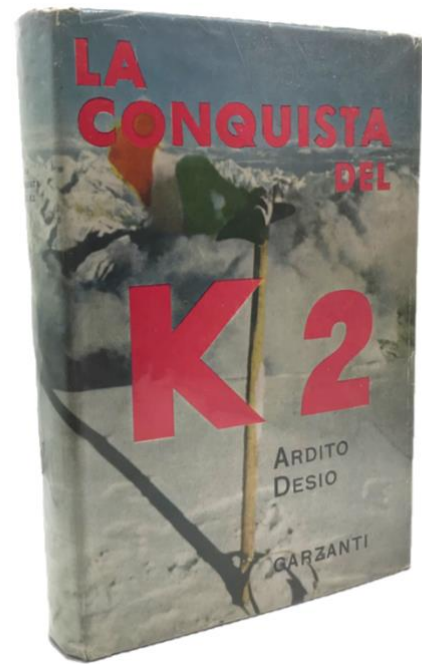
8vo, viii, 294, [2] pp. of ads; with half-title and 23 illustrations from photographs by L. Edna Walter including the double-page frontispiece. This edition is published in response to many requests for a cheaper issue than that with illustrations in colour by A. D. McCormick. Front joint a little worn though still firm and attached to the text-block. Bookseller's label (Blackwell's, Oxford, England). Original pictorial cloth. Glassine dust jacket. An excellent copy.

**9. DESIO, Ardito.** *La conquista del K2: seconda cima del mondo*

Milan, Garzanti, 1954

€650

FIRST EDITION. 8vo, xx, 250 pp., with 96 colour and half-tone photographs, mostly bound at end, including fold-out frontispiece, 6 maps, and sketches. Fold-out orographic sketch of Karakoram and fold-out view of K2 showing climbing route outlined in red. Author's dedication on upper flyleaf. S.I.A.E. blindstamp on t-p (Italian Authors and Publishers Association). Publisher's coupon inserted, which allowed the buyer of the book to get a free copy of the appendix booklet for this volume. Also, a folded presentation leaflet inserted bears the signatures of the members of Ev-K2-CNR, which was a team of scientists and mountaineers led by Ardito Desio who undertook a new ascent of Mount Everest in 1992 in collaboration with the Italian CNR (National Research Centre). Original publisher's blue cloth and pictorial dust jacket protected by glassine film. A fine copy.



*On 31 July 1954 Achille Compagnoni and Lino Lacedelli placed the Italian flag on the summit of K2; a year after the conquest of Mount Everest, an all-Italian expedition conquered the second peak of the planet. For a country that had just emerged from the horrors and difficulties of war, the conquest of K2, which was followed in almost live radio, was a reason of pride and perhaps the evidence that a difficult moment in Italian history was finally over. With an impeccable organisation, the use of the most advanced technologies of the time and an overwhelming spirit of adventure, the expedition led by Ardito Desio managed to achieve its goal. As soon as he returned from the peaks of the Karakoram, Desio himself wanted to tell about those unforgettable weeks, the hopes, the difficult and tragic moments.*

**10. FUCHS, Vivian, and Edmund HILLARY.** *The Crossing of Antarctica: The Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition 1955-58*

London, Cassell and Company Limited, 1958

€150



FIRST EDITION. 8vo, xv, 337 pp., with 93 photographic illustrations, 30 of which being in colour and 63 monochrome, printed on plates which are gathered in groups throughout the book, and 9 sketch maps. Cartographic endpapers. Blue cloth, silver title to spine, original publisher's illustrated dust jacket. Unclipped price. Protective glassine film. A fine copy.

*The Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition was the first to reach the geographical South Pole by land since Roald Amundsen's expedition in 1912. In this book, which was co-written with famous explorer Sir Edmund Hillary, the main author Sir Vivian Fuchs, who was the head of the expedition, tells the story of how his adventurous team managed to cross the South Pole. Its main scientific result was to establish the thickness of ice at the pole and the presence of a land mass beneath.*

**11. GOODRICH, Charles.** *The Universal Traveller: Designed to Introduce Readers at Home to an Acquaintance with the Arts, Customs, and Manners, of the Principal Modern Nations on the Globe*

Hartford, Canfield & Robins, 1836

€150

8vo, 504 pp., with 30 plates of manners and customs, showing a total of 41 woodcut illustrations, 19 of which being full-page. Occasional mild marginal foxing. Pencil autographs on front flyleaf. Original marbled calf, gilt decorations and title tooled to spine. Faded marbling to edges. Second edition. An excellent copy.

**12. HUMBOLDT, Alexander von.** *Cosmos: A Sketch of a Physical Description of the Universe...Translated from the German. By E. C. Otte*

London, Henry G. Bohn, 1849

€800

FIRST ENGLISH EDITION. Small 8vo, 5 vols with half-titles, ix, [1], 369, [3], 18; xxi, 370-742, 16; [6], 289, [1], 8; xv, 291-601, [1], 7, [1]; viii, 500 pp.. Frontispiece engraved portrait of the author by John James Hinchliff after Carl Joseph Begas. Paper bookplates glued to upper pastedown showing "L'Olivette" written beneath two olive tree branches enclosing monogram "GO", topped by crown. Contemporary plain maroon calf decorated with double-fillet gilt frames and tiny fleurons tooled at corners of covers, blind-tooled dotted border. Richly decorated spines in 6 compartments, raised bands, red morocco label with gilt

lettering. Board fore-edge gilt. Binding signed by "Townsend" (probably William Townsend of Sheffield) with his plain stamp on flyleaf. Marbled endpapers and edges. Minor wear to joints, very light discolouring to spines and cover extremities, a few minor marginal abrasions. An excellent set.

*First English edition of Humboldt's magnum opus, "a complete survey of the physical sciences and their relation to each other" (PMM). DSB VI, 554; Norman 1112; Printing and the Mind of Man 320 (all citing the 1845-62 original edition in German).*

**13. HUMBOLDT, Alexander von.** *Views of Nature: Or Contemplations on the sublime Phenomena of Creation; with scientific Illustrations... Translated from the German by E. C. Otté, and Henry G. Bohn*

London, Henry G. Bohn, 1850

€250

FIRST ENGLISH EDITION. 8vo, xxx, 452 pp., with frontispiece plate showing a sketch of the stratovolcano of Chimborazo by the author (printed by Baxters Patent Oil Color Printing) and a facsimile of his handwriting out of the text; comprehensive index at end. Contemporary gilt-ruled calf, richly decorated spine in 6 compartments, low raised bands, double green morocco label with gilt lettering. Blind-tooled turn-ins and board edges. Marbled endpapers and edges. A fine copy.

Sabin 33708.

