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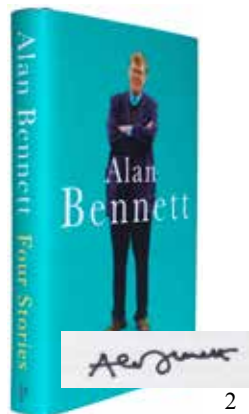
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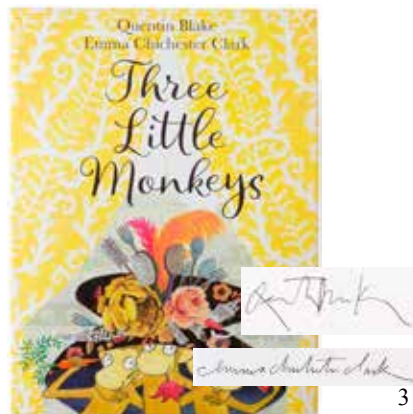
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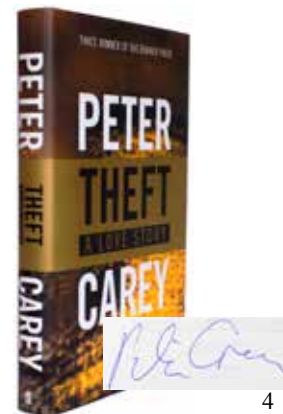
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**1. Bennett, Alan.** *Smut. Two Unseemly Stories.* London: Faber & Faber, Profile Books, [2011]. **£125**

One of 125 specially bound signed copies. Small 8vo. pp. [viii], 180, [1]; fine in original cloth-backed boards, in slipcase.

**2. Bennett, Alan.** *Four Stories.* London: Profile Books, [2014]. **£30**  
New edition [1st pub. 2006]. 8vo. pp. [v], 282; fine in the original cloth, d.-w.

Includes the story 'The Lady in the Van'.

**3. Blake, Quentin; Emma Chichester Clark, illustrator.** *Three Little Monkeys.* London: HarperCollins, 2016. **£50**

First edition. 4to. pp. [32]; coloured illu. throughout; fine in original cloth in fine d.-w. Signed by author and illustrator to title.

**4. Carey, Peter.** *Theft. A Love Story.* London: Faber & Faber, [2006]. **£25**

First edition. 8vo. pp. [x], 269, [3]; fine in original cloth in fine d.-w. Signed by author to title.

**5. Conrad, Joseph.** *The Secret Agent. A Drama in Three Acts.* London: Privately Printed for Subscribers only by T. Werner Laurie Ltd., 1923. **£350**

One of 1000 copies signed by the author. 8vo. pp. [ix], 185; port. frontis.; final leaf carelessly opened with tear at upper inner margin, else very good in the original parchment-backed papered boards, lettering piece to spine with spare tipped-in at rear, creased on spine, which is also a little chipped, bumped to extremities with crack to lower outer margin of upper board.

**6. Coward, Noël.** *Play Parade.* New York: Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1947. **£250**

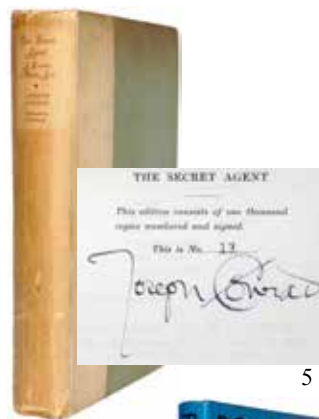
First edition thus. 8vo. pp. xvii, 576, [2]; very good in the original cloth, in d.-w., which is slightly sunned on spine and chipped to extremities. A presentation copy from the author, inscribed on flyleaf "To Francis With admiration and affection Noël".

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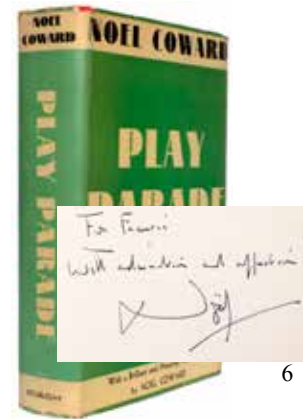
**7. Dahl, Roald.** *Going Solo.* London: Jonathan Cape, [1986]. **£250**

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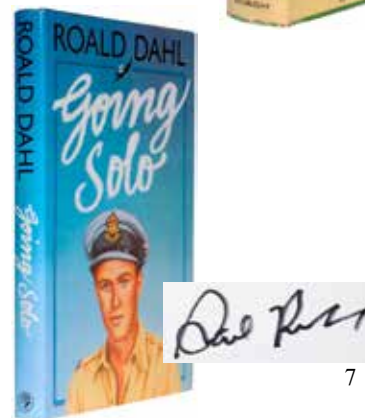
The continuation of Dahl's autobiography, which began with *Boy* (1984). *Going Solo* describes his first work in Africa, and his time with the RAF in the Second World War.



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To Derek & Liz  
love & kisses xx  
do come to see us!  
- Len

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Len Deighton

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For my dear John and Julie  
"See you in Apr. 1983"  
- Love and kisses  
Len Deighton  
May 1983

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**8. Deighton, Len.** *Declarations of War.* London: Jonathan Cape, [1971]. **£200**

First edition. 8vo. pp. 205; very good in original cloth in d.-w., which is slightly chipped and faded on spine. Inscribed by author to title "To Derek and Liz love & kisses xx do come to see us! - Len".

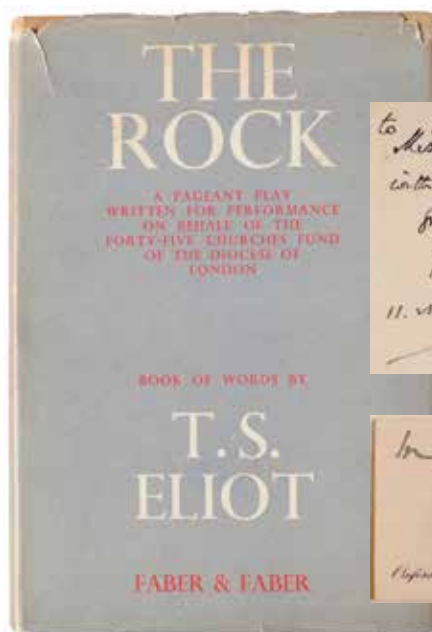
**9. Deighton, Len.** *Close Up.* London: Jonathan Cape, [1972]. **£150**

First edition. 8vo. pp. 381; minor age-toning, else very good in original cloth in d.-w., which is slightly chipped and faded on spine. Signed by author to title, with compliment slip loosely inserted.

**10. Deighton, Len.** *Goodbye Mickey Mouse.* London: Hutchinson, [1982]. **£125**

First edition. 8vo. pp. 395; minor age-toning to margins, else very good in original cloth in fine d.-w. Inscribed by author to title "For my dear John and Julie, this one is for you! - Love and kisses Len Deighton May 1983".

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to Miss Phyllis Woodliffe (Mrs Bert)  
with the author's  
grateful appreciation  
T.S. Eliot  
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Ingrateful  
appreciation  
T.S. Eliot.  
Clarendon Press, Oxford

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**11. Eliot, T. S.** *The Rock.* A Pageant Play written for Performance at Sadler's Wells Theatre 28 May - 9 June 1934 on behalf of the Forty-Five Churches Fund of the Diocese of London. London: Faber and Faber, [1934]. **£1,450**

First edition. 8vo. pp. 86; foxing at front and rear, else very good in the original papered boards, heavily browned to margins, in d.-w. which is frayed to extremities with slight loss. Inscribed by the author to flyleaf "To Miss Phyllis Woodliffe ("Mrs Bert") with the author's gratitude & appreciation T. S. Eliot 11.vi.34", with corrections in ink to pp. 9 & 62, together with Eliot's calling card inscribed "In grateful appreciation", and a receipt for flowers delivered to Woodliffe.

*The Rock* was written to raise funds for new churches in the London suburbs. A pageant play with words, it was first performed at Sadler's Wells Theatre on May 28th 1934, with a cast of characters that included Alfred Ethelbert and his wife Mrs Ethelbert - presumably the role played by Phyllis Woodliffe, recipient of this copy of the book.



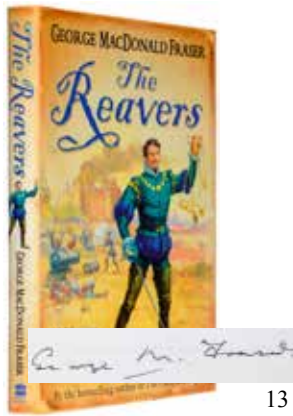


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**12. Fowles, John.** *Behind the Magus.* [London:] Colophon Press, 1994. **£150**

First edition. 8vo. pp. 24, [2, colophon]; near-fine in original card covers, label to upper cover.

One of 200 copies from a total issue of 232, signed by the author.



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**13. Fraser, George MacDonald.** *The Reavers.* London: HarperCollins, [2007]. **£30**

First edition. 8vo. pp. viii, 230; fine in original cloth in fine d.-w. Signed by author to title.



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**14. Gerhardt, William** *The Vanity-Bag.* London: Ernest Benn Limited, 1927. **£75**

First edition, one of 315 copies signed by the author. Small slim 8vo. 59 pp.; a very good copy in the original yellow printed paper wrappers, slightly soiled.



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**15. Grass, Günter.** *Das Treffen in Telgte. Eine Erzählung.* [Darmstadt:] Luchterhand, [1979]. **£55**

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**16. Grass, Günter.** *Nobel Lecture 7 December 1999.* [Fyfield, Oxon.:] Oak Tree Fine Press, [2009]. **£275**

First edition, one of 150 copies signed by the author, from a total run of 176. Tall 8vo. pp. 35; eng. port.; fine in the original cloth-backed boards, gilt, in slipcase.

**17. Greene, Graham.** *The Quiet American.* London: William Heinemann Ltd., [1955]. **£1,750**

First edition. 8vo. pp. [viii], 247; very good in the original cloth, in original d.-w. which is chipped and browned to spine. With an accompanying original letter from Greene presenting the book "For Mr. & Mrs. Ingrand, with all good wishes, from Graham Greene. There is something which binds all those who have known Vietnam."

**18. Greene, Graham.** *The Honorary Consul.* London: The Bodley Head, [1973]. **£350**

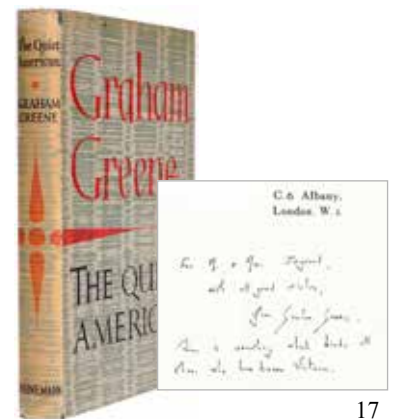
First edition. 8vo. pp. 335; previous owner's inscription to flyleaf, very good in the original cloth, creased on spine, in original d.-w., which is chipped to extremities. Signed by author to title.

**19. Heaney, Seamus** *District and Circle.* London: Faber and Faber, [2006]. **£195**

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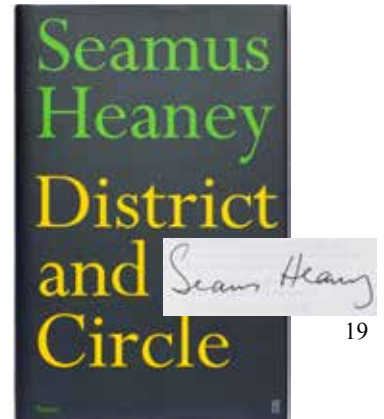
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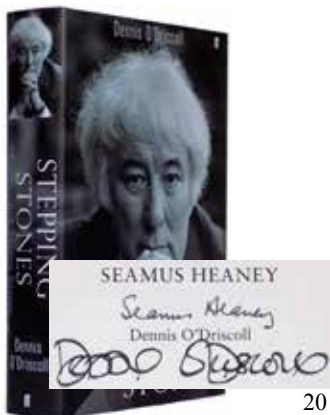
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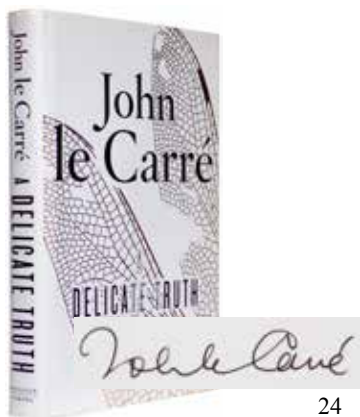
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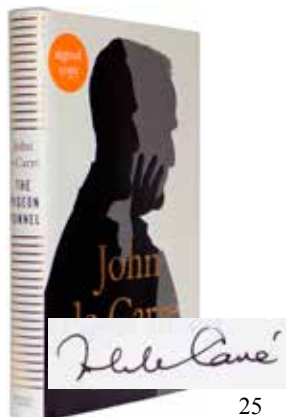
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**20. [Heaney, Seamus.] Dennis O'Driscoll.** *Stepping Stones. Interviews with Seamus Heaney.* London: Faber and Faber, [2008]. **£250**

First edition. 8vo. pp. xxxiii, 524; photo. illu.; near-fine in original cloth, in d.-w. which is slightly marked. Signed to title by interviewer and interviewee.

Limited signed edition, one of 325 copies. 8vo. pp. xxx, 106; frontis.; fine in the original cloth-backed papered boards in slipcase.

**22. Kipling, Rudyard.** *Songs of the Sea.* Illustrated by Donald Maxwell. London: Macmillan and Co., Limited, 1927. **£275**

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**23. Lamartine, Alphonse de.** *Jocelyn. An Episode. Journal found in the House of a Village Curate ...* Translated by Robert Anstruther. London: Bowdery and Kerby; Edinburgh: Blackwood, 1844. **£575**

First edition thus. 8vo. pp. [iii], xii, 349; extra-illustrated with two port. frontis. of Lamartine and 9 etched plates by R. de los Rios; bound by Taffin in later full morocco with ornately gilt strapwork to boards and spine, t.e.g., with an original letter by Lamartine from 1842 bound in to the book.

**24. Le Carré, John.** *A Delicate Truth.* London: Viking, [2013]. **£50**

First edition, "Exclusive Signed Edition". 8vo. pp. [vii], 311; fine in original cloth in near-fine d.-w. Signed by author at front

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**26. O'Brien, Edna.** *The High Road.* London: Weidenfeld and Nicolson, [1988]. **£60**

Limited signed edition, one of 150 copies. 8vo. pp. [xi], 180; marginal age-toning, very good in original cloth-backed marbled papered boards in glassine d.-w.

