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ESTC N21210. The London Chronicle for May 1761 advertises the Baskerville Aesop, as well as this smaller 'schools' edition with all of the same plates but printed by Dodsley, at 3/- instead of Baskerville’s 5/-.

£125.00


8vo. Chatto and Windus. 1882. £50.00


12mo. C. Davis. 1752. £395.00


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215.  BELL, Catherine D.  The Children’s Mirror; or, which is my likeness. First edition. 348pp., half-title., 9 elaborate plates, with a coloured illustration mounted within ornate gilt borders. Each plate has a poem by Jane Taylor on the verso, and it’s accompanying story is developed around the title of the verse, and exemplifies a moral ‘likeness’ for a young girl; the chatter-box, the poppy, or, the conceited duck, the violet, the pin, the vulgar little lady, the pigs, negligent mary, finery, and the snail. A very good copy in original blind and gilt stamped red cloth. Some scattered foxing.  
8vo.  T. Nelson and Sons.  1859.  £85.00

216.  BEWICK.  Somerville, William.  The Chase. A Poem. First edition with Bewick’s woodcuts. (2) + xv + (i) + vii + (i) + 126pp., title-page vignette and 12 wood engraved illustrations. A very good copy in superb full contemporary dark blue morocco. Ornate and wide gilt borders made up of linked cornucopias with flowers and small stars. The outer border is reminiscent of Edwards of Halifax’s ‘cigar’ tool. At each corner of the inner panel is a large gilt dandelion. The spine in six compartments with ornate gilt decoration, gilt dentelles composed of rope-twists and flower heads, all-edges-gilt, marbled endpapers. Some slight foxing to the title-page. Much scarcer than the 1802 second edition. Hugo 94; Pease 68.  
4to.  W. Bulmer & Co.  1796.  £650.00
217. BEWICK, Thomas. Fables by the late Mr Gay. In One Volume Complete. (4)pp + 222 + (2)pp., frontispiece, title-page ornament and woodcut headpiece to each of the fables. Full contemporary tree calf, joints cracked but firm. Some foxing, and wear to the lower edge of the first leaf of text, not affecting any lettering. First published with the Bewick woodcuts in 1779. 12mo. for J. Johnson. 1810. £85.00

218. BEWICK. Dodsley in Miniature: or, the Polite Fabulist. With cuts by Bewick. 106 + (2)pp adverts., woodcut vignette on title-page, woodcut illustrating each of the 52 fables, and also woodcut tailpiece decorations. A good copy in recent boards, using contemporary marbled paper, and dark green vellum spine. Title-page a little age browned, and slight foxing, but a very good copy. Scarce. 12mo. York: Thomas Wilson & Son. 1810. £160.00


219. BEWICK, Thomas. A General History of Quadrupeds. The sixth edition. x + 525 + (i)pp advert., 225 woodcut figures of animals, 111 vignettes and tail pieces, and a woodcut figure in the text. A very good copy bound later 19th century calf, gilt panelled spine with red morocco label. Some foxing to the title-page and final leaf. Very slight wear to the foot of the spine. 8vo. Newcastle upon Tyne. Edward Walker. 1811. £160.00

“Only one new figure, the Musk Bull (p.49) is added; and although a number of cuts are in revised state it is to be noted that in every case the alteration amounts to no more than a redrawing of the ground, the face of a rock or the ragged end of a branch...It is, however, interesting to note that Bewick did take the opportunity of making this general overhaul of the cuts; no less than twelve of them are so treated”. Roscoe 6, noting that “this edition is scarce nowadays; such copies as turn up are usually in very poor shape, the penalty of having been issued only in demy size.”
220. BEWICK, Thomas. Bewick’s Select Fables of Aesop and Others. Faithfully reprinted from the rare Newcastle edition published by T. Saint in 1784. With the original wood engravings... and an illustrated preface by Edwin Pearson. xl + 312pp., frontispiece, 36 illustrations to the preface and all the original woodcuts to the Fables reproduced. A very good copy in handsome full contemporary red calf prize binding. Gilt panelled spine with olive green label. Several pages of the preface are rather foxed, otherwise a clean copy. 8vo. Bickers and Son. 1886. £95.00

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222. BOCCACCIO, Giovanni. Decameron di Messer Giovanni Boccaccio. Cobretto ed Illustrato con Note. Eight volumes bound in four. Full contemporary vellum, with gilt rope-twist lines on the spines, and red morocco labels. 12mo. Parma. Dalla Stamperia Blanchon. 1812. £225.00