**14. HUNT, John.** *The Ascent of Everest*

[London], Hodder & Stoughton, 1953

€80

FIRST EDITION. 8vo, xx, 299, [1] pp., with 8 pictures in colour including frontispiece, 48 numbered plates showing b&w photographic images, some of which being full-page (nos 1-8 between pp. 44 and 45, nos 9-16 between pp. 76 and 77, nos 17-28 between pp. 140 and 141, nos 29-40 between pp. 188 and 189, and nos 41-48 between pp. 220 and 221), and smaller illustrations in the text, based on drawings; also, some full-page maps in the text. Text followed by appendix, glossary and index. Original publisher's blue cloth, title to spine,

and pictorial dust jacket protected by glassine film. Minor wear to edges of dust jacket. Clipped price. A fine copy.

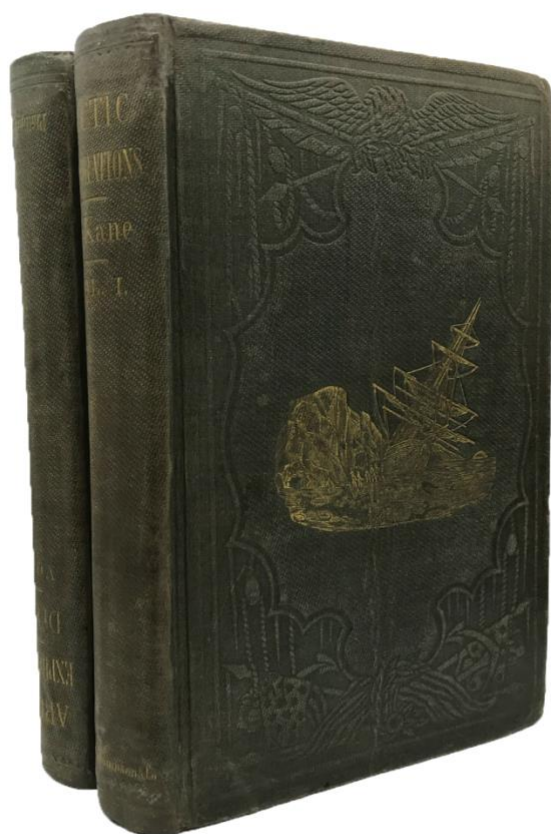
*The story of the ascent of Everest, the highest mountain on the planet, carried out successfully by Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay, who made George H. Mallory's dream come true.*

**15. KANE, Elisha Kent.** *Arctic Explorations: The Second Grinnell Expedition in Search of Sir John Franklin, 1853, '54, '55.*

Philadelphia: Childs & Peterson, 1856

€1400

FIRST EDITION. 8vo, 2 vols: 464 pp.; 467 pp.; additional titles with engraved vignettes, tissue guards, engraved portrait frontispieces of Kane and Grinnell, 18 engraved plates after J. Hamilton, 2 maps, 1 of which being folding ("Chart Exhibiting the Discoveries of the Second American Expedition in Search of Sir John Franklin"), folding isothermal chart of Baffin Bay, and numerous woodcut engravings in the text. Contemporary ink ownership autograph on both front flyleaves. Publisher's original green cloth with gilt-blocked centrepiece vignette within elaborate blind-stamped borders. Gilt letterings to spines. Internally clean and bright, just very slightly browned. Rarely found on the market in its original cloth binding in fine condition. A fine copy.



*The search for the remains of the polar expedition of Sir John Franklin was to lead to far greater information on the Arctic than could have been gleaned from the original expedition, even if it had been successful in navigating the Northwest Passage. The series of fine steel-engraved plates shows a captivating variety of Arctic scenes.*

*« Kane was the commander of the Advance on this expedition, also financed by Henry Grinnell. Although Franklin was not found, the explorers were able to gather much information about the people, geography, and natural science of the region » (Hill).*

Arctic Bibliography 8373. Hill 904; Sabin 37001.

**16. LACHAMBRE, Henri, and Alexis MACHURON.** *Andrée: al Polo Nord in pallone. Note di viaggio di Enrico Lachambre e Alessio Machuron*

Roma, E. Voghera, 1898

FIRST ITALIAN EDITION. Large 8vo, [8], 220, [4] pp., with several illustrations in the text, both engraved and photographic. Original quarter red cloth and printed paper wrappers over boards. Little wear to binding extremities. Strip of paper with printed lettering glued along spine, somewhat abraded. A very good copy.

*First Italian edition of this book, which was published in French in 1897. It tells the account of the ill-fated attempt of the Swedish engineer explorer Salomon August Andrée, together with his companions Frankel and Strindberg, to cross the North Pole by flying over it on board of the hydrogen balloon called "Ornen" (Eagle). The balloon fell down and the three explorers died of cold soon afterwards.*

**17. MACGILLIVRAY, William.** *The Travels and Researches of Alexander von Humboldt. With a narrative of Humboldt's most recent researches, including his celebrated journey to the Ural Mountains, and the Caspian Sea, &c.*

London, T. Nelson and Sons, 1855

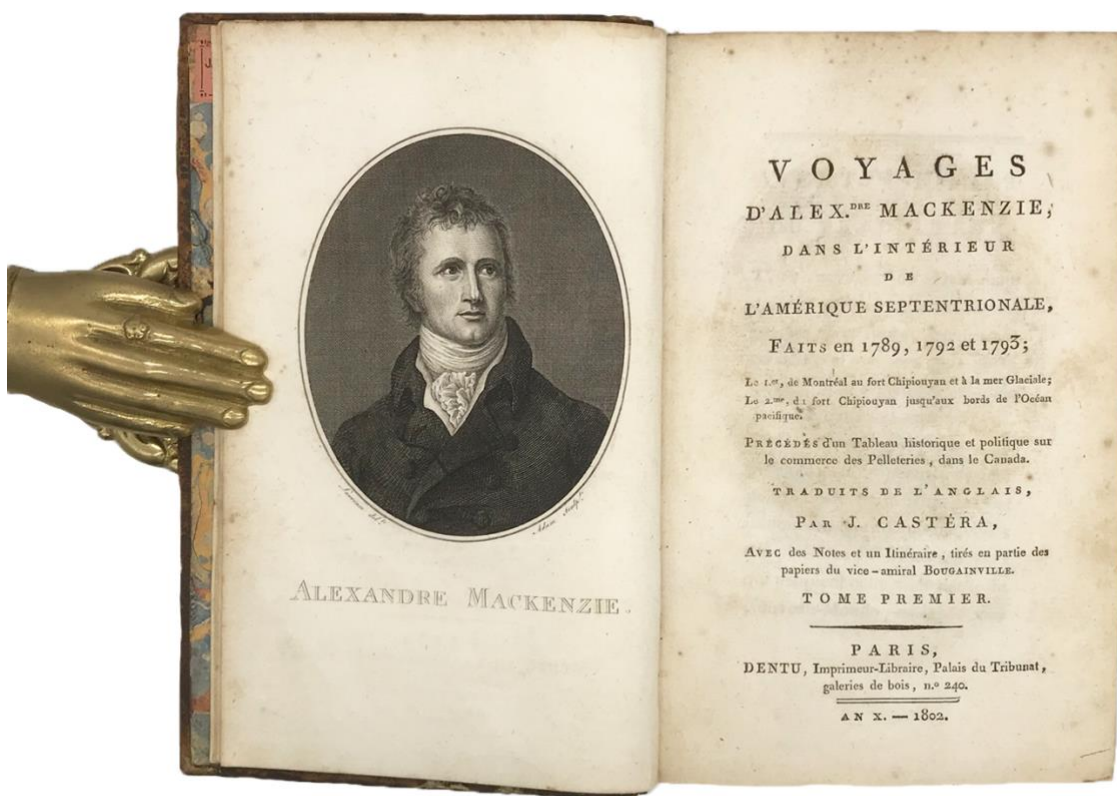
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Small 8vo, 418 pp., with 12 engravings including frontispiece portrait of the author by J. Horsburgh and additional illustrated title-page with vignette showing "Basaltic Rocks & Cascade of Regla" (both starting to loosen). 10 full-page illustrations, 9 of which are protected with tissue guards, and 2 smaller illustrations. 3 illustrations printed in the text, 9 out of the text onto the plates. Some plates are included in the pagination. First two gatherings uncut. Waterstaining throughout large part of the book at lower corner, mainly light. Ads printed on red endpapers. Original pictorial cloth. A good copy.