**27. O'Brien, Edna.** *The Little Red Chairs.* London: Faber & Faber, [2015]. **£45**

First edition. 8vo. pp. [x], 299; fine in original cloth in fine d.-w. Signed by author to title.

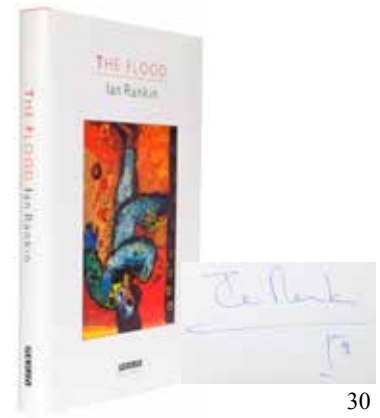




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**28. Powys, John Cowper.** *Porius*. A romance of the Dark Ages. *London: Macdonald, [1951].* **£475**

First edition, one of 200 copies signed by the author. 8vo. pp. xix, 682; port. frontis.; minor marginal browning to first and final few leaves, else very good in the original crushed half morocco by Bayntun Rivière, gilt, t.e.g.

**29. Rackham, Arthur, illustrator; Friedrich de la Motte Fouqué.** *Undine ... Adapted from the German by W. L. Courtney.* *London: William Heinemann; New York: Doubleday, Page & Co., 1909.* **£975**

Deluxe limited edition, one of 1000 copies signed by Rackham. 4to. pp. viii, 136; 15 tipped-in coloured plates, each with captioned tissue-guard, 41 b&w illusts.; minor browning to first and final leaf, else very good in the original cream vellum, gilt, with original ties, boards slightly bowed and with a few minor marks, small chip to spine.

**30. Rankin, Ian.** *The Flood.* *Edinburgh: Polygon, [1986].* **£695**

First edition. 8vo. pp. 188; fine in original cloth, in near-fine d.-w. Signed by author to title.

Rankin's first novel.

**31. Ransome, Arthur.** *Great Northern?* *London: Jonathan Cape, 1947.* **£225**

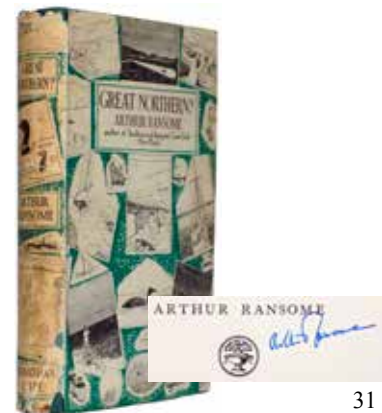
Second impression (same year as first ed.). 8vo. pp. 351; illusts., map endpapers; very good in original cloth, gilt, in d.-w., which is slightly frayed to extremities and browned on spine, with some internal repairs, newspaper clipping pasted to rear panel. Signed by the author to the title-page.

**32. Tóibín, Colm.** *Brooklyn.* [*Dublin:*] *Tuskar Rock Press, [2009].* **£295**

Limited signed edition, one of 100 copies. 8vo. pp. [iv], 251; very good in the original cloth, small crease at head of spine, in original slipcase.

**33. Wells, H. G.** *The Bulpington of Blup.* *Adventures, Poses, Stresses, Conflicts, and Disaster in a Contemporary Brain.* *London: Hutchinson & Co., n.d. [1932].* **£495**

First edition. 8vo. pp. 408, 40 (pubs. cat.); very good in the original cloth, which is slightly bumped, in d.-w., which is a little frayed to extremities and faded on spine. Signed by author at front and dated July 5, 1935.



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**34. Ambrose, Stephen E.** Pegasus Bridge 6 June 1944. *London: George Allen & Unwin, [1984].*

£75



*John Howard  
6 June 84*

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Pegasus Bridge, across Caen Canal, was a key strategic crossing captured by a British force during the D-Day operations. Led by John Howard, the troops used gliders to approach the bridge (known at the time as Bénouville bridge) in a surprise attack that successfully gained its objective.

**35. Churchill, Winston S.** Lord Randolph Churchill. *London: Macmillan & Co. Ltd., 1907.*

£2,200



*To J. S. Rankin  
from  
Winston S. Churchill*

LORD  
RANDOLPH CHURCHILL

*May 1924*

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Second one-volume edition. 8vo. pp. xix, 907; frontis. and 4 illusts.; slightly shaken in the original cloth, gilt, faded on spine, a little rubbed, minor wear to head of spine, now contained in a purpose-made fall-down back box. Inscribed by author to half-title "To J. S. Rankin from Winston S. Churchill May 1924".

Originally published in 1906, Churchill's biography of his father Randolph (1845-1895) was well-received, and the following year was reissued in this one-volume format. This copy bears an inscription to J. S. Rankin, possibly the Conservative politician James Stuart Rankin (1880-1960), who was elected MP for East Toxteth from 1916-1924; he was the brother of the Liverpool shipbuilder Sir Robert Rankin.



*Inscribed by  
Winston S. Churchill  
1949*

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**36. Churchill, Winston S.** The Second World War. *London: Cassell & Co. Ltd., 1948-1954.*

£3,500

First editions. 6 vols. 8vo. maps and diagrams inc. some folding; very good in the original cloth, gilt, in original d.-w.s, several a little browned to spine. Inscribed by the author to front blank of the second volume "Inscribed by Winston S. Churchill 1949".

*The Second World War* is regarded as Churchill's finest book. He used a team of researchers, under the leadership of his pre-war assistant, the Oxford historian William Deakin, which had the full co-operation of the cabinet secretary, Norman Brook. The virtually unlimited access this gave Churchill to wartime files, and vetting of the several drafts by Whitehall, resulted in a work that has been called "a semi-official history" (ODNB). The work was not "history, Churchill insisted, but a contribution to history. Nevertheless he imprinted his version of events on the minds of a generation" (ODNB). This set of first editions has been inscribed by Churchill to the second volume. Titled "Their Finest Hour", this volume embraces Churchill's first days as prime minister, spanning the period from the fall of France and the evacuation of Dunkirk, to the change in Britain's fortunes with the Desert Victory.

**37. Copland, Aaron.** Concerto for Clarinet and String Orchestra (with harp and piano). Reduction for Clarinet and Piano. *Boosey & Hawkes*, copyright 1950. **£175**



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4to. Sheet music, pp. 28, very good in the original printed wrappers, slightly soiled. Signed by the composer to the upper wrapper "Aaron Copland Tanglewood 1970".

Tanglewood, in Lenox Mass., is home to the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Aaron Copland appeared as conductor for the 1970 summer concerts at Tanglewood, the programme for which included pieces by Copland himself, Bernstein, Bach, Hindemith, and Tchaikovsky.



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**38. Geiger, Hans (1882-1945).** A typed postcard, signed H. Geiger, Tübingen, 24th December 1929.

**£1,250**

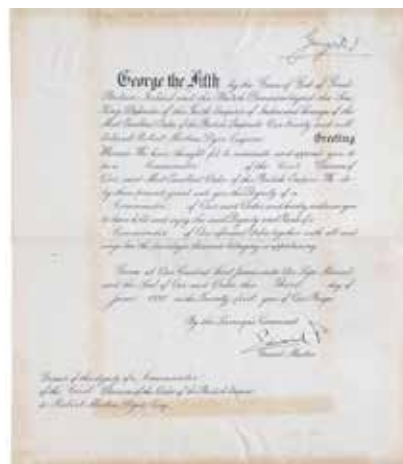
A personal postcard, typed address to recto with the inkstamps of the "Physikalisches Institut Universität Tübingen", Tübingen postal cancel, typed to verso and signed "H. Geiger" in a clear hand, writing in a clerical hand to the verso, browning to postcard, else in good condition.

Geiger is known for such technical achievements as the Geiger-Marsden experiment and the Geiger counter. In October, 1929, he accepted a position at the University of Tübingen, both as professor of physics and director of the physics research institute. While there, he considerably improved the counter that bears his name, developments that were to lead to the discovery of cosmic-ray showers. This postcard, sent by Geiger from Tübingen to the business firm K. Selmayr, orders "eine Grundserie von Kristall-Gitter-Modellen mit 30 mm Kugeln" (a basic series of crystal-lattice models with 30mm spheres").

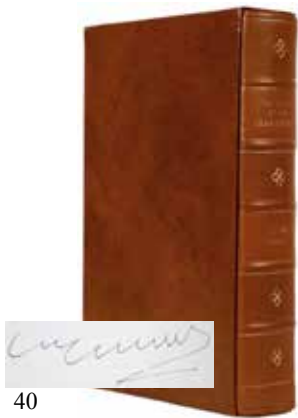
**39. George V (King of the United Kingdom and the British Dominions, and Emperor of India), 1865-1936; Edward Prince of Wales (later Edward VIII), 1893-1972.** A Grant of the dignity of a Commander of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) to Robert Morton Dyer, signed by George V, dated 3 June 1930. **£175**

A large document, approx. 12 1/2 x 15", printed to one side only, embossed seal to top left corner, signed by George V to the top right "George R I" and by Edward as Prince of Wales at foot "Edward P", browned where once contained in a frame, central horizontal fold, sellotape to verso at head and foot with subsequent browning to margins; together with a typed letter signed from the Private Secretary of the Governor of Hong Kong informing Dyer of the King's intention to bestow the honour, on Government House, Hong Kong, letterhead, foolscap, 1p., folded.

Robert Morton Dyer (1878-1936) was born in Japan, the son of Henry Dyer who pioneered Western-style education in that country. Robert became Chief Manager of the Whampoa Dock Company, a position he retained until 1932, when he returned to the UK.



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**40. Glubb, John Bagot.** *The Story of the Arab Legion.* [The Anchor Press Ltd.], 1980. **£95**

Deluxe limited signed edition. 8vo. pp. 371; photo. illustrs., sketch maps; fine in the original leather, gilt, in slipcase (bumped to one corner). One of only 100 copies, signed by the author.

The Arab Legion was formed in 1920 to defend Transjordan. In 1939 Glubb took command of the force, and with Abdul Qadir Pasha Al Jundi turned it into a first rate fighting force. Glubb's history of the Legion first appeared in 1948; this commemorative edition was "produced by some retired British officers who once served in the Arab Legion, to mark the fiftieth anniversary of my entrance into the service of the Jordan Government in 1930" (Preface).

**41. Gustaf VI Adolf, King of Sweden (1882-1973).** A signed portrait of the King, with an accompanying letter from the King's secretary presenting the portrait to Gunnar Biörk. 1972. **£375**

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Gustaf VI Adolf reigned from 1950 to his death in September, 1973. The recipient of this photograph, Gunnar Biörk, was a Swedish Professor of Medicine, Physician to the Swedish Royal Family, Chief Physician at Stockholm Hospital, and a Conservative Member of Sweden's Parliament. The letter that accompanies the portrait states that the presentation was made in recognition of Biörk's work.

**42. Hobbs, William Herbert.** *Glacial Studies of the Pleistocene of North America.* Ann Arbor: J. W. Edwards, 1947. **£75**

First edition. 4to. pp. xii, 109; frontis., illustrs. and diags. to text; embrowning to endpapers, else very good in the original cloth, gilt, rubbed. Provenance: A presentation copy from the author "To John Clark, With my very best regards, Wm. H. Hobbs", subsequently presented to "D. J. McLaren from Dr. John Clark Ann Arbor 5 Feb '50", and presented in turn to "G. Hattersley-Smith from D. J. McLaren 10/12/51".

**43. Holland, Henry.** *Essays on Scientific and Other Subjects contributed to the Edinburgh and Quarterly Reviews.* London: Longman, Green, Longman, Roberts, & Green, 1862. **£200**

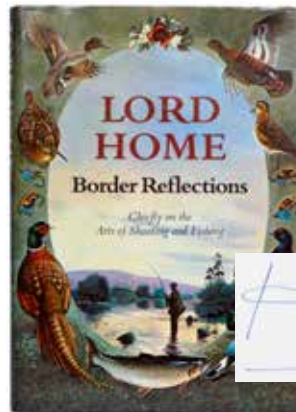
New edition. 8vo. pp. [i], xiii, 504; slightly shaken in the original cloth, gilt, some wear to spine. A presentation copy "To Sir J. F. Herschel Bart. from his friend the Author", with inkstamps of the Herschel Library, Collingwood, to the title-page and first page of text.

A collection of Holland's book review essays, including 'The Progress and Spirit of the Physical Sciences' with comments on John Herschel's *Essays from the Edinburgh and Quarterly Reviews* (1857). Holland was a physician to Queen Victoria, and travelled in the Balkans and Near East. He had been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1815.

**44. Home, Alexander Douglas-Home, Lord** *Border Reflections* chiefly on the arts of shooting and fishing. Illustrations by Rodger McPhail. London: Collins, 1979. **£30**

First edition. 8vo. pp. 111; illustrs.; fine in the original cloth, d.-w. Signed by Home to the title, and with an accompanying letter from Home returning the signed book.

Lord Home - Alexander Douglas-Home (1903-1995) was British Prime Minister from October 1963 to October 1964, and Foreign Secretary in 1960-1964 and again from 1970-1974.



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**45. Juan Carlos I (1938-) and Queen Sofia of Spain (1938-).** An official photographic portrait of the King and Queen of Spain, signed by them. £475

A coloured half-length portrait photograph of the King and Queen, approx. 18 x 13cm., blindstamp of photographer A. Schommer to lower right corner, mounted as issued and signed to the mount beneath their portraits; image very slightly faded, minor browning to mount adjoining lower edge of photograph, else very good, now housed in a gold frame.

Juan Carlos I and Sofia were King and Queen of Spain from the restoration of the Spanish monarchy in 1975, to their abdication in 2014.

**46. Kelly, Grace, Princess Grace of Monaco (1929-1982).** A signed portrait, c. 1970s. £195

A coloured half-length portrait photograph of Grace, approx. 12 x 15cm., signed "Grace de Monaco", corner mounts to verso and now contained in a silver frame.