226. BURN, Richard. The Justice of the Peace, and Parish Officer. The seventeenth edition... to which is added, an appendix, containing the Act respecting Aliens, and such others as have passed in the present session. Four volumes. A very good set in full contemporary calf, raised bands and black gilt labels. Crack to the lower centre of one spine but only extending as far as the bottom raised band. Foot of one spine chipped. Armorial bookplate of the Burton Constable Library. 8vo. A. Strahan. 1793. £280.00

227. [BUTLER, Samuel]. Hudibras. The First [Second & Third]. Written in the time of the late wars. Corrected and amended, with several additions and annotations. (18) + 198pp; 167 + (1)p; 226pp. Three parts in one, with separate titlepages, pagination and register, the imprint of part 2 reads: “printed for R. Chiswel, G. Sawbridge; R. Wellington, and G. Wells”, and that of part 3: “printed for Thomas Horne”. A good clean copy bound in worn contemporary panelled calf, front board detached, retaining the most handsome red girt morocco label. Contemporary ownership name on the front endpaper of J. Walwyn, 1719. 8vo. J.M. for Geo. Sawbridge. 1709. £35.00

228. CALDECOTT, Randolph. Randolph Caldecott’s “Graphic” Pictures.Complete Edition. Four parts in one, with separate title-pages & pagination. 96pp; 71pp; 71pp; 83pp., illustrated throughout, mostly in colour, and many full-page. A very good copy in original decorative cloth, in a later card slipcase. oblong folio. George Routledge & Sons. 1889. £125.00

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232. CHILD’S MAGAZINE. The Child’s Magazine for One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Five [with 1836, 1837, 1838, & 1839]. Five volumes 390pp; 384pp; 384pp; 384pp; 384pp. In near fine condition bound in contemporary quarter dark red roan, with decorative gilt bands and dates, marbled boards. With the ownership name of Maria Ford, 1845 neatly written on each endpaper.
12mo. Devon, [Shebbear]: S[amuel] Thorne. 1835-1839. £160.00

Unrecorded in Copac, which notes The Child’s Halfpenny Magazine, printed in Devon by Samuel Thorne between 1853 and 1855.

The Thorne family are believed to have had their origins in Newton St Petrock in North Devonshire, a parish that adjoins the parish of Shebbear. Whilst the whole family became Bible Christians and even Mary Thorne, James’s mother, went off to preach around the countryside, it was James and Samuel who made the greatest impact upon the movement. The Bible Christian movement was a reaction to an environment of poverty and religious hypocrisy in a remote and rural area of North Devonshire at a time of strong religious revivalism across the south west of England. Samuel Thorne established the Bible Christian printing press at Stoke Damerel in Plymouth, where he married Mary O’Bryan, the daughter of William O’Bryan, on 28 November 1825. The press was subsequently moved to Shebbear in 1829. Samuel and Mary had nine children of which Samuel Ley Thorne was the best known, as a preacher. As well as running the Bible Christian press, Samuel Thorne also ran Lake Farm in Shebbear.

ESTC T140407. The dedication is signed Tho: Parsell.

234. COLQUHOUN, Patrick. A Treatise on the Police of the Metropolis; containing a detail of the various crimes and misdemeanors by which public and private property and security are, at present, injured and endangered: and suggesting remedies for their prevention. The seventh edition, corrected and considerably enlarged. (16) + xvi + 655 + (1) + (31) index + (1)pp., half-title. A fine copy in full contemporary marbled calf, gilt banded spine with black gilt label. Name of C.E. Branfill, Captain 3rd Dragoons, 1815, at the head of the title-page. Slight rub at the foot of the spine. 8vo. J. Mawman [and others]. 1806. £320.00

First published in 1796, Colquhoun’s Treatise argued strongly in favour of the establishment of a single system of police throughout the metropolis, police including both a paid body of constables for the prevention and detection of crime and a salaried and efficient magistracy. Although he was apparently a somewhat pompous and domineering character, and a zealous advocate for keeping the people in due subjection to the powers above them, there was nevertheless, a heart more alive to the domestic interests of the poor. He was one of the first men in this country who promoted a system of feeding the poor, in times of severe distress, by cheap and wholesome soups. And, in the famine of 1800, few men were more active in behalf of the starving population. He also took an early interest in the system of charity schools, being of opinion, that the true way of improving the condition of the people, was to enlighten their minds. In 1803, he was instrumental in founding a school in Orchard street, Westminster, in which three or four hundred children of both sexes were taught the rudiments of human knowledge.