**18. MACKENZIE, Alexandre.** *Voyages D'Alex.Dre Mackenzie, Dans L'Interieur De L'Amerique Septentrionale, Faits en 1789, 1792 et 1793 ; le 1er, de Montreal au fort Chipiouyan et à la mer Glaciale ; le 2me, du fort Chipiouyan jusqu'aux bords de l'Océan pacifique. Précédés d'un Tableau historique et politique sur le commerce des Pelleteries, dans le Canada. Traduits de l'anglais, par J. Castéra, avec des Notes et un Itinéraire, tirés en partie des papiers du vice-amiral Bougainville.*

Paris, Dentu, 1802 (An X)

€1400



FIRST FRENCH EDITION. 8vo, 3 vols, [4] xx, 409, [1]; [4], 420; [4], 388 pp., with half-titles, 3 large folding maps printed on thick paper (one bound at the end of each volume), and frontispiece portrait of the author engraved by Adam after Thomas Lawrence's picture. Vol. 3 has a fold-out table of meteorological observations. The large folding plates show respectively: «Carte de la route d'Alex.dre Mackenzie, du Fort Chipioutan à la Mer Glaciale, en 1789», «Carte de la route d'Alex.dre Mackenzie du fort Chipioutan jusqu'au bords de l'Océan Pacifique, en 1793», and «Carte de la partie de l'Amérique, comprise entre 40eme et le 70eme degrés de Latitude Nord et le 45eme et 180eme degrés de Longitude Occid.le où l'on a tracé la route D'Alexandre Mackenzie, depuis Montréal au Fort Chipioutan et à la Mer Glaciale en 1789, et du Fort Chipioutan au Grand Océan Boréal en 1798», in which Mackenzie's route is outlined in contemporary blue colouring. Contemporary full marbled sheep skin with elaborate gilt-tooled borders on covers. Double morocco labels, red and black, for title and volume numeration, applied to richly gilt-decorated spines. Some wear, though light, to corners, joints and part of spines. Marbled endpapers. Rose silk bookmarks. Bookseller's label glued to upper pastedowns (Librarie Jacques Lechevalier, Paris). A very good copy.

*Between 1789 and 1793, explorer Alexander Mackenzie undertook two great expeditions in western North America. He first travelled to Fort Chipewyan, located on Lake Athabasca (Canada, province of Alberta), and reached the frozen Arctic Ocean, then crossed the Rocky Mountains to reach the Pacific Ocean. His observations, which he carried out at the beginning of the era of Arctic exploration, are notable for their accuracy. The work also contains vocabularies of the Algonquin, Chipewyan and Cree languages (cf. Field, American Indian Bibliography, No. 967). At the end of the third volume, there is the itinerary of Admiral Bougainville, which describes the route from Oswego on Lake Ontario to Lake Oneida and thence by the Mohawk river to Schenectady and Albany.*

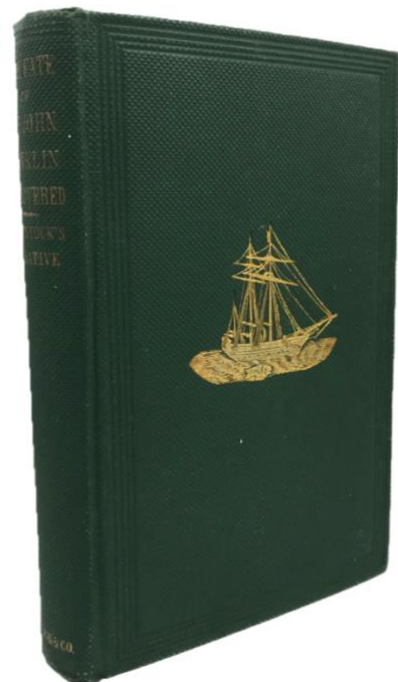
Sabin 43416: "The translator has added many notes which greatly enhances the value of the work"; Howes M133; Lande 1320.

**19. M'CLINTOCK, Francis Leopold.** *The Voyage of the "Fox" in the Arctic Sea: A Narrative of the Discovery of the Fate of Sir John Franklin and his Companions*

London, Ticknor and Fields, 1860

€385

FIRST AMERICAN EDITION. 8vo, xxxiii, [1], 375, [1] pp., illustrated with 18 full-page engraved plates, including frontispiece protected by tissue guard, two of which being fold-out maps and another one folding (facsimile of the record found of Franklin's expedition), one illustration in the text, and final large folding map. Profile portrait of marine and English explorer Franklin on t-p engraved by J. Couper after Pierre-Jean David D'Angers' bronze medallion, which is dated 1829. The final map shows "a portion of the Arctic Shores of America" to accompany Captain M'Clintock's narrative, compiled by John Arrowsmith. A fresh and bright copy bound in the original publisher's blind-ruled green buckram, gilt block of a vessel at sea stamped on centre of front cover, the same block blind-stamped on rear cover. Gilt letterings to spine. A fine copy.



