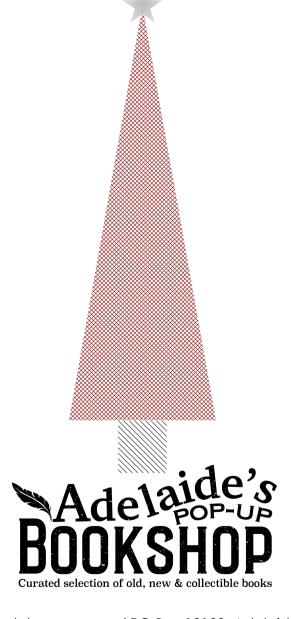
The Twelve
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The Twelve Books Of Christmas, We'd love to show to thee:

- 12 Paired chromosomes [What Is Life?]
- 11 Volume Pepys
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- **4 World Elephants** [Colour Of Magic 1st Edition]
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And The Brothers Karamazov [Garnett 1st UK Edition]

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The First Book Of Christmas, The Brothers Karamazov

Translated from the Russian by Constance Garnett [The Novels Of Fyodor Dostoevsky, Vol. I] and published by William Heinemann [London, 1912]

Original publisher's red boards with embossed pattern on front board and Heinemann logo to rear; black embossed pattern and titling to spine; some bumping to extremities with minor damage to top of spine; pencil on front board; lightly-pencilled ownership details on ffep; Printed by Ballantyne & Co.

Rare first complete English translation [1st UK]

An excellent copy of the book many view to be Literature's greatest work.

\$15,000 [US\$ 10,900]

The Second Book Of Christmas, 2 Sturt Volumes

Narrative Of An Expedition Into Central Australia Performed Under The Authority Of Her Majesty's Government, During The Years 1844, 5, And 6. Together With A Notice Of The Province Of South Australia In 1847.

By Captain Charles Sturt, F.L.S. F.R.G.S. Etc. Etc. Author of "Two Expeditions Into Southern Australia."

Published in two volumes by T. & W. Boone [London, 1849]

Publisher's original green patterned boards with gold titling to spine (Expedition Into Central Australia); endpapers professionally replaced in very sound binding

All plates present and correct including fold-out sketch map

A very good set.

\$2,750 [US\$ 1,999]

The Third Book Of Christmas, 3 Deluxe Tolkiens

The only Tolkien titles to be published in the deluxe format by George Allen & Unwin [ie complete set]

Lord Of The Rings, 1979 7th Impⁿ, containing Fellowship Of The Ring, Two Towers & Return Of The King in one volume [printed on India Paper];

The Hobbit, 1979 2nd Impⁿ;

Poems & Stories, 1980 1st printing

All three books in very good condition & housed in matching publisher's boxes; Hobbit & LOTR with original tissue guards [some tears].

\$950 [US\$ 690]

The Fourth Book Of Christmas, 4 World Elephants

We are fortunate enough to have not one, but TWO of only 506 copies printed of Sir Terry Pratchett's fourth book & first in his Discworld series, *The Colour Of Magic* [for those still confused by our cryptic reference, Pratchett's imaginary Discworld was held aloft by four World Elephants atop a giant turtle's back]

Both copies have revised blurb mounted over the original "embarrassingly inaccurate" blurb on the front flap; ex-library although one is in much better condition than the other (please search our website for detailed descriptions and photographs).

Very good copy: \$12,000 [US\$ 8,720]

Good copy: \$8,000 [US\$ 5,815]

The Fifth Book Of Christmas, SIGNED Slaughterhouse-5

One of the Franklin Library Signed 60 series, this beautiful leatherbound edition is signed by Kurt Vonnegut on a blank page with tissue guard

A stated limited edition of undisclosed quantity, this is the first such deluxe version of Slaughterhouse-five [1978]; illustrated by Alan E. Cober

One of the great SF novels... So it goes

\$600 [US\$ 435]

The Sixth Book Of Christmas, 6 Regimental Pop-ups

Trooping The Colour Scenic Panorama Book Fold-out diorama by Raphael Tuck & Sons [c1955]; scenic folds; 35 numbered slots & pieces [inc. young Queen Elizabeth]

Regimental Pets Of The British Army* Gale & Polden, 1915; includes Australian content

A Book Of Soldiers* Published by Perry & Co [UK's first commercially successful Steel Pen makers]; 14 pictures by Richard Simkin; c1890

Our Volunteers* Raphael Tuck & Sons, c1900

Military Panorama Illustrations by Harry Payne (1858-1927); rare Dean & Son Gold Medal Series production; c1900; 10 board panels with original cloth folds

The Soldier Panorama Book c1904; poems & illustrations with a combative theme for children; five pop-out landscapes [all in good order] depicting various regiments.