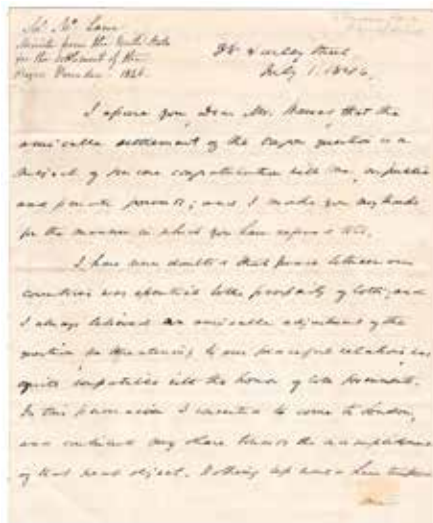


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**47. McLane, Louis (1786-1857).** An original letter from McLane to Benjamin Hawes, respectively the US and British politicians involved in the settlement of the Oregon dispute, 38 Harley Street [London], July 1, 1846. £1,500



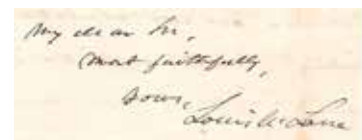
4to, 4pp., written in a clear hand on Whatman laid paper watermarked 1845, folded, sometime removed from an album with adhesion marks to margin of final page, minor browning, else very good, signed "Louis McLane".

The finalisation of the Oregon boundary in 1846 created what would become, with the accession of British Columbia in 1870, Canada's Pacific coast. The agreement made on Oregon created a fixed boundary between Canada and the US extending west along the 49th parallel, excepting the southern extension of Vancouver Island. The dispute gave rise to the slogan '54° 40' or Fight' used by Polk to win the US election. Louis McLane served as Secretary of State, and of Treasury, under Presidents Jackson and Polk. He was appointed to negotiate the Oregon boundary with Britain, but in the event was not a principal in the negotiations. His correspondent Benjamin Hawes (1797-1862) was a Whig politician, and in 1846 served as Under Secretary of State for War and the Colonies.

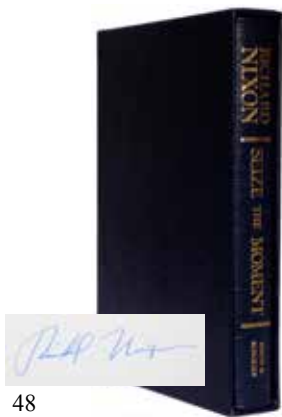
McLane's letter reads: "I assure you, Dear Mr. Hawes, that the amicable settlement of the Oregon is a subject of sincere congratulation with me on public and private grounds; and I make you my thanks for the manner in which you have referred to it. I have never doubted that peace between our two countries was essential to the prosperity of both, and I always believed an amicable adjustment of the question so threatening to our peaceful relations was quite compatible with the honor of both Governments. On this provision I consented to come to London, and contribute my share towards the accomplishment of this great object. Nothing less would have tempted me back into practical life, or to leave even for a short period the care of my home and children. I would be unreasonable not to be content with the reward offered in the result; and I confess that I am particularly satisfied with the spirit

in which so far it appears to have been received on both sides of the water..."

He goes on to discuss Lord Aberdeen's and Lord Palmerston's attitudes to the Oregon question, as the former was succeeded by the latter as Foreign Secretary that very month. McLane expresses the hope that Hawes will visit the US: "To you and your family we owe a large obligation on this score, of which I should be most happy of welcoming you in our own country. And why not come dining ..."



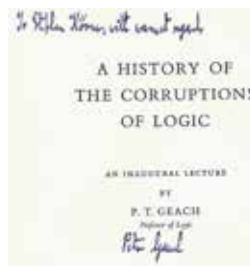
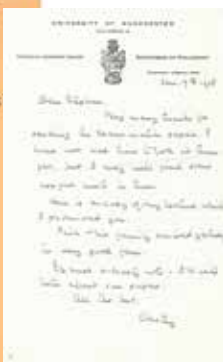




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**48. Nixon, Richard.** *Seize the Moment. America's Challenge in a One-Superpower World.* *New York: Simon & Schuster, 1992.* £275

First edition, limited to 250 copies signed by the author. 8vo. pp. 320; very good in the original dark blue faux leather, gilt lettered along the spine & with Nixon's RM monogram in gilt on the lower outer corner of the upper board, silk endpapers, small black ink dot on the top edge (apparently a remainder mark by the original bookseller), o/w a clean crisp fine copy in original matching dark blue slipcase.

Richard Milhous Nixon (1913?1994), 37th President of the USA, was born in California into a Quaker family of Irish descent. Five years of legal practice were followed by four years in the US Navy (1942-46); he was elected to the House of Representatives (1946), then to the Senate (1950), and was appointed Vice-President to Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1952. He lost narrowly to John F. Kennedy in the 1960 Presidential election, but later won the 1968 Presidential election by a small margin over the incumbent Lyndon B. Johnson, being re-elected in 1972 with a greater majority. The Watergate scandal forced him to resign office in 1974, following which he wrote and published a series of books. *Seize the Moment* is his assessment of a post-Soviet dominated Europe & World.

**49. [Philosophy.] Emmet, Dorothy.** *Facts and Obligations.* *London: Dr. Williams's Trust, 1958.* £35

First edition. 8vo. pp. [iv], 20; very good in the original printed wrappers. Inscribed and initialled by the author to upper wrapper, with an

accompanying letter from her signed "Dorothy" presenting the booklet to Stephan [Körner].

Friends of Dr. Williams's Library Twelfth Lecture 1958.

**50. [Philosophy.] Geach, P. T.** *A History of the Corruptions of Logic. An Inaugural Lecture.* *Leeds University Press, 1968.* £25

First edition. 8vo. pp. [ii], 22; VG in original printed wrappers, inscribed by the author "To Stephan Körner, With warmest regards ... Peter Geach".

A Lecture delivered at the University of Leeds on 22 January 1968.

**51. [Philosophy.] Williams, Bernard.** *Protest, Reform and Revolution. An Oration delivered at Birkbeck College, London, 10th December 1968 in celebration of the 145th Anniversary of the Foundation of the College. [Printed for Birkbeck College London by J. W. Ruddock and Sons Ltd.], 1968.* £50

First edition. 8vo. pp. 17; very good in the original printed wrappers, creased to margins. A presentation copy, inscribed by the author "Thank you for kind remarks. Here's the whole thing - only just arrived from printers, I'm afraid. All best wishes, Bernard".

**52. Robinson, Hercules, First Baron Rosmead (1824-1897).** *An ALS to The Rev. C. G. Swainson, Government House, Cape Town, 25th July 1886.* £85

8vo. 4pp., acknowledging a letter dated 22 June bestowing on him an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws by the University of Cambridge.

Robinson was the fifth Governor of Hong Kong, and also Governor of New South Wales, Fiji, Montserrat, Saint Christopher WI, New Zealand, and elsewhere.

**53. Roosevelt, Eleanor (1884-1962).** *A typed letter signed to Dr. Regler, October 16, 1959.* £250

8vo. 1p. on Mrs Franklin D. Roosevelt letterhead, signed 'Eleanor Roosevelt', asking Dr. Regler whether he wishes to "dine here on October 21st at 7:30 informally then go to a film afterwards, or lunch on Sunday the 25th at 12:30?".

Eleanor Roosevelt was the wife of Franklin D. Roosevelt 32nd President of the United States, 1933-45. Her addressee, Dr Gustav Regler, was a German Communist, a friend of Ernest Hemingway, and Political Commissar of the XII International Brigade during the Spanish Civil War.



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**54. Smith, Admiral Sir William Sidney (1764-1840).** A signed letter, "Friday Evening" [Jan 3 1811]. **£195**

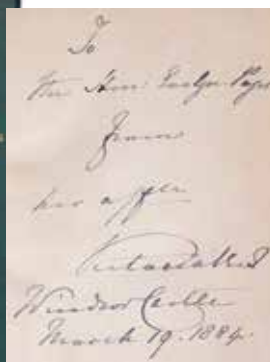
Foolschap, 1p., signed W. Sidney Smith, folded with minor splits to edges of folds but still very good.

The British/Swedish naval officer Sir Sidney Smith served in the American Revolutionary Wars, seeing action at St. Vincent in 1780, Chesapeake in 1781, and the Battle of Saintes in 1782. During the Russo-Swedish War he took part in the battles of Vyborg Bay and Swensksund, both 1790; he subsequently participated in the siege of Acre during Napoleon's Egyptian Campaign in 1799. The present letter forwards a draft of a letter for "Mr Ye to send to the Comte de Lachastra ... I also expect to hear from you as to your progress subsequent to my communication to you as to how things stood at the War Department".

**55. Victoria (Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, &c.).** More Leaves from the Journal of a Life in the Highlands, from 1862 to 1882. London: Smith, Elder & Co., 1884. **£595**

Third edition. 8vo. pp. xiv, 407; photogravure port. frontis. of Victoria RI in 1866, 7 other photogravure ports & 5 other plates of scenery, etc.; light staining affecting upper margins of first few plates, else very good in the original dark green cloth, gilt, darkened on spine. A presentation copy from Victoria, inscribed at front "To the Hon. Evelyn Paget from her affect. Victoria [?] Windsor Castle March 10 1884", Jessie M. King bookplate of Amy Paget and with accompanying letter from Amy Paget providing provenance.

Published in 1869. Queen Victoria's *Leaves from the Journal of Our Life in the Highlands* described life with her husband Prince Albert in the Scottish Highlands. After Albert's death in 1861, Victoria continued to visit the Highlands, and this second volume of her memoirs was dedicated both to her "Loyal Highlanders" and in particular to "my devoted personal attendant and faithful friend John Brown", the controversial figure who helped to fill the emotional void left by Albert's untimely demise. This copy was presented to Evelyn Paget, a Maid of Honour until she died, and subsequently passed on to Paget's sister Amy, whose attractive Jessie King bookplate adorns the book. The accompanying letter from Amy explains this provenance, and passes the book on to "Tom ... as I know you will treasure it".



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**56. Wiesenthal, Simon, Austrian Nazi Hunter and Writer (1908-2005).** An Typed letter signed to Paul Elbogen of California, on Dokumentationszentrum des Bundes jüdischer Verfolgter des Naziregimes letterhead, 21. Februar 1974. **£125**

4to. 1p., folded, else VG, with a 2pp. copy letter from 1971 sent to Wiesenthal.

Wiesenthal writes that he will send his 1973 annual report - "you will see that we are still active" - and asks whether Elbogen's "Rhapsodien" have been published: three of the cases interest Wiesenthal.

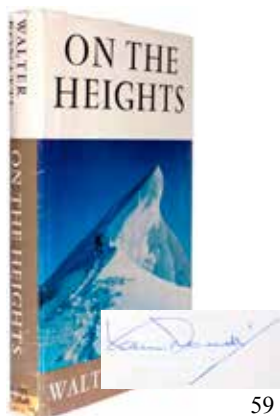
**57. Wilhelm II, German Kaiser (1849-1941).** A signed manuscript order relating to forestry, Neues Palais [Potsdam], 21 October 1901 **£195**

Small 4to. 1p., signed 'Wilhelm' and countersigned by Victor von Podbielski as Prussian minister for Agriculture, inkstamped number to verso.

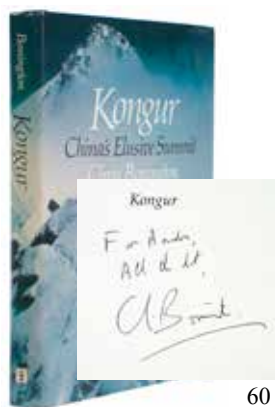
Wilhelm II was German Emperor and King of Prussia from 1888-1918. He was the last king of Germany.

**58. William IV (King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and King of Hanover, 1765-1837).** A clipped signature of William IV. **£135**

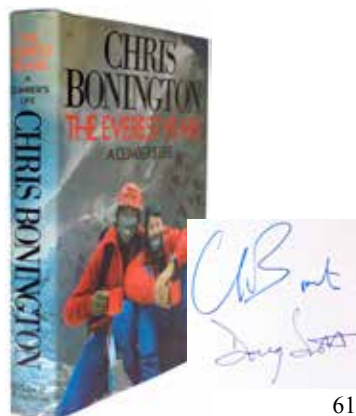
A bold, clear signature, approx. 7 x 3", framed and glazed with a portrait of the King, browning to mount.



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**59. Bonatti, Walter.** *On the Heights ...* Translated from the Italian by Lovett F. Edwards. London: Rupert Hart-Davis, 1964. **£450**

First UK edition. 8vo. pp. 248; photo. illu. s.; VG in original cloth, in d.-w., which is a little frayed, and with adhesion damage at foot of spine where a label removed, internally strengthened at head and tail of spine. Signed by Bonatti to the title.

*Neate B126; Yakushi B452d; Perret 0541.* Bonatti ranks among the foremost climbers of his generation. The present autobiography describes his experiences on the first ascent of K2, Gasherbrum IV, and of climbs in the Alps (notably his solo ascent of the south-west pillar of the Dru), and in South America.

**60. Bonington, Chris.** *Kongur China's Elusive Summit.* London: Hodder and Stoughton, [1982]. **£50**

First edition. 8vo. pp. 224; numerous photo. illu. s., sketch maps; very good in the original cloth, d.-w., slightly creased. Inscribed by the half-title: "For Andre All the best Chris Bonington".

*Neate B133; Yakushi a07.* A reconnaissance expedition led by Michael Ward visited Kongur in 1980, in preparation for a summit attempt in 1981, successfully attained by the climbing party - Bonington, Alan Rouse, Peter Boardman and Joe Tasker.

**61. Bonington, Chris.** *The Everest Years. A Climber's Life.* London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1986. **£75**

First edition. 8vo. pp. 256; numerous photo. illu. s., sketch maps to text; VG in original cloth, in d.-w. Inscribed by author to half-title, and also signed by Doug Scott.

*Neate a03; Yakushi B468; Perret 0570; S & B B29.* The author's account of climbs on Everest in 1972, 1975, and 1985, as well as on K2 and his ascent of Mount Vinson (Antarctica's highest peak). Doug Scott made the first British ascent of Everest with Dougal Haston on the 1975 expedition led by Bonington.

**62. Bruce, C. G.** *The Assault on Mount Everest 1922.* London: Edward Arnold & Co., 1923. **£850**

First edition. 8vo. pp. x, 339; photo. illu. s., 2 folding maps; embrowning to endpapers, else very good in the original cloth, gilt, somewhat rubbed and bumped. Ownership inscription of Geoffrey Hattersley-Smith, with the pencilled ownership inscription of H. E. L. P. to front pastedown, and

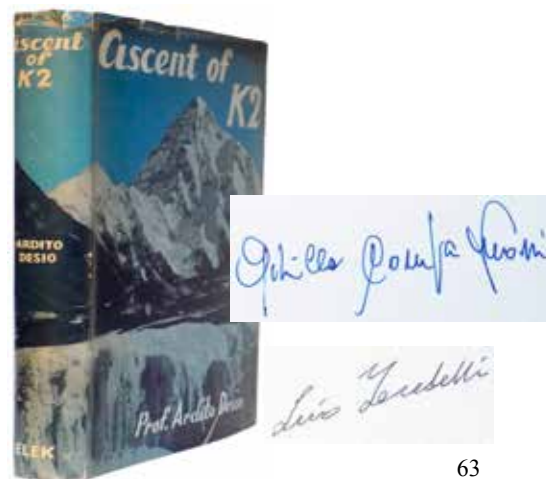
signed to the flyleaf by John Noel, expedition member with the 1922 and 1924 Everest expeditions.