*This is the account of Captain M'Clintock's expedition, funded by Franklin's wife, to discover the fate of the Franklin Expedition. Captain Franklin's Northwest Passage expedition was a*

*British voyage of Arctic exploration that departed England in 1845 aboard two ships, HMS Erebus and HMS Terror. The entire expedition, comprising 129 men including the Captain, was lost. McClintock was the one who confirmed Franklin died before the crew resorted to cannibalism.*

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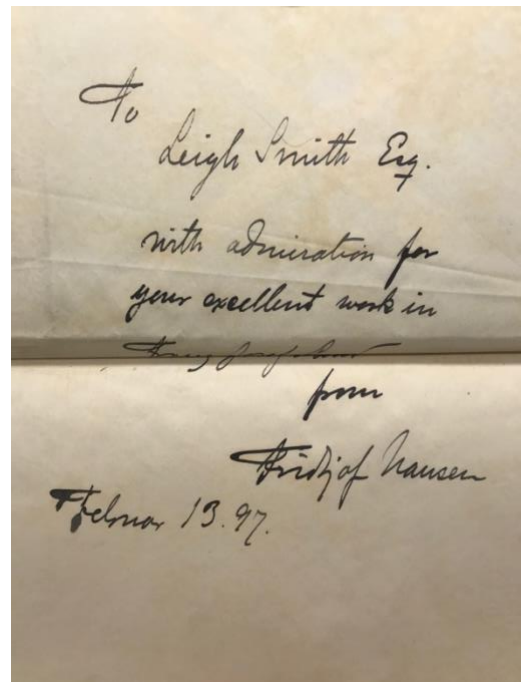
**20. NANSEN, Fridtjof.** *Farthest North: Being a Record of a Voyage of Exploration of the Ship 'Fram' 1893-96 and of a Fifteen Months' Sleigh Journey by Dr. Nansen and Lieut. Johansen with an Appendix by Otto Sverdrup Captain of the 'Fram'*

Westminster, Archibald Constable and Company, 1897

€2700

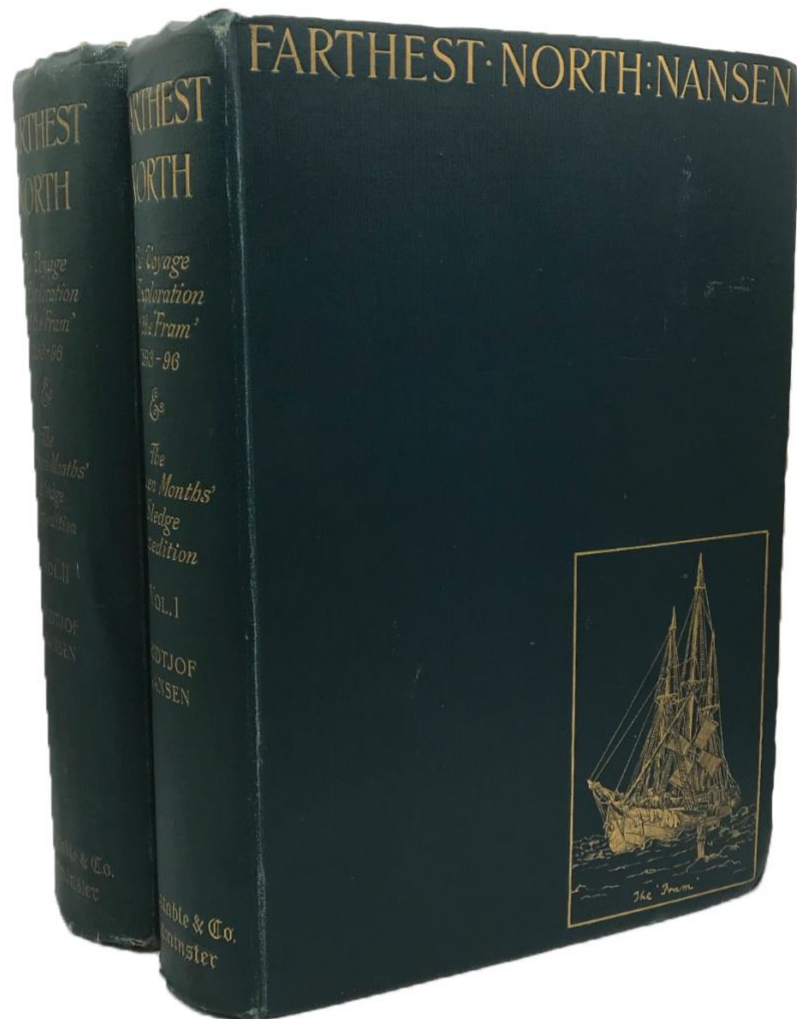
FIRST EDITION. Large 8vo, 2 vols: xiii, [3] 510, [2]; xiii, [3] 671, [1] pages. Initial blank and half-title in both vols; with about 120 full-page and numerous text illustrations, 16 coloured plates in facsimile from Dr.

Nansen's own sketches, etched portrait of the author, photogravures, and maps. Bound at end of the 1st vol.: large folding coloured physical chart of North polar regions by J. G. Bartholomew (with repaired tear) and preliminary fold-out coloured map of the route of the Fram along the northern coast of the Old World. Bound at end of 2nd vol.: folding coloured map showing the route of the Fram and Nansen's and Johansen's sledge journey and folding coloured "preliminary sketch map of the group of islands known as Franz Josef Land compiled at Cape Flora, July 1896, and based upon Payer's, Leigh Smith's, and Jackson's maps, together with my own observations". Tissue guards protecting frontispieces. FOLDED PAPER SHEET GLUED TO GUTTER OF FFEP WITH AUTHOR'S DEDICATION TO BRITISH ARCTIC EXPLORER BENJAMIN LEIGH SMITH: "To Leigh Smith Esq. / with admiration for / your excellent work in / Franz Josef Land / from Fridtjof Nansen / February 13.97.". Leigh Smith's polar expeditions (1880 and 1881-2), during which he visited Franz Josef Land, are mentioned at p. 12 of 1st vol. and pp. 317 and 452 of 2nd vol.. Two folded paper leaves forming 8 folio notebook pages with early manuscript notes, which are entitled "Sledge Journey", run inserted in the book (perhaps in Leigh Smith's handwriting?), together with an





empty letter envelope from the 40s with Norwegian postage stamps and photocopies of English newspaper articles of the time of the expedition about late-C19th Arctic explorations. Two Publisher's original blue cloth with gilt letterings to spines and upper boards, different vignettes gilt-blocked on lower outer corners of front covers with captions: "The Fram" and "Northwards through the Drift-Snow". Internally bright, clean and sound. A fine copy.