\$1.500 [US\$ 1,090]

More details available on our website – books available individually

*Book does not include any 3D or pop-up features

The Seventh Book Of Christmas, 7 Gallant Ladies

Memoirs of Pierre De Bourdeille, privately printed by the Golden Cockerel Press, 1924, as The Lives Of Gallant Ladies and divided into seven "discourses"

Published in two half-leather volumes; woodcuts by Robert Gibbings; a very good set.

\$150 [US\$ 109]

The Eighth Book Of Christmas, 8 Hand Values

[Pair; 2 Pair; 3-of-a-kind; Straight; Flush; Full House; 4-of-a-kind; Straight Flush]

Rare & definitive first edition of Templar's *Poker Manual*, 1895 [2nd ed, 1901, also difficult to source); illustrated throughout with red and black diagrams.

The pseudonymous author, "Templar", observes that "the spirit of the game, and of the laws, must be kept in view."

This elegant yet practical volume covers etiquette and jackpots, strategies for varying both play and style, outlines the international codes of the game, and offers a reminder that "bluffing... gives to the game its intense human interest. Without it, Poker would be mere chance."

\$700 [US\$ 510]

The Ninth Book Of Christmas, 9cm Byron [Don Juan miniature]

Printed by Thomas White in 1826, this very early edition is an exquisite miniature printing in the style of Jones's Diamond Poets series and possibly unique.

It came to us within a traveller's library of Jones & Co's classic miniatures (c1820s & 30s) and, although appearing outwardly part of this set (which we have for sale separately), this book differs from the other 50 volumes thus:

The first anomaly is its contemporary nature – printed in 1826, it is complete in 16 cantos [Canto XVI being completed shortly before Byron's death in 1824]

Next is the lack of publisher's advertisements – the Jones & Co volumes contain multiple pages extolling the virtues of their books, miniature & otherwise

Thirdly, and most interestingly, the title page declares this volume "Printed For The Proprietor". As to whom precisely this refers, alas, we cannot say in certitude. It may be Thomas White but we haven't found any ownership marks in the other volumes to corroborate this

Green silk over (hard) paper boards; black title pastedown on spine with gold lettering; all edges gilt; extremities bumped with some small loss to top of spine; small chip in f.e.p.; internally fine; 430pp inc notes.

The Tenth Book Of Christmas, 10 Leather Bindings

A delightful collection of ten notebook-size poetry books by Easton Press in leather bindings of blue, brown, black, red and green. Poets are: Keats; Burns; Donne; Wordsworth; Tennyson; Blake; Longfellow; Yeats; Millay & Cummings

All books are in as-new condition. Please contact us for more information or photographs of particular items.

\$25 [US\$ 18] each

The Eleventh Book Of Christmas, 11 Volume Pepys

The revered Latham & Matthews edition of the complete *Diary Of Samuel Pepys,* spanning the years 1660-69 [in 9 vols] + companion essays + Index [11 volumes in all]

Published in paperback by HarperCollins, 1995; in very good condition.

\$200 [US\$ 145]

The Twelfth Book Of Christmas, 12 Paired Chromosomes

As photographed and appearing on one of four plates in What Is Life?, the groundbreaking and highly influential book written by Austrian physicist Erwin Schrödinger [1887-1961].

Subtitled The Physicist's approach to the Subject – With an Epilogue on Determinism and Free Will this is the scarce first printing by Cambridge University Press, 1944, in the particularly rare unclipped dustjacket. Considering the cheap wartime paper used, the jacket is in excellent condition with only some discolouration to top edges (front & back) and spine; some minor nicks at extremities with minimal loss at spine.

"It would be misleading to claim that his discussion of the riddle of life is a book of easy popularization. If it were, it would not be as valuable as in fact it will prove to be; but there is nothing in it beyond the comprehension of the informed man with a will to understand." [Accurate blurb on front flap]

This is an excellent copy of one of the 20th Century's great science books.