*Neate B196; Yakushi B593a; Perret 0738; S & B B44; Classics in the Literature of Mountaineering 29.* The official account of the second Everest expedition. This copy bears the pencilled initials 'H.E.L.P.' i.e. H. E. L. Porter, a climbing companion of George Mallory. John Noel was the photographer with the 1922 and 1924 Everest expeditions.

**63. Desio, Ardito.** *Ascent of K2 Second Highest Peak in the World.* London: Elek Books, [1955]. **£750**

First English edition. 8vo. pp. 239; photo. illu. s., sketch maps to text; spotting to fore-edge, else very good in the original cloth, d.-w., a little chipped and soiled. Signed by the two summiters Lino Lacedelli and Achille Compagnoni to labels pasted on title and dedication leaf.

*Neate D21; Yakushi D167b; Perret 1298.* The official account of the first ascent of K2, climbed by the Italians Lino Lacedelli and Achille Compagnoni.



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**64. Evans, Charles.** Kangchenjunga. The Untrodden Peak. *London: Hodder & Stoughton*, [1956]. **£950**

First edition. 8vo. pp. xix, 187; coloured and b & w photo. illu., 2 sketch maps, 5 diagrams; slight spotting to fore-edge, bookplate of Gerald Franklin, else VG in original cloth, d.-w., which is browned. Signed by expedition member George Band to title, and with a loosely inserted sheet of Kangchenjunga Expedition 1955 letterhead signed by expedition members Cluff, Band, Streather, Mather, Jackson, Evans, Mackinnon and Brown.

*Neate E27; Yakushi E115a; Perret 1535; Classics in the Literature of Mountaineering 58.* Considered to be the most difficult to climb of the Himalayan 8000m+ peaks, Kangchenjunga was finally scaled by a British team led by the author in 1955, when Joe Brown and George Band reached the summit - though, in deference to the local belief that the summit was the home of a god the pair did not set foot on the actual summit (hence the book's subtitle, *The Untrodden Peak*).

**65. [Everest 1953.]** The 25th Anniversary of the First Ascent of Mount Everest Commemorative. A First Day Cover signed by Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay. *Franklin Mint*, 1978. **£375**

A pictorial first day cover, with two Nepalese stamps, Namche Bazar cancel dated 29-5-1978, signed to lower left by Tenzing and Hillary, inset silver commemorative medallion, contained as issued in a clear sleeve within a plastic wallet together with the accompanying letter from the Franklin Mint representative Franklin Philatelic Limited and a card printed to one side with a description of the first ascent of Everest.

Hillary and Tenzing made the first ascent of Everest on the morning of 29th May, 1953. Twenty-five years later, the Nepalese postal service worked with the Franklin Mint to produce this commemorative first day cover, cancelled at the Namche Bazar post office on the same date, and signed by the two men.

**66. [Everest 1953.]** Ascent of Everest 1953. *N.p.*, n.d. [1953]. **£450**

First edition. 4to. pp. [20, including wrappers]; 8 photo. illu., route map inside front wrapper, ads. to final 5pp.; minor soiling covers, else very good in the original pictorial wrappers. Signed to front wrapper by E. P. Hillary (slightly faded), John Hunt, W. Noyce, Mike Westmacott, George Band, Michael Ward, Charles Wylie and George Lowe.



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*Not in the usual bibliographies.* On its return to Britain, members of the successful Everest expedition under John Hunt appeared before the Queen and a large audience at the Royal Festival Hall. The event, a Gala Premier Lecture held jointly by the RGS and the Alpine Club, took place on Tuesday 15th September 1953, at 8pm. This is a programme for that event. It contains a foreword by Prince Philip, an introduction by the Presidents of the Alpine Club and the RGS, and text by expedition member Wilfrid Noyce. Signed copies are uncommon.

**67. Gillman, Peter & Dougal Haston; Christian Bonington (photographer).** Eiger Direct. *London: Collins*, 1966. **£775**

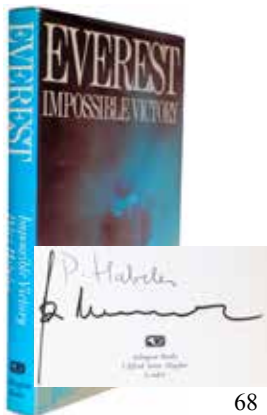
First edition. 8vo. pp. 183; numerous photo. illu.; very good in the original cloth, in d.-w. which is browned to upper margins. Signed by Haston, Gillman, and Bonington.

*Neate G28.* A dramatic account of the first direct route up the Eiger, during which John Harlin, to whom this book is dedicated, fell to his death. This copy is signed to the flyleaf by Haston, who made the first ascent via the direct route, and by Gillman and Bonington, respectively the reporter and photographer on the expedition.



Dougal Haston  
Peter Gillman  
Chris Bonington

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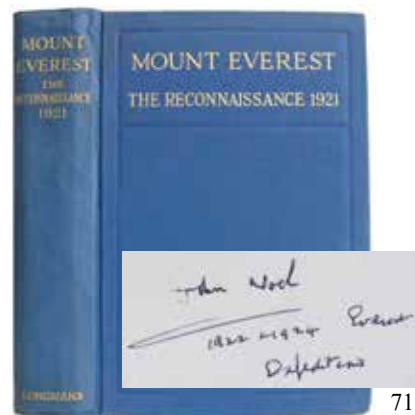
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**68. Habeler, Peter.** Everest: Impossible Victory. London: Arlington Books, [1979]. **£250**

First UK edition. 8vo. pp. 223; coloured and b & w photo. illu. s.; near-fine in the original cloth, d.-w., else near-fine, signed by both Habeler and Reinhold Messner to the title.

*Neate H01; Yakushi H08b; Perret 2131; S & B H01.* Translated from the previous year's first German edition by David Heald, this is Habeler's account of his ascent of Everest, with Reinhold Messner, the first to be made without oxygen, and with a speed that astonished the climbing world.

**69. Hillary, Edmund.** High Adventure. London: Hodder & Stoughton, [1955]. **£195**

First edition. 8vo. pp. 225; coloured frontis., b & w photo. illu. s.; good in original cloth, which is faded on spine, in original d.-w., which has a large closed tear to upper cover, chipped to extremities. Signed by Hillary to the half-title, "E. P. Hillary".

*Neate H81; Yakushi (3rd ed.) H316a; Perret 2257; Salkeld & Boyle H15.* Hillary devotes his autobiography to accounts of the Everest reconnaissance in 1951, and of the successful first ascent of Everest in 1953.

**70. Houston, Charles S., Robert H. Bates & George I. Bell.** K2 8611M. Paris: Arthaud, [1954]. **£250**

First and only edition. 4to. pp. 100; numerous coloured and b & w illu. s., map loosely inserted as issued; very good in the original wrappers and d.j., spine rubbed, 'K2' lettering to upper cover faded. A presentation copy from Robert Bates to Betty Lowe, sister of George Lowe, inscribed "Exeter N.H. May 8, 1955. All good wishes to Betty Lowe in memory of our joint ascent in the Hastings area last January Bob Bates."

*Yakushi H246; Perret 2286.* The experiences of the Americans on K2 in 1953 was recorded in Houston & Bates's classic book *K2: The Savage Mountain*. This present view-book of the expedition appeared only in France, since the authors' US publisher did not expect the book to sell well in the English-speaking world. This copy was presented by co-author Bob Bates to Betty Lowe, the sister of George Lowe (Everest 1953, Trans-Antarctic expedition 1955-8).

**71. Howard-Bury, C. K.** Mount Everest The Reconnaissance. London: Edward Arnold & Co., 1922. **£850**

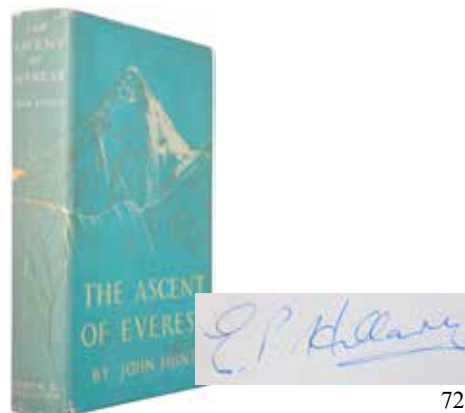
First edition. 8vo. pp. xi, 356; photo. illu. s., 3 folding maps; very good in the original cloth, gilt, slight wear to extremities. With the ownership inscription of G. Hattersley-Smith, and signed to the flyleaf by John Noel, expedition member from the 1922 and 1924 Everest expeditions.

*Neate H120; Yakushi (3rd ed.) H433a; S & B H27; Perret 2288.* The 1921 Everest Expedition explored the mountain with a view to a later attempt, and included George Leigh Mallory in its climbing party. John Noel was the photographer with the 1922 and 1924 Everest expeditions.

**72. Hunt, John.** The Ascent of Everest. London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1953. **£250**

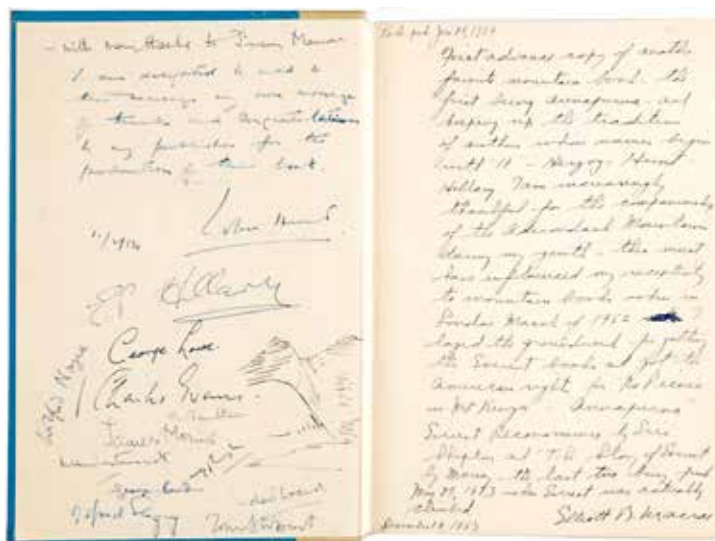
First edition. 8vo. pp. xx, 300; coloured and b & w illu. s., illu. s. to text; previous owner's inscription to front pastedown, very good in the original cloth, in original d.-w., which is chipped to extremities and creased on spine. Signed to the flyleaf by Hillary, "E. P. Hillary".

*Neate H135; Yakushi H269a; Perret 2304; S & B H31.* Hunt led the successful British Everest Expedition of 1953, during which Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay reached the summit.



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**73. Hunt, John.** *The Conquest of Everest ... With a Chapter on the Final Assault* by Edmund Hillary. *New York: E. P. Dutton & Company, Inc.* 1954. **£4,500**

First US edition. 8vo. pp. xx, 300; coloured and b & w photo. illustrs., sketch maps; near-fine in the original two-tone cloth, crease to upper board, in d.-w., slightly chipped to extremities, "Macrae" in ink to upper panel; contained in a purpose-made cloth chemise and box with quarter leather spine, gilt, some wear to leather of box.

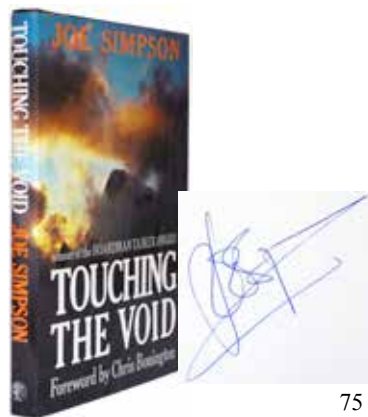
A unique presentation copy from the expedition members to the publisher's President, Elliott B. Macrae. The front pastedown bears the signatures of John Hunt, E. P. Hillary, George Lowe, Wilfrid Noyce, Charles Evans, T. D. Bourdillon, James Morris, M. Westmacott, G. Pugh, George Band, Alfred Gregory, Michael Ward, and Tom Stobart (absent are Charles Wylie and Tenzing). Hunt also writes: "I am delighted to add to this message my own message of thanks and and congratulations to my publishers for the production of this book" and dates the message 11/2/54. A miniature sketch of Everest showing the route used appears alongside some of the signatures, this is likely to be the work of Charles Evans.

On the flyleaf appear the words: "to be pub. Jan 25, 1954", followed by these words in Macrae's hand: "First advance copy of another favorite mountain book - the first being Annapurna - and keeping up the tradition of authors whose names begin with "H" - Herzog - Hunt - Hillary. I am increasingly thankful for the companionship of the Adirondack Mountains during my youth - this must have influenced my receptivity to mountain books when in London March of 1952 I laid [sic] the groundwork for getting the Everest book and got the American rights for "The Picnic on Mt Kenya" [by Benuzzi] - "Annapurna" Everest Reconnaissance by Eric Shipton and "The Story of Everest" by Murray - the last two being pub. May 29, 1953 when Everest was actually climbed. Elliott B. Macrae December 18, 1953."

A final note appears on the flyleaf verso: "The British Publishers [Hodder & Stoughton] can add another 'H' to the list and we could not have had a more enthusiastic & friendly American publisher to work with. Thank you for everything you have done. Paul Hodder-Williams."



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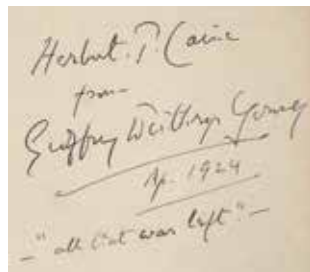
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**74. Noel, Captain J. B. L.** *Through Tibet to Everest.* *Edward Arnold & Co., 1927.* **£575**

First edition. 8vo. pp. 302, [2], 16 (ads.); b & w photo. illu., 4 illu. to text; previous owners' inscriptions and label to flyleaf, good in the original cloth, gilt, rubbed, a little darkened to spine, which is neatly restored at head. Signed by the author to flyleaf "John Noel 1922 & 1924 Everest Expeditions".