*A narrative of the remarkable Fram expedition in the years 1893-96. Norwegian explorer Fridtjof Nansen (1861-1930) designed the Fram to withstand the rigours of the polar ice. When the Fram was trapped in ice, it drifted north as Nansen had theorised, resulting in the attainment of a new farthest north. "A remarkable achievement in Polar exploration" (PMM), carried out "with the object of investigating the polar basin north of Eurasia by drifting in the ice with the currents northwest from the New Siberian Islands across or near the Pole" (Arctic Bibliography). "Nansen returned to international acclaim not only for the voyage itself but for its results, proof of a deep Arctic Ocean, free of any land masses or islands, and extensive*

*data on magnetism, zoology, and oceanography. His account of the journey, Farthest North, was a worldwide bestseller and prepared him for an effective life of diplomacy" (Books on Ice).*

*British Arctic explorer Benjamin Leigh Smith made his second "voyage to the Arctic in 1880 when he took the screw barquentine Eira to Svalbard and Russian Arctic waters, exploring 176 km of new coast in Zemlya Frantsa-Iosifa. He returned to extend the exploration of Zemlya Frantsa-Iosifa on the British Exploring Expedition, 1881-1882. After Eira was nipped in the ice and sank off Mys Flora in August 1881, the crew lived in a makeshift hut for ten months, setting out in the ship's four boats in June 1882 and reaching Novaya Zemlya, where they met Hope commanded by Allen Young. The expedition sailed back to Aberdeen in August 1882. Smith was awarded the Patron's medal of the Royal Geographical Society for his discoveries and was elected an honorary fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge in 1882." (information from the online Smith record of the Scott Polar Research Institute Archives, University of Cambridge)*

Arctic Bibliography 11983; Books on Ice 5.2; Howgego III N3; PMM 384.

## **21. NOBILE, Umberto.** *L'"Italia" al Polo Nord*

s.l., Mondadori Editore, 1930

€150

large 8vo, xvi, 475, [1] pp., with 172 illustrations, mostly photographic, and tables, and 2 coloured maps out of the text, one of which being large and folding (short tear to inner margin), showing the flight route of the "Italia" dirigible to Emperor Nicholas II Land, the other one being fold-out, showing the flight route of the "Italia" to the North Pole. Title printed in red and black, S.I.A.E. (Italian Authors and Publishers Association) blindstamp on t-p. Publisher's original wrappers with illustrated dust jacket protected by glassine film. Internally and externally perfect. A fine copy.

*Second edition. After the "Norge" expedition, which was Umberto Nobile's first polar exploration, the Italian adventurer managed to organise a new expedition in 1928 on board of the "Italia" dirigible. On 23 May 1928, the "Italia" commenced its flight to the North Pole with Nobile as both pilot and expedition leader. On 24 May, the ship reached the Pole and had already turned back toward Svalbard when it ran into a storm. On 25 May, the Italia crashed onto the pack ice in the Eastern part of Svalbard. Of the 16 men in the crew, ten were thrown onto the ice; the remaining six crewmen were trapped in the wreckage. Nobile was injured, as well as most of his fellows. A few days after the crash Nobile's second and third in command,*

and the meteorologist Finn Malmgren, decided to leave the wreck of the *Italia* and march towards land. Malmgren, who was badly injured and weakened, asked his two Italian companions to continue without him. These two were picked up several weeks later by a Soviet icebreaker. The rescue of the survivors was difficult and controversial and those who were dispersed during the crash were never found.

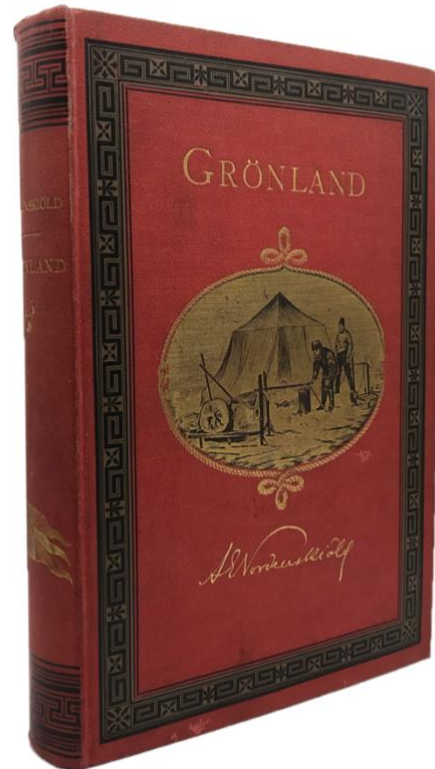
**22. NORDENSKIÖLD, Adolf Erik Freiherr von.**

*Grönland. Seine Eiswüsten im Innern und seine Ostküste. Schilderung der zweiten Dickson'schen Expedition ausgeführt im Jahre 1883.*

Leipzig, Brockhaus, 1886

€500

FIRST GERMAN EDITION. 8vo, xiii, [1], 505, [1] pp., with half-title, 200 engraved illustrations printed either on plates out of the text, many in full-page format, or in the text, in the case of smaller engravings. 6 coloured maps, 2 of which being folding (one bound at end) and 1 being fold-out. Decorated endpapers and marbled edges. Original publisher's red cloth (blindstamp of the Baumbach bookbindery of Leipzig on rear cover) with blind-ruled borders on lower board and elaborate Greek key border tooled in black on upper cover, engraved vignette gilt-blocked on board centre together with title and author's name. Same Greek key pattern to spine head and tail with gilt letterings and the Danish royal flag in the middle. A fine copy.



*First published in Swedish, this is the scarce German edition of this rare book on Greenland, its inland ice deserts, and its Eastern coast. The description is based on the reports of the second Dickson expedition to Greenland, carried out in 1883. Baron Oscar Dickson, of Scottish origin, sponsored Adolf Erik Nordenskiöld's explorations to the Canadian and the Russian Arctic and Greenland, as well as Fridtjof Nansen's Polar journey on the ship called Fram.*

**23. PEARY, Robert.** *La scoperta del Polo Nord per Roberto E. Peary (1909), narrata da lui medesimo, con introduzione di Teodoro Roosevelt, e prefazione di Gilbert H. Grosvenor, direttore della società geografica americana*

Milan, Fratelli Treves Editori, 1911

€300

FIRST ITALIAN EDITION, 2nd thousand. Large 8vo, xxiv, 359 pp., with 8 coloured plates, 100 b&w illustrations, many of which being full-page and printed on plates, some smaller engraved illustrations in the text, and a large folding coloured map by G. H. Grosvenor in end-pocket. Original publisher's black cloth, title within vignette blocked in silver on front cover, lettering to spine. A fine copy.