235. COTTON, Sergeant-Major Edward. A Voice from Waterloo. A History of the Battle fought on the 18th June 1815, with a selection from the Wellington dispatches, general orders, and letters, relating to the battle. Illustrated with engravings, portraits and plans. Seventh edition, revised and enlarged. xviii + 280 + (4) + 16pp., half-title., 4 plates (1 folding), folding plan, and 6 portraits in the text. A good clean copy in original plum pebble grain gilt cloth. Covers a little rubbed and just slightly worn at the head and tail of the spine. small 8vo. Mont-St-Jean. 1877. £40.00
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237. DALTON, Michael. The Countrrey Justice, containing the practice of the justices of the peace out of their sessions: gathered for the better help of such justices of peace as have not been much conversant in the study of the laws of this realm: now again enlarged, with many precedents and resolutions of the quære’s contained in the former impressions... Whereunto is also added by way of appendix under their proper heads all such acts and ordinances as are necessary to be known and put in execution by the justices of the peace made and published before the yeer 1655. [12] + 43 + 48-227 + 264-476 + 476-477 + 477-502 + [10]pp., engraved title-page, and folding table (torn without loss). Full contemporary calf, raised bands, original red morocco label. Expertly repairs to the joints and head and tail of the spine. Some foxing to the endpapers and pastedowns, otherwise a generally clean copy. Spine rubbed and gilt label darkened. ESTC R2291. folio. For the Company of Stationers. 1655. £480.00


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8vo. A. Millar and T. Cadell. 1768. £495.00

ESTC N24237, BL and National Trust only in the UK, and Library Company of Philadelphia, McMaster, and Michigan in North America. The binding is designed for display, with the lady’s name on the upper boards, although there are a number of pen crosses in the margins, marking particular phrases, indicating that the work was also read by Ann Lane.
In fact by Frederick II, edited by Voltaire, with the text of ’The Prince’ and A. N. Amelot de la Houssaye’s preface to his French translation.

“In 1740, the 28 year old crown prince Frederick of Prussia published a slim volume of commentary with the unequivocal title of Anti-Machiavel, a book written in French for style, printed in Holland for precaution, and published anonymously for discretion. Such safe guards, long in the planning, had little effect: the book was swiftly translated into the major European languages... and the thin cover of anonymity was almost immediately blown off by scandal. ... the book is filled with outraged denunciations of Machiavellian politics and psychology; from its opening comment that “The Prince is in point of morality what Spinoza’s work is with regard to faith”, the text is undiscriminating in its use of evidence and vigorous with its assaults against those widely-recognised enemies, intrigue, treachery, dissimulation and unscrupulous double-dealing. Impossible to summarize fairly, the central portion of the work institutes an almost perfect mirror reversal of the statements in Machiavelli’s famous, or notorious, eighteenth chapter of The Prince, entitled “In what ways Princes should keep their word”. Frederick’s arguments here embody and develop the claim that the ruler must keep faith with his subjects, who are not (as Machiavelli had them) foolish and feeble, but fully able to detect fraud, resist pretence, and see across that ideological distance separating reality from its various representations. The lynchpin of Frederick’s counterblast is the recognition, as he phrases it, that, “to judge men by their words and professions would be the way to be always mistaken; we therefore compare their actions with one another, and then with their words; and against this repeated examination, falsity and deceit will find no refuge.”

This bold statement was no sooner uttered than retracted, for on 31 May 1740 Frederick became king, and performed a decisive volte face. Ref: M. Shortland. Setting Murderous Machiavel to School. Journal of European Studies, 1988.

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12mo. For Thomas Osborne. [1755?].

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Mandeville published versions of his notorious Fable of the Bees from 1714 to 1732. It was actually built around an earlier poem - ten pages of doggerel - entitled The Grumbling Hive, or Knaves Turned Honest, which he had published in 1705. Here he counterposed the supposed life of ease and luxury enjoyed by a society devoted to vice, to the poverty and economic ruin brought on by pursuing virtue and honesty. The Fable defends his earlier paradox that social benefit is the unintended consequence of personal vice. It is an argument that is generally held to lie behind Adam Smith’s doctrine of the ‘hidden hand’ of economic development.

259. MILTON, John. The Poetical Works. Three volumes. A very good clean set bound in recent quarter morocco, marbled boards, raised bands, and gilt lettered spines. small 8vo. William Pickering. 1832. £65.00

261. MONTESQUIEU, C.S. Lettres Persanes. Nouvelle edition. Two volumes in one. (4) + 214 + (10)pp; (4) + 238 + (10)pp., half-titles., title-pages printed in red and black. A very good copy bound in full contemporary mottled calf, decorated gilt spine and red morocco label. Very slight in splash to the lower edge of the book block just visible on the surface of a few leaves. 12mo. Cologne. Pierre Marteau. 1752. £95.00

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Vincenzo Monti (February 19, 1754 - October 13, 1828), Italian poet and scholar.

presentation copy from the author

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Loosely inserted is a presentation letter from the author. “L. Murray, with the expression of his regard and esteem for his friends Thomas and James Backhouse, requests them to accept from him a copy of the fourth edition of his octavo Grammar, which accompanies this note. Holdgate, 8th of 6th month, 1821.” With the engraved book label of “Tho: & Jas: Backhouse, Nursery and Seedsmen, York.”