*Neate N22; Yakushi (3rd ed.) N139a; Perret 3211; Salkeld & Boyle N13.* Noel, the photographer with the 1922 and 1924 Everest expeditions, here offers his own account of the first three expeditions to Everest and of his 1913 Reconnaissance of the region.

**75. Simpson, Joe.** *Touching the Void.* *London: Jonathan Cape, [1988].* **£125**

Reprinted same year as 1st ed. 8vo. pp. 173; photo. illu.; fine in original cloth, d.-w. Signed by Simpson to title.

*Perret 4064.* Simpson's classic account of his climb, with Simon Yates, of Siula Grande in the Peruvian Andes.

**76. Tenzing Norgay.** A TLS from Tenzing on his own letterhead, 20/1/83. **£150**

1p., to "Dear Bob and Jannie", signed at foot "Tenzing", now mounted with two accompanying photographs of Everest on stiff board, the whole approx. 70 x 32 cm.

Tenzing writes to a couple who had been trekking with him in Sandakphu, Phlaut and elsewhere. He sends greetings from his son Jamling (for whom the couple are aiming to obtain a scholarship) and his wife Daku.

**77. Whillans, Don and Alick Ormerod.** *Don Whillans Portrait of a Mountaineer.* *London: Heinemann, [1971].* **£350**

First edition. 8vo. pp. ix, 266; b & w photo. illu.; very good in the original cloth, d.-w., which is slightly marked. Signed to the half-title by Whillans.

*Neate W52.* Whillans contributed to technical advances in climbing with Joe Brown and Chris Bonington in the 1950s and 1960s. His achievements coupled with his personality brought him an almost mythic status. His autobiography - which couples factual paragraphs by Ormerod interspersed with Whillans' recollections - concludes with his ascent of the south face of Annapurna, with Dougal Haston, in 1970.

**78. Young, Geoffrey Winthrop.** *Wind and Hill. Poems.* *London: Smith, Elder & Co., 1909.* **£275**

Proof copy. 8vo. pp. viii, 106; printer's inkstamps to each gather ("2nd Revise 16 Jun 1909" "William Clowes & Sons (Limited)"); very good in later limp calf, gilt, somewhat faded; author's MS corrections to title-page, to dedication and to p. 79, subsequently presented by the author and inscribed on the half-title "Herbert P. Carie from Geoffrey Winthrop Young Ap. 1924 - 'all that was left.' -"

*Neate Y24.* Winthrop Young was one of his generation's most successful Alpinists, making numerous significant ascents up to the First World War. This volume was his third publication, and this proof copy was presented by Young 15 years after publication to Carie, a member of the Fell and Rock Climbing Club.

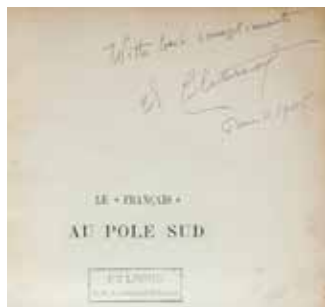


**79. Antarctic Club.** Twenty-Seven Menus for Annual Reunion Dinners in the years 1937, 1939, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1958-62, 1964-80. £3,250  
8vo. 4pp., some with loosely inserted seating plans, "The Antarctic Club" logo to upper cover of each, many signed by Antarctic Club members. Quintin Riley's copies.

Quintin Riley was a member of several Arctic expeditions with 'Gino' Watkins, and later joined the British Graham Land Expedition, 1934-7. He became a member of the Antarctic Club on 9th October, 1937, on the occasion of the ninth reunion dinner at the Cafe Royal, attending next in 1939, before war duties and related work prevented him from attending again until the 1950s. The 1937 dinner was in fact the "Penola" Dinner, which marked the return of the BGLE. QR has written some comments on the back cover of the menu for this dinner, but not until 1939 did he have other members sign their names. Those that signed these menus during the course of QR's attendance of the dinners include: R. N. Rudmose Brown (Scottish Antarctic Expedition), Albert Armitage, H. Dickason, Frank Debenham, G. Murray Levick, C. S. Wright, A. Cherry-Garrard, John Mather, Reginald Skelton, W. R. Colbeck, Raymond Priestley (Scott Expeditions), E. N. Webb (Mawson's Australasian Antarctic Expedition), Ernest E. Mills Joyce, J. M. Wordie, (Shackleton's Trans-Antarctic Expedition), T. W. Bagshawe (Cope's Imperial Antarctic Expedition), QR, I. F. Meiklejohn, A. Stephenson, Brian Roberts, Norman Gurney, E. W. Bingham, Launcelot Fleming, Robert Ryder, John Rymill, Wilfred Hampton, Colin Bertram (BGLE), Paul E. Victor, Vivian Fuchs ("Bunny"), George Lowe, Ken Blaiklock, Edward Shackleton. Several of these signed on more than one occasion, though this is perhaps most true of the BGLE members than others.

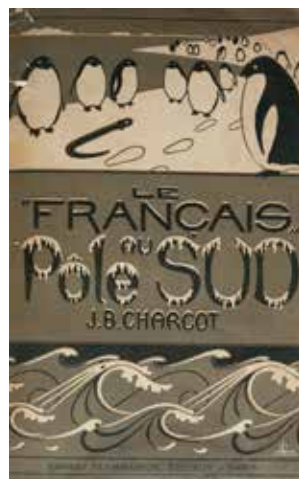
**80. Charcot, J.-B.** Journal de l'Expedition Antarctique Française 1903-1905. Le "Français" au Pôle Sud ... Préface par l'Admiral Fournier ... Suivi d'un exposé de quelques-uns des travaux scientifiques par les membres de l'état-major MM. Matha, Rey Pléneau, Turquet, Gourdon, Charcot. Paris: Ernest Flammarion, [1906]. £2,250

First edition. Royal 8vo. pp. [xiv], XXXVII, 486; numerous mostly photo. illu. s., a few diagrams, 4 sketch maps, one folding map; some age-toning to margins, occasional dust-soiling, good in the original wrappers, somewhat chipped, recently and handsomely rebound in period-style quarter morocco by Bernard Middleton, gilt decorated spine, patterned paper on boards, t.e.g. Provenance: Signed by the author to the half-title "With best compliments Dr. Charcot Paris XII 1906", and with the ownership inkstamp of R. N. Rudmose Brown below, ownership inscription of Raymond J. Adie to flyleaf.



*Denucé 2385; Spence 253; Renard 300; Rosove 60.A1.* Charcot's French Antarctic Expedition began as a search for Nordenskjöld, from whose Swedish Antarctic Expedition there had been no word in the spring of 1903. However, on reaching Buenos Aires and finding that the Swedish expedition had returned safely, Charcot continued to the Palmer Archipelago and the Graham Land Coast. There, in spite of damage sustained by the expedition ship Français, the expedition succeeded in discovering 620 miles of new coasts and islands, making an accurate map of the Graham Land Archipelago, and numerous scientific observations. The present first edition of Charcot's account carries a three-fold Antarctic association: signed by Charcot himself, the book once formed part of the library of R. N. Rudmose Brown, a member of the Scottish Antarctic Expedition of 1902-4; it subsequently passed into the collection of

Raymond J. Adie, director of the British Antarctic Survey and the first South African to land on the Antarctic continent.





**81. Davis, Lieutenant John Edward (1815-1877).** A personal journal kept while serving on the survey of H.M.S. Iris on the West Coast of Ireland, 1st January 1847 to 29th July 1848. £1,250



A small pocket book, approx. 7 x 11cm., 180pp. of which 132pp. contain Davis' journal written in a small but neat hand, daily entries from 1st January to 15th November 1847, two leaves excised at this point, a 4pp. summary of the months following, continued by more daily entries from 6th April to 6th May and from 26th May to 29th July 1848, 3 additional leaves of entries on thin paper loosely inserted to complete the journal from 19th August to 21 September 1847; contemporary quarter roan with marbled boards, lettered by hand to upper board "DAVIS PRIVATE", paper loss to upper board. With the ownership inscription of J. E. Davis, 1847 to front pastedown.

John Davis joined the Navy in 1828, training as a surveyor, and sailed on H.M.S. Blonde as master's assistant to South America (where he took part in Fitzroy's survey of Peru). He joined James Clark Ross's Antarctic expedition (1839-1843) as second master of H.M.S. Terror, producing several accomplished sketches during the expedition, including one of the collision between the two expedition ships on the 13th March 1842 that was reproduced in his posthumously published *A Letter home from the Antarctic* (1901 - the letter relates details of the incident); some of his sketches also illustrate Ross's narrative of the expedition. In 1844, following his return from the Antarctic, Davis served under Commander George Bedford, the hydrographer, then engaged in the survey of the west coast of Ireland aboard various ships, including the Iris (Bedford continued with the survey until 1863).

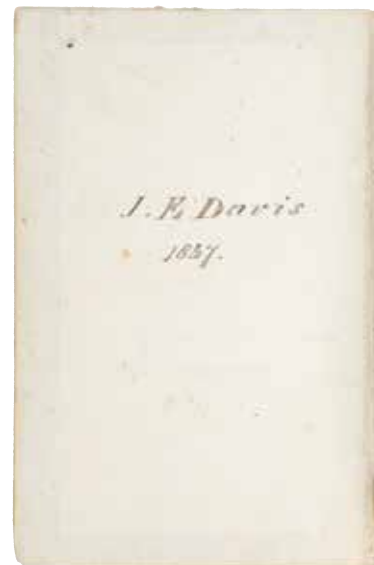
Davis' journal dates from the relatively early years of the Irish survey, and the first entry reads: "New years day [1847]. Began this journal which I hope to keep up but do not expect I shall". There follow daily entries until the 15th November, which closes with the words "Heard from Capt. Bedford about leave - granted". Four pages then summarise Davis' visit to London (at the beginning of this summary 4pp. have been excised from the notebook), and his diary then begins anew with an entry for 6 April 1848 ("Left Galway. The Lily left before us. Anchored in Roundstone"), and continues until the end of July, which ends "Weighed and Stood out Sounded all day on the Vessel South and West of Scoltin (?) & Anchored in Roundstone Received 2 letters from my beloved wife Commenced a letter to her". Here

the diary ends, the remaining leaves unfilled.

18 The journal entries vary in size from a single word to page-length, though the majority consist of a few lines. There are several entries of Antarctic interest. 23rd February 1847: "Anniversary of Reaching the highest Southern Latitude". On the 13th May, 1847, Davis writes: "Anniversary of the Collision of the Erebus & Terror 1842 and my escape from death May I ever be truly grateful to my God for his mercy then vouchsafed." In his summary of the visit to London at the end of 1847, Davis "Called at Reeve's the Publisher for the remainder of the "Flora Antarctica" [Hooker's botanical work resulting from the Antarctic expedition] Paid him." He lunched with Sir William Hooker at Kew, and a few days later "Went to Murray the Publishers saw Mr. Dundas was presented with a copy of Ross's Voyage by Mr. Murray". Shortly afterwards Davis returned to his home in Alvenstoke (near Gosport), and a note for the 9th February 1848 reads: "Had a party which went off very well - saw Pat McClintock who had just received his appointment to the "Enterprise" to accompany Sir J. Ross in search of Sir J. Franklin". On several occasions Davis mentions receiving letters from, or writing to, Joseph Hooker, on the 29th October 1847 receiving a letter from his friend Lyall "telling me about Hooker going to India".

Among the most suggestive entries are those towards its beginning that provide a glimpse of the Potato Famine that affected large parts of Ireland in these years. The fourth entry in the diary notes "Bread 3d per lb. Soup Kitchens opened", and three days later Davis writes "Bread rising - Hundreds of Beggars - relieved a poor woman with 5 starving children". The entries continue: "Rumours of a great rise in Meat"; "Heard Mrs. Daly was getting up a soup kitchen on Taylor's Hill". After a several day storm that washed boats ashore and ruined several properties, Davis "Went to see a poor Woman and her daughter found that part of their roof was blown off that they had pawned their bed and most of their furniture for food - Gave them some biscuit" (Jan 26 1847). In March Davis attended a concert by the band of "the 49th" to raise funds for the poor, with a 6d entry fee "they are but thinly attended more shame to the people of Galway". Davis makes other observations, and for instance comments several times on an election, witnessing "a party of Dragoons with the Stipendary Magistrate at their head conducting the Free and Independent Electors to the Hustings" (15 February).

The greater part of the diary relates to Davis' survey work off the west coast of Ireland, commencing in early April 1847 when he boarded the Iris. He mentions several occasions on which the survey vessel nearly came to grief, hitting uncharted rocks or being caught in a squall and almost blown ashore (e.g. 30 May, 1848 and 20 July, 1848). Each day's entries detail the areas sounded, though without technical details. At several points, Davis mentions sketches that he makes on the spot, and several of these are now at the Hydrographic Office, Taunton.



**82. Evans, E. R. G. R.** *British Polar Explorers.* London: Collins, 1946. £150

Second impression. Small 4to. pp. 48; coloured and b & w illusts.; good in the original boards, in original d.-w. which is worn to extremities, with loosely inserted portrait photograph of Evans by Swain of Bond Street (small crease) and a cropped card with Evans' signature (creased).

Evans, second-in-command on Scott's last expedition, contributed the present volume to Collins' Britain in Pictures series. The studio portrait by Swaine in this copy was probably taken in the late 1930s.



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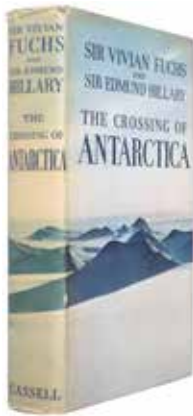
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**83. Fanning, Edmund.** *Voyages to the South Seas, Indian and Pacific Oceans, China Sea, North-West Coast, Feejee Islands, South Shetlands, &c. &c.* With an Account of the New Discoveries made in the Southern Hemisphere, between the Years 1830-1837. Also, the Origin, Authorization, and Progress of the First American National South Sea Exploring Expedition. New York: William H. Vermilye, 1838. £2,500

Second [i.e. first] Edition. 12mo in 6s. pp. xii, 13-324; lithographic frontispiece by Currier; some heavy foxing throughout (as usual), good in the original ribbed green cloth, gilt, slightly faded on spine, minor restoration to extremities. Pencilled inscription to flyleaf: "Presented by the Author with his respects to Honorable Senator A. Robbins as a friendly token of regard." Robbins has signed and dated the front pastedown July 1, 1838, and signed it again on p. 22. Someone, possibly the author, has made pencilled corrections on pp. 49 & 269, and pencilled insertions on p. 185.