*American explorer Peary's controversial conquest of the North Pole in 1909 during his third polar expedition.*

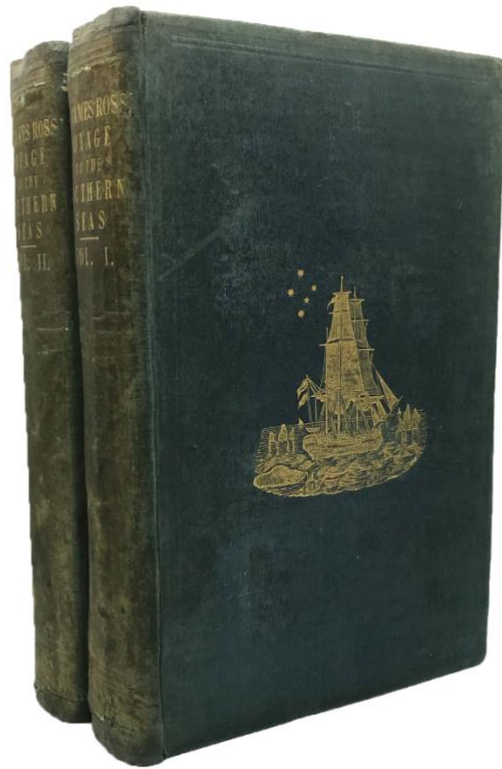
## A CORNERSTONE IN ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION

**24. ROSS, James Clark.** *A Voyage of Discovery and Research in the Southern and Antarctic Regions, during the Years 1839-43.*

London, John Murray, 1847.

€4400

FIRST EDITION. 8vo, 2 vols: lii, [2], 366 pp., with 18 plates and maps: 7 vignettes ("Entrance to Christmas Harbour" is given as printed at head of the synopsis of Chap. 2 in the illustrations list, however it is printed at head of Chap. 3's synopsis), 5 tinted lithographs with tissue guards except frontispiece (one of them a four-panel panorama), and 6 maps (2 of them folding, including a long chart of Wilkes' discoveries); x, [2], 444, [2] and 16 pp. of ads, with 16 plates and maps: vignette on p. 387 (and an unlisted illustration on p. 401) plus 10 vignettes, 3 tinted lithographs, and 2 maps (including the large folding 'South Polar Chart shewing the Discoveries and Track of HMS Erebus and Terror during the years 1840,1,2,3'). Publisher's original blue cloth with gilt-blocked centrepiece vignette within blind-ruled border. Title to spines, some wear along joints and below head and tail-caps. Glassine dust jacket. Bound by Remnants & Edmonds, London. Internally clean and sound. An excellent copy of this important and sought-after work.



*This is "one of the most important works in the history of Antarctic exploration" (Hill).*

*Already a veteran polar navigator by 1839, Sir James Clark Ross commanded the H.M.S. Erebus and Francis Crozier commanded the H.M.S. Terror on this expedition to circumnavigate the Antarctic continent. The ships discovered and roughly charted 900 kilometres of new coastline in Victoria Land, discovered Mount Erebus, Ross Island and Ross Ice Shelf, and surveyed Joinville, James Ross and Franklin islands. Further surveys were made in the South Shetland Islands, the Crozet Islands, Kerguelen and Auckland Islands as well as the Chathams, the Falklands and Tierra del Fuego.*

*"The first [voyage] to enter what is known as the Ross Sea, the first to sight the Admiralty Mountains, the first to see Victoria Land, Ross Island, Mounts Erebus and Terror, and the Ross Ice Shelf, amongst other momentous discoveries. Once this account became public, no one could doubt there was a great southern continent of immense proportions to be explored" (Taurus Collection).*

Ferguson 4636; Abbey, Travel 610; Conrad, p 61; Hill 1487; Renard 1328; Rosove 276.A1a; Sabin 73367; Spence 993; Taurus 9.

**25. SAVOIA, Luigi Amedeo, Umberto CAGNI, and Achille CAVALLI MOLINELLI.**

*La "Stella Polare" nel mare Artico 1899-1900*

Milano, Ulrico Hoepli, 1903.

€350

Large 8vo, xi, [1], 592, [4] pp. of ads, with 209 illustrations in the text, 25 plates with tissue guards, including frontispiece and portrait (heliogravure) of explorer Prince Luigi Amedeo, 2 fold-out views of Teplitz Bay and Northbrook Island seen from De Bruyne Strait, and 4 partially coloured maps, one of which full-page, facing p. 90, and 3 folding in end-pocket. The maps show: Teplitz Bay, the Arctic Ocean and the explorers' routes, the route of Captain Umberto Cagni during the sled expedition towards the pole, and Franz Josef Land. Ownership stamp of engineer Giulio Rebuschini from Milan on front flyleaf, half-title and t-p., original publisher's green cloth with letterings printed in white to front cover and spine. Some very light wear to binding. A fine copy.

*Second edition of this work containing the relations of the Duke of the Abruzzi, Captain Cagni and the doctor Cavalli Molinelli, who took part in the polar expedition organised by the Savoy prince. After consulting famous polar explorer Fridtjof Nansen, Luigi Amedeo bought a steam whaler and called it "Stella Polare", that is, Pole Star. During the expedition, the Duke lost two fingers because of the cold, which made it impossible for him to continue the exploration and join the trip by sled, led by Captain Umberto Cagni, towards the pole. Eventually Captain Cagni managed to set a new record beating Nansen.*

**26. SCOTT, Robert.** *Results of the National Antarctic Expedition (in "The Geographical Journal", Vol. XXV, No. 4, London, April 1905, pp. 354-405)*

€450

FIRST EDITION. 8vo, 51 pp., with 11 plates of photographic illustrations, some full-page, including a portrait of Captain Robert Falcon Scott, commander of the Expedition, and 3 charts printed in the text: "Part of Antarctic Regions showing Lines Equal Magnetic Declination (Issogonals) for 1902", "Approximate Distribution of the Rocks collected by the National Antarctic Expedition 1901-1904", and "Sketch Map of Ice Distribution". Bound in contemporary blind-ruled blue buckram with gilt-stamped arms of the Royal Geographical Society. It includes 4 headings: the "Geographical" results, by Captain Scott, which contain

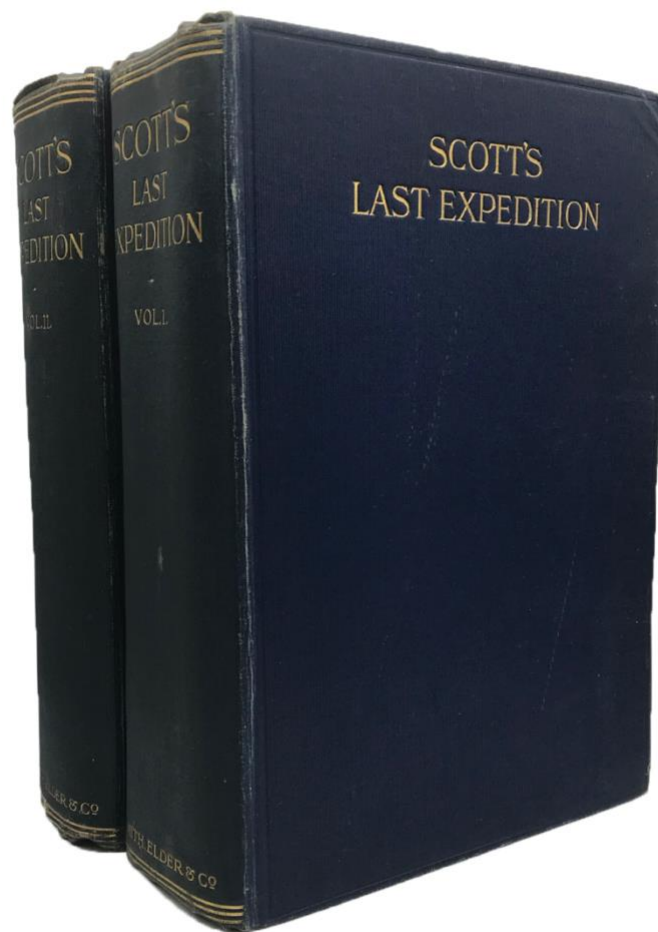
sections on pack ice, icebergs, current, the inland ice, glaciers, the Great Barrier, distribution of land, speculation on former conditions, and climate; "Notes on the physical Geography of the Antarctic", by H. T. Ferrar, which contain sections on the history, the rocks found, the topography, the land ice, the old moraines, the sea ice, denudation, and the movement of the ice; "On the meteorology of the part of the Antarctic regions where the "discovery" wintered", by Lieut. C. W. Royds; "The distribution of Antarctic Seals and Birds", by Dr. Edward A. Wilson; "Observations on the Antarctic Sea-Ice", by Captain W. Colbeck.

**27. SCOTT, Robert.** *Scott's Last Expedition in Two Volumes. Vol. I being the Journal of Captain R. F. Scott, R.N., C.V.O., Vol. II being the Reports of the Journeys & scientific Work undertaken by Dr. E. A. Wilson and the surviving Members of the Expedition*

London, Smith, Elder & Co., 1913

€900

4to. 2 vols: xxvi, 633, [1], [2] of ads; xiv, [2], 534 [2=blank] pages. Slip of printed paper tipped-in at end of text of 1st vol.: "it should be noted that the first stages in this map represent the marches of the Motor-party until they were joined by the main Southern party on November 21st". Photogravure frontispieces protected by tissue guards, 6 original sketches in photogravure by Dr. E. A. Wilson, with tissue guards, 18 coloured plates (16 from drawings by Dr. Wilson), 260 full-page and smaller illustrations, from photograph taken by Herbert G. Pointing, and other Members of the Expedition; panoramas and maps, two of which are large folding maps bound at the end of the volumes. Preliminary map of 2nd vol. shows the sphere of action of the British Antarctic Expedition 1910-13. Upper edge gilt. Deckled edges. Original publisher's dark blue cloth with gilt lettering tooled on front covers and spines. Some very light discolouring to spines, some corners slightly bumped, minor signs of wear visible on boards. An excellent copy, mainly bright and clean, of the second edition, which was printed same year as the first.

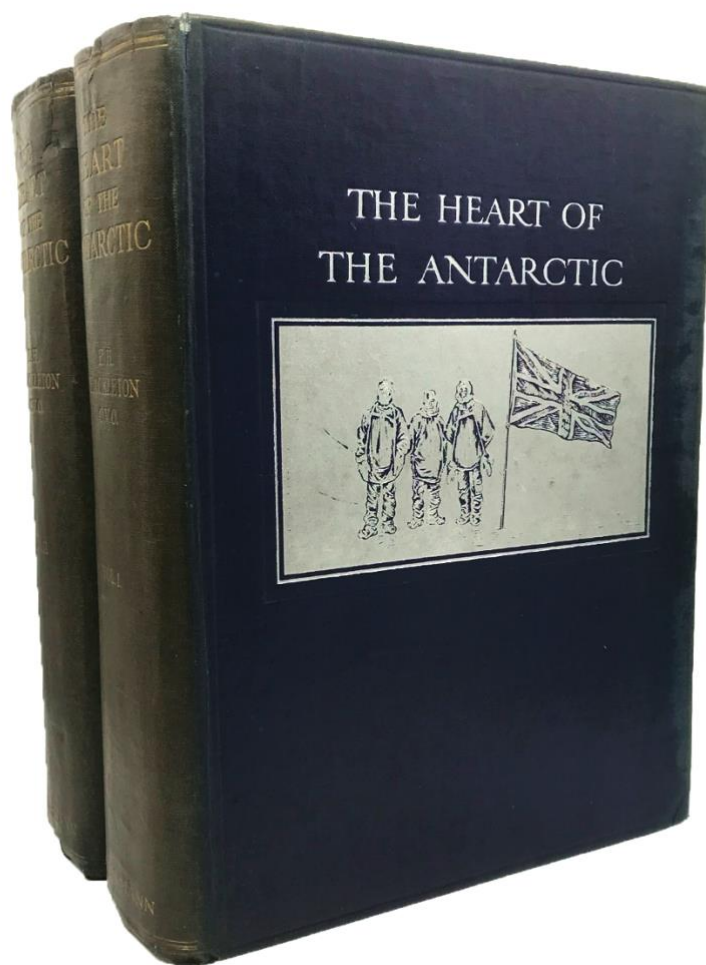


*"This is the famous, official expedition account. Scott's journals were among the material retrieved when the tent was discovered in November 1912. Atkinson spent several hours looking through the journals trying to discover what happened and read portions to the party. (...) This is the place to begin for this exhibition. Read this first, then supplement, compare and decide." (Conrad).*

*"This is undoubtedly the most widely known of all Antarctic expeditions and publications. Readers, having absorbed Scott's account of the expedition in the first volume, would have discovered in the second volume a host of first-hand accounts deserving of more weight today: Cherry-Garrard's account of the Winter Journey, Victor Campbell's narrative of the Northern Party, Griffith Taylor on the Western Journeys, Raymond Priestley on the ascent of the Erebus, preliminary scientific reports from Edward Wilson's staff and throughout the unrivalled photography of Herbert Ponting." (Taurus Collection).*

Spence 1056; Taurus 77; Conrad p.188. Rosove 290.A1.