*Renard 523; Rosove 120.A1.* According to Stewart (*Antarctica An Encyclopedia*, p. 321), Edmund Fanning "is a seminal figure in early Antarctic History". In 1833, Fanning published a volume entitled *Voyages round the World*, in it relating details of 1820s expeditions to the South Shetland Islands and elsewhere. According to Rosove, "His 1833 book having been a success, Fanning followed it with this one, containing entirely new material. Part VI (pp. 195-216), "A Description of the New South Shetland Islands", by James Eights (1798-1882), is a thorough description of the South Shetland Islands ... based on experiences scientist Eights had during the voyage of the Seraph and Annawan under Benjamin Pendleton in 1829-30." The failure of the South Shetland Islands expedition led Fanning to believe that only a government-sponsored expedition could promote further exploration in the Antarctic. On this basis Fanning canvassed for what was to become the U.S. Exploring Expedition under Wilkes. Documents relating to Fanning's lobbying appear in part V of the present work. The book itself forms as it were a supplement to Fanning's *Voyages* of 1833, and perhaps for this reason all known copies bear on their title-page either 'Second' or later editions.





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**84. Fuchs, Sir Vivian & Sir Edmund Hillary.** *The Crossing of Antarctica. The Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition 1955-1958.* London: Cassell, 1958. £275

First edition. 8vo. pp. xv, 338; col. and b & w illu., sketch maps; very good in the original cloth, d.-w., which is slightly browned on spine. Pasted to flyleaf is a sheet of NZS Co R.M.S. "Rangitoto" letterhead signed by Fuchs and expedition members David L. Pratt, David Stratton, John Lewis, Geoff Pratt, Hal Lister, George W. Marsh, Peter D. Weston, Allan F. Rogers, Ken Blaiklock, Ralph A. Lenton, Roy Homard, Ellis Williams, and Gordon M. Haslop.

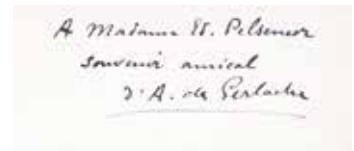
*Spence 490; Renard 567.* This is the leader's account of the first crossing of the Antarctic. The British expedition members returned from the Antarctic via New Zealand aboard the R.M.S. "Rangitoto", and the team members signed the sheet of letterhead included with this copy. (Hillary and other New Zealand members of the team of course did not continue to Britain after the close of the expedition.)

**85. Gerlache de Goméry, Adrien.** *Voyage de la Belgica. Quinze Mois dans l'Antarctique.* Paris: Hachette et Cie.; Brussels: G. Lebègue et Cie., 1902. £1,500



[Second edition.] 8vo. pp. [vi], VI, 292; numerous photo. illu., including many full-page, sketch maps to text, one full-page map; browning to blanks at front and rear, else a very good copy in contemporary morocco-backed boards with original wrappers bound in, lettered in gilt to spine, slightly rubbed. A presentation copy, inscribed to the half-title "A Madame Ed. Pelseeneer souvenir amical d'A. de Gerlache".

*Spence 502; Rosove 147.B2 ("Uncommon").* The privately sponsored Belgian Antarctic expedition of 1897-99 aboard the *Belgica* explored the waters to the west of the Antarctic Peninsular. The crew became the first men to winter in the Antarctic when the *Belgica* was beset by ice and drifted in the Bellingshausen Sea. This copy of the leader's narrative was presented to Bertha Pelseeneer, wife of the Belgian art nouveau architect Edouard Pelseeneer (1870-1947); it also bears Bertha Pelseeneer's ownership inscription to the front blank beneath the inkstamp of 55 avenue Brugmann, the family residence designed by Edouard Pelseeneer.



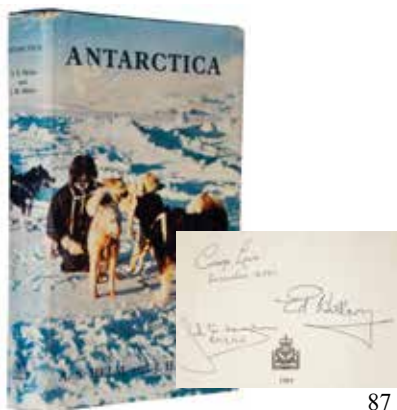
**86. Grinnell, Henry (1799-1874).** A letter, signed, from Grinnell to Capt. Goodenough, R.N., 17 Bond Street, 19th April 1864. £150

8vo. 1p., written in a neat hand, signed 'Henry Grinnell', with the original hand-addressed envelope (torn across front).

Grinnell was a businessman who, on retirement in 1850, sponsored a series of Arctic expeditions, initially in the search for Sir John Franklin. In the present letter, he writes: "Dear Sir, I send the Book and one of the papers I spoke to you about. The one covering Mr Long's speech could not be obtained. When you have quite finished the Book, will you be so kind as to send it to my son as directed. Accept my best wishes for a pleasant voyage and your future prospects. With great regards I am Your Friend Henry Grinnell." Grinnell's correspondent was the British naval officer James Graham Goodenough (1830-1875), who at the time of the letter was in North America on an information-gathering missions to assess the ships and guns in use during the American Civil War.



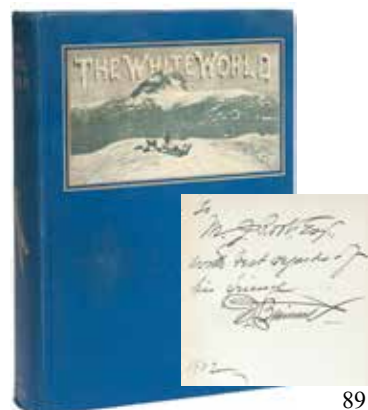
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**87. Helm, A. S. and J. H. Miller.** *Antarctica ... The Story of the New Zealand Party of the Trans-Antarctic Expedition. Wellington, New Zealand: R. E. Owen, 1964.* **£300**

First edition. 8vo. pp. 435; illu., map endpapers; very good in the original rexine, in d.-w. which is slightly worn. Signed to the title-page by George Lowe, Ed. Hillary and John Claydon.

*Spence 582; Renard 696.* The authors, who were respectively secretary of the Ross Sea Committee and Deputy-Leader of the New Zealand Party, describe the Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition 1955-8 from the New Zealand perspective. The book is signed by expedition members Lowe, Hillary, and Claydon (of the Royal New Zealand Air Force).

**88. Hooker, William Jackson.** *Journal of a Tour in Iceland in the Summer of 1809. Yarmouth: by J. Keymer, King-Street, Not Published, 1811.* **£950**

First edition, printed for the author in a very small number for private circulation. 8vo. pp. lxii, 496, 7 (index and errata); hand-coloured engraved frontispiece of "An Icelandic Lady in Her Bridal Dress", 3 plates including 2 folding, wood-engraved illustrations to text; browning to uncoloured plates, else very good in contemporary half calf, expertly restored to extremities, boards scuffed. A presentation copy, inscribed to the half title "R. A. Salisbury Esq. from the Author".

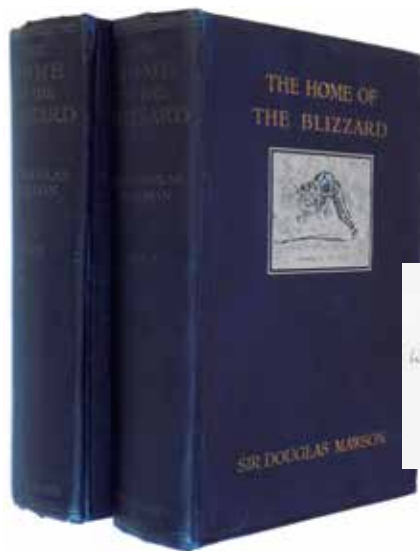
The distinguished botanist William Hooker, who in 1841 became director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, visited Iceland on the advice of Joseph Banks. There he collected specimens of natural history and other material,

but these and the best part of his journals were lost in a fire aboard the ship on which he returned to England (an Icelandic bridal dress, rescued from the flames, is depicted as the frontispiece). His privately published *Journal of a Tour*, with its description of the island and its natural history, had therefore to be written largely from memory. The book was reissued for public consumption in 1813 with some additional material. The recipient of this copy, Richard Anthony Salisbury (1761-1829), was a British botanist and first honorary secretary of the Horticultural Society; Hooker cites him on p. 260 of the present work.

**89. Kersting, Rudolf, ed.** *The White World: Life and Adventures within the Arctic Circle portrayed by Living Explorers. Collected and Arranged for the Arctic Club ... New York: Lewis, Scribner & Co., 1902.* **£350**

First edition. 8vo. pp. 386; frontis., numerous b & w ports. and illu. inc. some by Operti; near-fine in the original cloth, gilt, illust. to upper cover. Inscribed to the flyleaf "To M. J. Root Esq. with best regards of his friend D. Brainard 1902".

*AB 8556.* This volume collects reminiscences and impressions by twenty-two Arctic explorers, including Frederick Cook, Winfield Schley, Walter Wellman, Albert Operti, and others. The book is inscribed by David Brainard, whose recollections of the Greely-led Lady Franklin Bay Expedition appear at pp. 53ff.



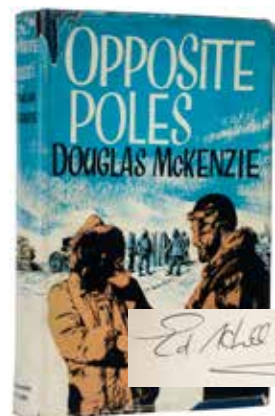
Colonel F. K. Essel  
with kind regards from  
Douglas Mawson  
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**90. Mawson, Sir Douglas.** *The Home of the Blizzard. Being the Story of the Australasian Antarctic Expedition, 1911-1914.* London: William Heinemann, 1915. **£3,750**

First edition. Royal 8vo. 2 vols. pp. xxx, 349 & xiii, 338; photogravure frontispiece to each vol., 273 black & white photographs including some double-page, illustrations to text, 3 large folding maps to rear pocket of vol. II; minor spotting, but generally clean and very good in the original blue cloth, silver vignettes to upper boards, lettered in gilt to upper covers and spines, rather faded to spines, neatly restored to extremities. A presentation copy from the author, inscribed by Mawson on front blank of volume 1 "Colonel F. K. Essel with kind regards from Douglas Mawson 1916".

*Spence 774; Renard 1021; Taurus 100; Rosove 217.A1.* Douglas Mawson led the Australasian Antarctic Expedition to explore the Antarctic continent south of Australia. The scientific results of the expedition were published in a series of reports, and Mawson's narrative of the expedition appeared as the present work. In 1916, Mawson applied to the British government, requesting some form of involvement in the war effort. He was invited to Britain, where he initially assisted with the relief expedition for Shackleton's Endurance expedition. By mid-1916, he had been offered a position with the Commission Internationale de Ravitaillement, coordinating supplies of munitions with the Russian Government. For the purpose, he moved to Liverpool, where he took a room at the North Western Hotel. In a letter to his wife, he wrote that he was "attached to Colonel Essel who is the head British shipping man here" (see Philip Ayres *Mawson: A Life*, p. 117). The current set of Mawson's narrative was probably inscribed to Essel at this time.

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**91. McKenzie, Douglas.** *Opposite Poles.* London: Robert Hale; New Zealand: Whitcombe and Tombs, 1963. **£200**

First edition, New Zealand issue. 8vo. pp. 189; photo. illusts., one sketch map; upper hinge neatly repaired, else very good in the original cloth, a little marked, in d.-w., which is frayed with loss to top of upper joint. Signed by Ed Hillary to half-title, presentation inscription to George Lowe from his sister on flyleaf.

*Renard 960; cf. Spence 740.* McKenzie was a tractor driver on the Trans-Antarctic Expedition, and this account of the expedition contrasts the figures of Fuchs and Hillary.

**92. Mikkelsen, Einar.** *Frozen Justice. A story of Alaska.* London, Copenhagen, Christiania: Gyldendal, 1922. **£85**

First edition. 8vo. pp. [iv], 309, [4, ads.]; one extending map; minor age-toning, else very good in the original cloth, gilt, slightly rubbed. Signed and inscribed to the flyleaf by the author in Danish.

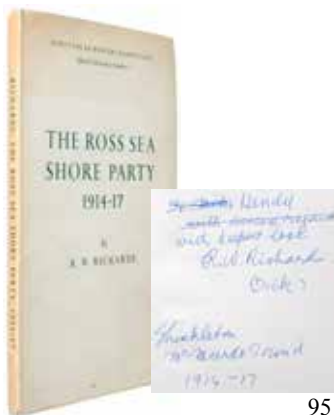
A novel by the Danish explorer Mikkelsen (1880-1971), set in and around Kotzebue Sound on the Bering Strait.



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**93. Murray, James & George Marston.** *Antarctic Days. Sketches of the homely side of Polar life by two of Shackleton's men ... introduced by Sir Ernest Shackleton. London: Andrew Melrose, 1913. £750*

First trade edition. 8vo. pp. xxi, 199; plates and illu. inc. some from photos.; some spotting, else very good in the original cloth, gilt, rubbed, slightly darkened on spine. Signed by co-author George Marston to half-title.

*Spence 831; Renard 1122; Rosove 236.A2 ("Very scarce").* Murray and Marston were members of Shackleton's British Antarctic Expedition 1907-9, the former as biologist, the latter as artist (he later joined Shackleton's Endurance expedition). "The authors spin yarns of personal and human experiences of the expedition with gentle humor and the gift of storytelling" (Rosove). A chapter is devoted to the Aurora Australis, the book printed in Antarctica during the expedition for which Marston provided the illustrations, some of them reproduced here. The book was issued in a deluxe edition signed by the authors and Shackleton, and in this trade edition, which is equally scarce and here signed by Marston.

**94. Peary, Marie Ahnighito.** *The Snowbaby's Own Story. New York: Frederick A. Stokes Company, 1934. £245*

First edition. 8vo. pp. xi, 307; 10 photo. illu., one sketch map; very good in the original cloth, in the original d.-w., which has tear with loss to outer margin of upper panel. Signed by the author to the flyleaf "Marie Ahnighito Peary 'The Snowbaby'."

This is the autobiography of Robert Peary's daughter, born in Greenland during one of his Arctic expeditions.