**28. SHACKLETON, Ernest.** *The Heart of the Antarctic being the story of the British Antarctic Expedition 1907-1909, with an introduction by Hugh Robert Mill, D.Sc. An account of the first journey to the south magnetic pole by professor T. W. Edgeworth David, F.R.S.*

London, William Heinemann, 1909

€1500

FIRST EDITION. 4to, 2 vols: xlvii, 371, [1]; xv, 418, [2] pp., 1st volume illustrated with 6 coloured plates and 125 plates including frontispiece portrait, 2nd volume with 6 coloured plates, 134 plates including frontispiece, 2 of which showing photographic views on a folding sheet in end-pocket, 38 illustrations in the text, and 3 maps in pocket of binding-case: "General Map showing the Explorations and Surveys of the Expedition," "Route and Survey of the South Magnetic Polar Parity," and "Route and Survey of the Southern Journey Parity, 1908-9." All coloured plates are after painting by George Marston and are protected by captioned tissue guards, upper edge gilt. Titles in reddish brown and black. Original dark blue publisher's

cloth and silver letterings and blocks stamped on front covers and spines. Glassine dust jackets. Light wear to rear hinge of 2nd volume, though holding firm and not starting yet. Some occasional light scuffing to binding. Internally very fresh and bright. An excellent copy.

*This important work by Shackleton tells about the story of the famous British Antarctic Expedition, which was carried out between 1907 and 1909 by a group of courageous explorers: "The shore party consisted of fifteen men, including Shackleton. Professor T.W. Edgeworth David and Douglas Mawson had embarked at Sydney. Their sledge journey to the south magnetic pole was one of the three foremost achievements of this expedition. The other two achievements were, first, the ascent and survey of Mount Erebus (12,448 feet), the active volcano on Ross Island and, second, the southern sledge journey, which reached within 100 miles of the south pole" (ODNB).*

Taurus 57; Spence 1097; Conrad, p. 148; Books on Ice 7.4; Rosove 305.B1.

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#### **29. SHACKLETON, Ernest.** *South. The Story of Shackleton's last Expedition 1914-1917*

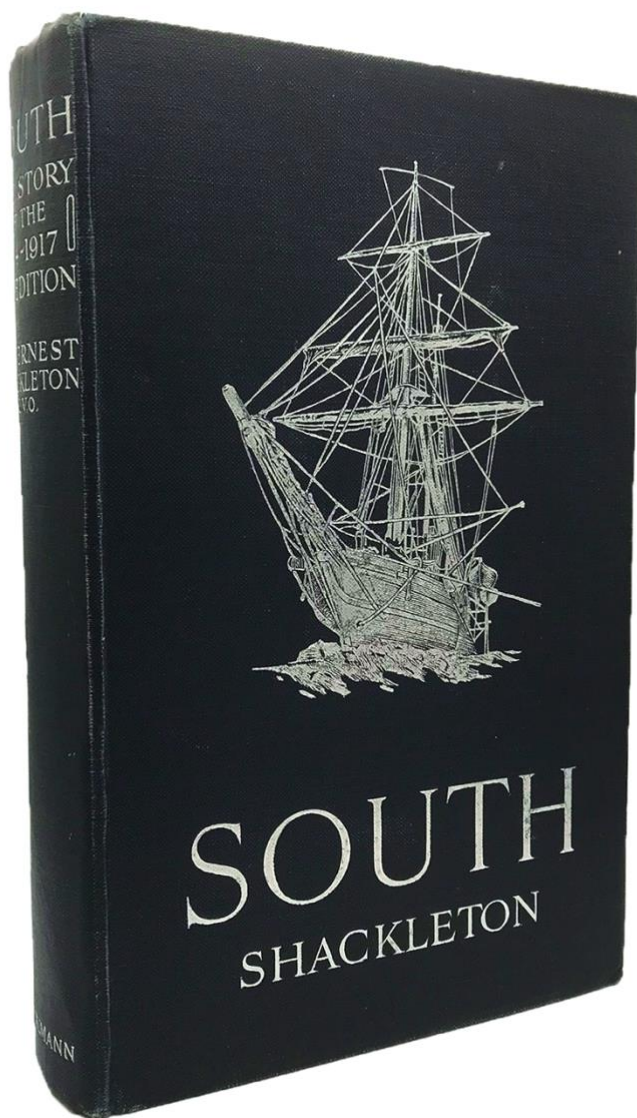
London, William Heinemann, 1919

€3500

FIRST EDITION, first impression. 8vo, xxi, [1], 375, [1] pp., with the errata slip tipped in between the list of illustrations and the beginning of the text. 88 illustrations, one being double-page, printed on 46 plates, including the frontispiece colour photograph by Frank Hurley. Most pictures were taken by Hurley and George Marston. Large folding map, partly coloured, at end (tear at inner margin, without affecting the detail of the map). Publisher's original dark blue cloth with the Endurance's image, title and author stamped in silver on front cover. Silver letterings to spine. A fresh and exquisite copy, just very lightly browned, but much better than usual, as it is for most copies of the first impression, which was printed

on poor quality paper. Very clean plates. Binding in perfect state of preservation. A fine, very bright copy.

*Conceived by Sir Ernest Shackleton, the expedition was an attempt to make the first land crossing of the Antarctic continent. After Amundsen's South Pole expedition in 1911, this crossing remained, in Shackleton's words, the "one great main object of Antarctic journeyings".*



*However, the expedition failed to accomplish this aim. Indeed, Shackleton's ship, the Endurance, was trapped in ice and drifted for ten months before being crushed in the pack ice. The members of the expedition then drifted on ice floes for another five months and finally escaped in boats to Elephant Island in the South Shetland Islands. Then, Shackleton and five companions "embarked upon the epic voyage of 800 miles in the Caird, a 22-foot boat, across the Southern Ocean in some of the stormiest seas in the world, landing at Cape Rosa in*

*South Georgia on 10 May" (ODNB). Shackleton and "his small crew then made the first crossing of the island to seek aid. Four months later, after leading four separate relief expeditions, Shackleton succeeded in rescuing his crew from Elephant Island. Throughout the ordeal, not one of Shackleton's crew of the Endurance died." (Encyclopedia Britannica)*

*"The failure of Shackleton's Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition to even reach the Antarctic continent, much less to cross it via the South Pole, has become the great polar success story of the twentieth century" (Books on Ice).*

Books on Ice 7.8; Spence 1107; Taurus 105; Rosove 308.A1.

**30. SYKES, Percy.** *Storia delle Esplorazioni*

Milano, Aldo Garzanti, 1939

€120

4to. [6], 489, [1], with 346 illustrations from photographs in the text and 33 full-page plates of maps. Translation made from the second edition of "A History of Exploration" (London 1935). With additions concerning the Italian explorers by Mario Merlini. Translated by Tito Diambra. Half blue morocco, blue cloth over boards. Gilt title to spine. An excellent copy.

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