**95. Richards, R. W.** *The Ross Sea Shore Party 1914-1917. Cambridge: Scott Polar Research Institute, 1962. £375*

First edition. 8vo. pp. viii, 44; 2 plates, one sketch map; good in the original cloth, in d.-w. which is creased on spine, bumped and chipped to extremities, bumped to foot of spine affecting contents. A presentation copy, inscribed to flyleaf "To Mike with sincere regards", this crossed through and then inscribed "Hendy with deepest love R. W. Richards (Dick) Shackleton McMurdo Sound 1914-17".

*Spence 969; Renard 1293; Rosove 269.A1.* Richards was a member of Shackleton's Trans-Antarctic Expedition, and joined the Ross Sea party sent to lay depots in advance of Shackleton's crossing. The Ross Sea

party lost three men, in contrast to Shackleton's Endurance crew, all of whom survived. Several accounts of the Endurance party were written by Shackleton and others, but the only narrative of the Ross Sea Party was Ernest Joyce's *The South Polar Trail* until the publication of Richards' book in 1962. Inscribed copies are very uncommon, even though Richards, one of the youngest members of the expedition, outlived all other members of the expedition, dying in 1985.

**96. Ross, Sir James Clark.** *A Voyage of Discovery and Research in the Southern and Antarctic Regions, during the Years 1839-43. London: John Murray, 1847. £10,000*

First edition. 8vo. 2 vols. pp. lii, [i], 366 & [v]-x, [i], 447, 16 (ads.); 8 litho. plates inc. one folding, wood-eng. vignettes to chapter fly-titles and occasionally to text, 8 charts and maps inc. 3 folding; slight marginal age-toning, else very good in contemporary half calf, gilt, expertly restored to head of spines. A presentation copy from the author, inscribed to vol. I: "C. J. Beverly Esq. With the warm regard of his old friend and messmate J. C. Ross".

*Denucé 2467; Spence 993; Renard 1328; Rosove 276.A1.d ("Scarce").* An important work of Antarctic exploration: Ross's expedition was the first officially to sight the Antarctic continent. Incorporating a scientific programme that included the establishment of observation stations around the southern hemisphere, the expedition also sailed three times into Antarctic waters, making a circumnavigation of the continent. Ross spent some time writing his narrative, which was printed in a run of 1500 or so copies. This copy bears an additional Polar association, since the recipient, C. J. Beverly, served with Ross on the 1818 expedition in search of the North West Passage led by John Ross, uncle of James. Charles James Beverly (1792-1866) joined the Arctic expedition as Assistant Surgeon, but was badly affected by snow blindness. He subsequently was appointed Medical Superintendent of Bethnal Green Asylum where, with John Warburton, he made improvements to the welfare of the patients, including the provision of a library. An unusual explorer-to-explorer association copy.





**97. [Scott, Robert F.] British Antarctic Expedition, 1910.** A sheet of British Antarctic Expedition, 1910, letterhead, signed by Scott, Cherry-Garrard, Bowers, Pennell, E.R.G.R. Evans, and Murray Levick, dated June 1st 1910, Greenhithe. **£2,500**

8vo. 1p., laid down on card, Levick's signature in pencil, the remainder in pen, some signatures a little faded, the paper partly browned, now mounted, framed and glazed.

An unusual record of Scott's last expedition. On June 1st, Scott's expedition ship Terra Nova sailed from London's South West India Docks down the Thames to Greenhithe. Here Scott disembarked, and remained in Britain to raise additional funding after the ship continued on its journey south. He rejoined the Terra Nova two months later in Cape Town. The present sheet of expedition stationery derives from this moment in June 1910 when the Terra Nova reached Greenhithe. It bears the signatures of not only Scott, but also H. R. Bowers (who later perished with Scott on the return from the South Pole), as well as Apsley Cherry-Garrard and G. Murray Levick (from the scientific staff), Harry Pennell (navigator), and 'Teddy' Evans, second in command.



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**98. [Trans-Antarctic Expedition 1956-58.] Share Certificate.** *Offset by C. M. Banks Ltd., n.d. [1955].* **£250**

A large certificate for a One pound (£1) subscription towards the cost of the expedition, approx. 30 x 26 cm., printed in green showing a schematic map of the Antarctic with the expedition route, inset portrait of Hillary, Antarctic motifs, all within a rope border, slight spotting and minor fraying to margins, unused but with the actual signatures of Edmund Hillary and George Lowe to the lower margin.

The Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition was funded in a variety of ways, and among the most striking was the issue of the "Share in Adventure" certificates, an idea first proposed by A. S. Helm, Secretary of

the Ross Sea Committee. According to Helm's account, "Three varieties of share certificates could be purchased; one of 5s. for school children, one for £1, and one for any amount over £1" (Helm & Miller, *Antarctica ... The story of the New Zealand Party of the Trans-Antarctic Expedition*, 1964, p. 61). This unused £1 share formed part of George Lowe's library, who signed it along with Hillary. (An image of George Lowe signing shares can be seen on his Wikipedia entry.)

**99. [Wilkins-Hearst Antarctic Expedition, 1928-30.]** An expedition cover for the expedition, signed by Hubert Wilkins March, 1929. **£150**

An envelope, with sepia design of a ship amid Antarctic ice and a monoplane flying overhead, purple expedition cachet "Wilkins Antarctic Expedition Deception Island", postally used with two Chilean stamps with Valparaiso cancel, Valparaiso cancel dated 15 Feb 2919 (sic), number in red ink to verso, signed by Wilkins to the front of the envelope.

Wilkins had twice previously visited the Antarctic before leading his own expedition in 1928, funded by William Randolph Hearst. The expedition aimed to fly two planes over the Antarctic. During two flying seasons, 1928-9 and 1929-30, Wilkins' team mapped 80,000 miles of new territory in the Antarctic regions. Some of the funding for the expedition came from the sale of expedition covers, to be sent back from the expedition. This example was posted immediately following the return of the expedition from the first season.





**100. [Airship R.34 archive.] Patrick Abbott.** *Airship. The Story of R.34 and the First East-West Crossing of the Atlantic by Air* [July 2nd-13th 1919]. Bath: Adams & Dart, 1973. **£1,750**

First edition. Small 4to. pp. 163; illustrs.; good in the original cloth, worn, the author's own copy, with his ownership inscription to flyleaf; together with a quantity of related ephemera collected by Abbott, including: 1. A Royal Aero Club menu for a Banquet on 23rd July 1919 to celebrate the crossing, signed by eleven of those present including members of the crew of R.34 and related dignitaries; 2. an original pencil and ink drawing of the R.34 by W. Heath Robinson (approx. 19 x 12cm., dated 1921); 3. a signed photographic portrait of AC2 William Ballantyre, the 'stowaway' on the flight; 4. 1p. signed letters from Second Lieut. J. D. Shotter, Major J. E. M. Pritchard, and Rigger Cpl John Forteath, all to Abbott complimenting him on his book, together with further note by Shotter; 5. a contemporary Christmas postcard showing the R.34; 6. 14 modern first day covers commemorating the crossing, one of which is signed by Sgt. A. G. Evenden (Sgt. Engineer on the flight), and another by Ballantyre.

In July 1919, His Majesty's Airship R.34 completed the first round-trip crossing of the Atlantic. The ship departed Scotland on 2nd July, reaching Mineola, New York, on the 6th; four days later she returned to Britain, reaching Pulham, England, on the 13th. The achievement was later described in Patrick Abbott's book *Airship*, whose copy is here offered, together with historical and modern commemorative material relating to the flight. Among the signatures that appear on these items are those of several members of the flight: the airship commander Major George Herbert Scott, who died in the R101 disaster in 1930; the second officer Captain G. Greenland; engineering officer John Shotter; Senior Officer Airship Service General Edward Maitland; navigator Major Gilbert H. Cooke; Special Duties Major J. E. M. Pritchard; Meteorological Officer Lieutenant Guy Harris; the stowaway William Ballantyre, who after initially being rejected for inclusion in the voyage out stowed himself on board and was discovered too late to be parachuted off; and engineer Sergeant A. G. Evenden. Other names that appear are: John W. Davis, United States Ambassador; John Bernard Seeley, Secretary of State for War; the aircraft manufacturer Henry White-Smith; the Earl of Atholl, Chairman of the Royal Aero Club; and W. Heath Robinson, whose name appears on the original sketch of the R.34. The collection also includes part of a letter from Olga O'Riordan, whose name ("Olga Buckley") had originally appeared on the menu, but which "had bene scratched out very firmly"; O'Riordan was among those Abbott thanks in the acknowledgements to his book.



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**101. Auden, W. H. & Louis Macneice.** Letters from Iceland. London: Faber and Faber, [1937]. **£425**

First edition. 8vo. pp. 268; b & w illustrs., one folding map; very good in the original cloth, which is foxed to the boards, in original d.-w., which is a little browned on spine and chipped to extremities. Signed by W. H. Auden to front blank.

Auden and Macneice, the two poets, visited Iceland in the summer of 1936, and recorded their visit in the form of letters and poems, reproduced here.



**102. Bernardin de Saint-Pierre, Jacques-Henri (1737-1814).** ‘Experiences nautiques et observations diététiques et morales proposées pour l’utilité et la santé des marins dans les voyages de long cours.’ The manuscript for an article that appeared in *La Décade philosophique, littéraire et politique*, 30 Vendémiaire an IX [22 October, 1800], pp. 141-5. **£2,750**

5pp. written on two bifolia in a neat clear hand, paper watermarked “PIGNON [?] VIVAT”, signed by the author at the close “De Saint Pierre” and with the note “pour la lecture publique du 15 vendémiaire an 9”, inscribed on the first leaf by Bernardin’s friend and pupil Aimé Martin “Memoires nautiques pour Bernardin dont j’ai cité une passage dans ma preface et qui est inutile” and then transversely “précieux pour la vie de Bernardin de St Pierre”, in very good condition, contained in a 19th c. paper chemise with an engraved 1828 portrait of Saint-Pierre.

Bernardin de Saint-Pierre is today remembered for his much reprinted novel *Paul et Virginie* (1787), influenced by the ideas of his friend Jean-Jacques Rousseau. His first published work, *Voyage à l’île de France* (1773), was based on his 2-year residence as chief-engineer on the island of Mauritius from 1768. He later published the successful *Etudes de la Nature* (1784), in which he first postulated the idea revisited in the present manuscript: the use of sea currents to carry empty bottles bearing notes - the so-called message in a bottle. In the article, Saint-Pierre cites three examples in which bottles were successfully sent and received, the third example being a bottle thrown into the sea just north of Mauritius that reached the Cape of Good Hope. He suggests that sailors trapped on reefs, or shipwrecked, might use such means to make contact with potential rescuers. The article goes on to recount some of his own experiences of travel by sea during his 1768 voyage to Mauritius, and Saint-Pierre recommends the need to provide sufficient water for the health of the crew, and the benefits of conversation and music for the crew’s mental health (he mentions the case of a ship which played bagpipe music for the amusement of the crew, and which reached Mauritius in a faster time than his own ship did without any incidence of ill-health among the mariners). The article closes on a poetic note: “Hommes, animaux, végétaux, métaux, éléments, tout est lié sur le globe par les chaînes de l’harmonie. Les gens de mer en sont les derniers anneaux. Par eux le genre humain est une famille dont tous les membres se correspondent et l’océan un grand fleuve dont les sources sont aux poles.” This manuscript was consulted by Amié Martin, Saint-Pierre’s friend who edited his *Oeuvres complètes* (1818); the notes by him on the front of the manuscript tell that the autobiographical information contained in the article was valuable (“precieux”) for the life of Saint-Pierre.

Government House  
Toronto Feb 25th 1832

Dear Sir

As I have from the Honble  
of A. J. C. having been provided  
to the Lt. Governor during the late  
session of the Legislature regarding  
them to require all such persons  
under the Road Act of 1830 as  
have not made returns in accord-  
ance with the provisions of the  
said Act to make the same forth-  
with stating in detail the con-  
tract and quantity of the work per-  
formed by whom and at what  
price with the receipts of the  
several contractors for the same  
paid in account of the same  
which shall be the basis of the

was pleased to answer in the  
affirmative; I am therefore  
directed by him to call upon  
you for a return as above  
mentioned

Yours most obedt  
Thos M Marchland

Simeon Washburn  
Charles Biggar  
Seph Anderson  
Commissioners under the  
Road Act passed in 1830

Government House  
Toronto Feb 25th 1832

Sir

I have the honor to request  
you by the direction of the Lieutenant  
Governor that the Treasury has been  
pleased to appoint you a Trustee  
of the Public School to be established  
at the town of Hallowell and  
for the district of Towns Head  
equally to be

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Yours most obedt  
Thos M Marchland

Simeon Washburn Esq  
Hallowell

**103. [Canada.]** A small archive of letters and accounts from Prince Edward County, Ontario, about pioneers and road-building by and for early settlers, c. 1830-1836. **£2,000**

Comprising:

Four letters from Chas. Biggar in Murray to Simeon Washburn of Hallowell (May 28th, 1830; Dec 17th 1830; May 13th 1831; August 31st 1831), one letter from James Lyons to Washburn (Murray, Sep 12th 1831), one letter from Edward McMahon to Washburn (Government House, York, Feb 25th, 1832), one letter from an indistinct sender at Government House, Toronto, to Washburn (June 2nd 1834), and one letter from Thomas Marchland to Washburn; sizes ranging from 8vo to foolscap, two letters entirely split along all folds and now in pieces;

'Statement of Road Money Expendit.' signed by Charles Biggar, 1830, foolscap, 1p., signing off on nearly £200 of road works;

'Division of the Money', a small note expressed in dollars, signed by Biggar and Washburn, postmarked Cobourg 26 April, split into sections.

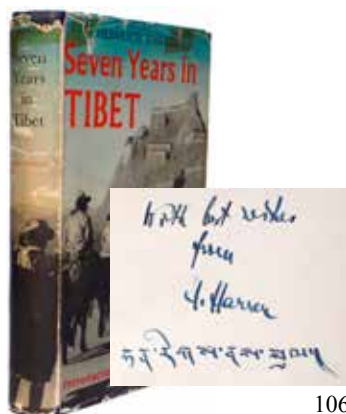
This archive illustrates the early history of road-building in Prince Edward County, Ontario. The work was undertaken by Simeon Washburn (1788-1858), a native of Hallowell, Ontario, whose father Ebenezer had been a merchant, politician, JP and office holder. In 1830 a grant of £200 was made through the Lieutenant Governor and Assembly in York (Toronto), Upper Canada (Ontario) for roads across the first, fourth and fifth concessions, and these letters provide details of the discussion for contracts, and accounts of work, in and around Murray and Hallowell. Prince Edward County on Lake Ontario is half way between Toronto and Ottawa. Carrying Place, mentioned in the letters, is the portage across the isthmus as the north end of the peninsula jutting into Lake Ontario; Hallowell is at the southern end of the peninsula. At this period the town of York was incorporated as the city of Toronto (March 1834), and the two letters sent from Government House in February 1832 and June 1834 illustrate the change in name.



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**104. [Davis, Nathan, 1812-1882.]** An ALS to "Dear Sir", dated Ruins of Carthage, Tunis, 17 February 1857. **£200**

8vo. 4pp., written in a clear hand, signed "N. Davis".

Davis was a British missionary who worked in North Africa in the 1830s and 1840s. In the 1850s he excavated the ruins at Carthage and Utica for the British Museum, sending back material to London. Davis wrote up an account of his discoveries in Carthage and her Remains (1861), followed up in his *Ruined Cities within Numidian and Carthaginian Territories* (1862). The present letter was sent back from the site at Carthage, and reports generally on his work and findings to date. Much of what he finds is of a Roman origin; "Of Punic Carthage there is nothing above ground". He is excited to report the discovery of "a very fine mosaic close to the site where it is believed stood the temple of Juno", and devotes the remainder of his letter to a description of the attempts to remove it, ultimately successful.

**105. Gregson, Rev. J. Gelson.** Through the Khyber Pass to Sherpore Camp, Cabul. An Account of Temperance Work among our Soldiers in the Cabul Field Force. *London: Elliot Stock, 1883.* **£375**

First edition. Small 8vo. pp. viii, 132; mounted real photo. frontis. port. of the author, 5 wood-eng. illu., one folding view of the Sherpore Cantonment; minor spotting, a little shaken in the original cloth, gilt, illustration to upper board, slightly rubbed. A presentation copy inscribed by the author to his wife: "To my beloved wifey, in remembrance of many anxious hours when shut up in Sherpore - Gelson, Munanié, Oct 1, 1883".

Gregson travelled in India and Afghanistan during the Second Afghan War (1878-1880), and was present in the British Cantonment of Sherpur outside Kabul when it was attacked by Afghan forces in December 1879. Gregson's work on temperance among the British troops provides an unusual perspective, presented in these pages through diary entries that relate his experiences in the field.

**106. Harrer, Heinrich.** Seven Years In Tibet. Translated from the German by Richard Graves. With an Introduction by Peter Fleming. *London: Rupert Hart-Davis, 1953.* **£250**

Second impression. 8vo. pp. xiii, 288; coloured frontis., photo. illu., one double-page sketch map; good in the original cloth, in d.-w., which is frayed with some sellotape repairs, sellotape adhesion to endpapers. Signed by the author to flyleaf in Roman letters and in Tibetan.

*Neate H40; Yakushi H90b; Perret 2167.* Harrer took part in the 1938 first

ascent of the Eiger's North Face, and the following year joined an expedition to Nanga Parbat in the Himalaya. On his return from the expedition, he and his colleagues were made prisoners-of-war, and *Seven Years in Tibet* tells the story of his internment and subsequent escape.

**107. Hedin, Sven.** Across the Gobi Desert. *London: George Routledge & Sons, Ltd., 1931.* **£675**

First edition. 8vo. pp. xxi, 402; photo. illu., one sketch map, two folding maps; embrowning to endpapers, some foxing to fore-edge, else very good in the original cloth, gilt, in the original d.-w., which is frayed to extremities and darkened on spine. A presentation copy from the author, inscribed to front blank "To Harvey Cushing with hearty greetings from his friend Sven Hedin Dec. 1931".

*Yakushi H189c.* Hedin led the Sino-Swedish expedition to Central Asia in 1927-33, and wrote popular accounts of the expedition over a series of publications, of which this is the first. The book describes the years 1927-8, being the journey from Paotou to Urumchi through the Gobi Desert. This copy was presented by Hedin to the American neuroscientist and pioneer brain surgeon Harvey Cushing (1869-1939). In 1929 Hedin had suffered from a suspected tumour, and Cushing examined him at the Boston hospital in which he worked. Cushing concluded after his examination that "There is no occasion here to operate; I find no indication of a tumour, and it would be absurd to cut you open" (*Riddles of the Gobi Desert*, p. 124). Up to this point Hedin's explorations had been on hold, but with this confirmation he continued his work. The two men kept up a friendship from this time; the Cushing Center in Yale still owns objects presented by Hedin to Cushing.

**108. Hedin, Sven (1865-1952).** A portrait postcard, signed. *N.p.* n.d. c. 1920s. **£175**



A fine b&w head-and-shoulders photographic portrait, approx. 105 x 150mm., signed by Hedin to the foot of the card "Mit herzlichen Dank Sven Hedin", in very good condition.

A studio portrait of the Swedish explorer of Central Asia.





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**109. [Lear, Edward.] Flavius Josephus.** The Jewish War of Flavius Josephus: a new translation by the late Rev. Robert Traill ... Edited, with notes, by Isaac Taylor. *London: Houlston & Stoneman, 1851.* **£350**

Large 8vo. pp. xii, 258, lxiv; iv, [xiii]-xvi, [v]-xi, 252, lxx-cxciii, [15, index], [3, list of plates]; 77 eng. plates of views, portraits and plans; very good in the original cloth, gilt, sometime expertly rebacked with original spines laid down, bumped to corners. Edward Lear's copy, with his inscription to each title-page dated 1858.

Lear had spent the years 1854-6 in Corfu and Greece, returning to London in 1857. Later that year he visited Corfu, Egypt and Palestine, and for the winter went to Rome. It was during his stay there in 1858-9 that he would have purchased the present volumes.

**110. Newby, Eric.** A Short Walk in the Hindu Kush. *London: Secker & Warburg, 1958.* **£350**

First edition. 8vo. pp. 247; photo. illu. s., 2 folding maps, one sketch map to text; very good in the original cloth, in d.-w., which is worn and frayed with tape repairs to verso. A presentation copy, inscribed "John Lewis with best wishes from Eric Newby 25.3.59", with the dedicatees bookplate to front pastedown.

*Neate N16; Yakushi N46.* Newby's story of his and Hugh Carless' travels in Nuristan (North-east Afghanistan) includes an account of their failed ascent of Mir Samir. The relative inexperience of the two travellers provides many entertaining moments, nicely counterpointed by the final episode in the book - a chance meeting with the caravan of the "English explorer" Wilfred Thesiger.

**111. Seymour, H. D.** Russia on the Black Sea and Sea of Azof: being a Narrative of Travels in the Crimea and Bordering Provinces; with Notices of the Naval, Military, and Commercial Resources of those Countries. *London: John Murray, 1855.* **£350**

First edition. 8vo. pp. xxiv, 361; frontis., one plate of Antiquities, four plans inc. three folding; minor marginal age-toning, else very good in nineteenth century half calf gilt, rebacked with original spine laid down (slightly worn). A presentation copy, inscribed to front blank "With the author's compliments", and with four ALS from the author bound in at front, three addressed to Mary Ford, Mary Ford's ownership inscription to frontispiece recto (dated 1855), her bookplate to front pastedown, and monogram in gilt to upper cover.

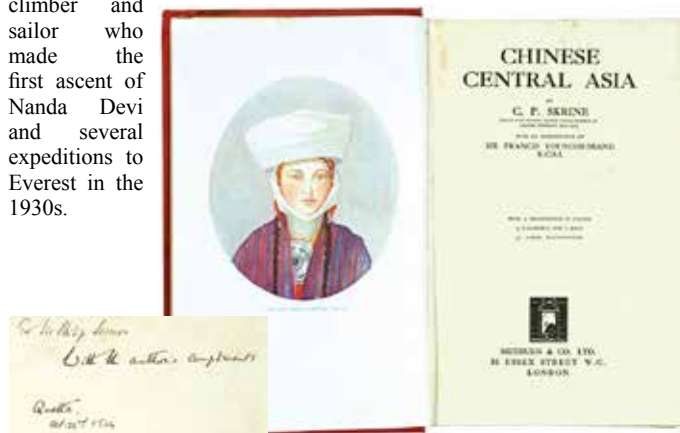
Henry Danby Seymour spent nearly three years in the Caucasus, visiting

the Crimea in 1844 and Southern Russia in 1844 and 1846. His experiences formed the basis for the present work, issued while Britain and her allies were at war with Russia in the Crimea; Seymour also draws on publications by other travellers to the region. This copy was signed by Seymour for Mary Ford, of Pencarrow, the autograph collector and wife of the traveller Richard Ford. Mary Ford had the book bound up with three letters sent to her by the author, and another letter from the author to the diplomat and traveller John Crawford. (Mary Ford's prestigious collection of autographs was auctioned by Sotheby's in December, 1999.)

**112. Skrine, C. P.** Chinese Central Asia ... With an Introduction by Sir Francis Younghusband. *London: Methuen & Co. Ltd., [1926].* **£1,250**

First edition. 8vo. pp. xvi, 306, 8 (ads.); coloured frontis., photo. illu. s., one folding panorama of the Kongur massif, one folding map, map front endpapers; neat repair to map, else very good in the original cloth, gilt, faded on spine. Provenance: presented "To Sir Philip Sassoon With the author's compliments Quetta Oct. 22nd 1934" with the Port Lympe book label to upper board; subsequently in the library of H. W. Tilman with his pencilled ownership inscription to the title-page.

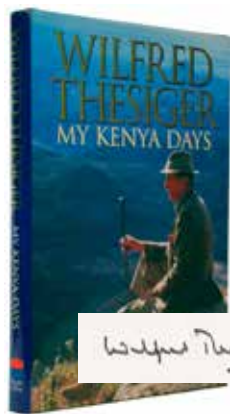
*Yakushi S270.* "The author was appointed Consul-General at Kashgar, and started off from Srinagar to Kashgar through Gilgit, Hunza, Mintaka Pass and Tashqueghan in 1922 on a journey of two and a quarter years. Then he explored Qungur [Kongur] peaks, and made tours to Yarkand, to Khotan, and to Keriya" (Yakushi). The book previously belonged to Bill Tilman, the climber and sailor who made the first ascent of Nanda Devi and several expeditions to Everest in the 1930s.





Captain & Miss Barker  
I hope you will come to  
Tea at my bachelor house  
on Sunday the 9th  
5-7 o'clock

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Wilfred Thesiger

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Vesey Dawson  
to  
Frank Younghusband  
April 1927

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**113. Slatin, Rudolf C.** *Fire and Sword in the Sudan. A Personal Narrative of Fighting and Serving the Dervishes. 1879-1895...* Translated by Major F. R. Wingate. *London: Edward Arnold, 1896.* **£375**

First English edition. Thick 8vo. pp. xviii, [i, List of Illustrations], 636; port. frontis., 21 b&w plates, one folding plan of Khartoum, one large folding map; map misfolded, else very good in the original cloth, gilt, t.e.g., with loosely inserted Slatin's visiting card, with his printed name and address ("Cairo") and a brief note in his hand to the recto.

One of the best personal accounts of the Mahdist period in the Sudan. Slatin had been governor of Darfur when Gordon fell at Khartoum, and was taken captive by the Mahdists. He remained a prisoner for eleven years, but escaped from his captors at Omdurman, partly through the interventions of Major Reginald Wingate of the Egyptian Intelligence Department. The story of his three-week journey across the desert to Aswan in March 1895 is related in these pages, which also give much information on the Sudan under the Khalifa (the Mahdi's successor). The copy of Slatin's visiting card with this copy has his written note: "Captain & Miss Barker I hope you will come to Tea at my bachelor house on Sunday the 9th 5-7 o'clock".

**114. Thesiger, Wilfred.** *My Kenya Days.* *London: HarperCollins, [1994].* **£175**

First edition. 8vo. pp. xiv, 224; fine in the original cloth, d-w., with wraparound for Waterstone's Booksellers. Signed by Thesiger to the title.

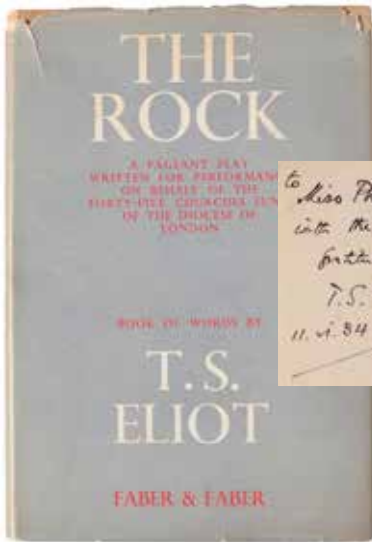
Thesiger's memoir of Kenya and the Samburu people of Maralal, his home for many years.

**115. Younghusband, Sir Francis.** *The Light of Experience. A Review of Some Men and Events of My Time.* *London: Constable & Co Ltd, 1927.* **£175**

First edition. 8vo. pp. x, 305, [2, ads.]; one sketch map; foxing at front and rear, else very good in the original cloth, gilt, a little marked. Inscribed by author to flyleaf "Vesey Dawson from Frank Younghusband April 1927".

Younghusband's reminiscences describe his journeys in Manchuria, the Himalaya, the Pamirs, Tibet, India, as well as those he knew in England as a members of various societies. He inscribed this copy to his brother-in-law, Vesey Dawson, whose sister Helen married Younghusband.





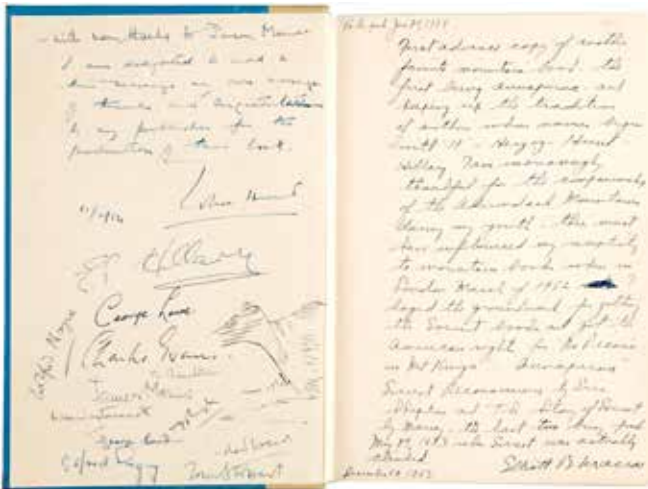
*To Miss Phyllis Wood (Eden Bar)  
with the author's  
further appreciation  
T.S. Eliot  
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*Inscribed to  
Miss Mrs. C. Churchill  
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