265. OBEDIENCE TO PARENTS. 48pp. A very good copy in original gilt lettered pebble grain cloth. No author, publisher, or printer is noted, and the work is unrecorded in Copac. 12mo. [1839]. £60.00

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The Magazine commenced publication in August 1850, hence the erratic numbering at the start of this volume, which was never bound with the issues for 1850.

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First published in 1760 and translated by Frances Brooke, this edition is scarce, ESTC recording 3 copies only, BL, Library of Congress, and Illinois.

272. RICHARDSON, Samuel. Clarissa, or, the History of a Young Lady: comprehending the most important concerns of private life. Eight volumes. The sixth edition. Full contemporary sprinkled sheep, raised and gilt ruled bands, with red morocco labels. A good clean set, some wear to the joints, and head and tails of the spines. 12mo. J. Rivington [and others]. 1768. £295.00

273. RIQUETI, Honoré Gabrieli, Comte de Mirabeau. Dénonciation de l’Agiotage, au Rou et a l’Assemblée des Notables. viii + 150pp. An uncut copy in original wrappers which are rather worn. A few pages dusty, but generally a clean copy internally. Provenance: Contemporary signature of W. Danby of Swinton Park, Yorkshire. 8vo. 1787. £35.00

Mirabeau had offered himself as a candidate for the office of secretary to the Assembly of Notables which the King Louis XVI had convened, and to bring his name before the public published this financial work, the Dénonciation de l’agiotage, which abounded in such violent diatribes that he not only lost his election, but was obliged to retire to Tongres.

274. RITSON, Joseph (ed). Robin Hood: a collection of all the ancient poems, songs, and ballads, now extant, relative to that celebrated English outlaw. To which are prefixed historical anecdotes of his life. lxxiv + 240pp., half-title., woodcut vignette. A very copy bound in near contemporary half calf, marbled boards. Gilt banded and lettered spine. The preface notes that this re-edited version of Ritson’s edition, has been specially prepared for “young persons”, and that it is hoped that it will be of interest following the recent publication of Scott’s Ivanhoe. foolscap 8vo. Longman. 1820. £180.00

276. RUSKIN, John. The Ethics of the Dust. Ten lectures to little housewives on the elements of crystallisation. Second edition. xvii + (3) + 244pp., half-title. A good copy in contemporary limp pebble grain morocco. Gilt lettered spine rather rubbed. All edges gilt. First published in 1866, the author provides a new preface to this edition, which opens, ‘I have seldom been more disappointed by the result of my best pains given to any of my books, than by the earnest request of my publisher, after the opinion of the public... that I would “write no more in dialogue!”’
8vo. Smith, Elder and Co. 1877. £10.00

277. RUSKIN, John. Praeterita. Outlines of Scenes and Thoughts perhaps Worthy of Memory in my Past Life. First edition. Together with Dilecta... illustrating Praeterita. Four volumes bound in three. vii + (2) + 432pp; (4) + 442; (2) + 182pp; 171 + (1)pp., steel-engraved frontispiece double portrait, and 3 plates. Contemporary dark red half morocco by Mansell, top-edges-gilt., A little rubbing to the head of spines and corners, and slight occasional foxing. large 8vo. George Allen. 1886-1900. £180.00

278. SHAW, Bernard. The Works. 32 of 34 volumes. All near fine copies in original gilt lettered cloth.
8vo. Constable and Co. 1931. £150.00

279. [SHAW, Peter]. The Tablet, or Picture of Real Life; justly representing, as in a looking-glass, the virtues and vices, fopperies and fooleries, masks and mummeries of the age. With the true Characters Of the Wise and Good. In a Select Set of Essays, Serious and Jocose, upon the most interesting Subjects. Address’d to those who dare to think for themselves, and attempt, in Earnest, to improve Mankind. xx + 371 + (1)p adverts. Full contemporary sprinkled calf, double gilt ruled borders, raised and gilt banded spine. Contemporary ownership name of H. Wigley on the front end paper.
8vo. for T. Longman. 1762. £280.00

“We may say of the modern writers, that... ‘if they were sifted from piracies, little would remain the sieve’. We have not near so many new books as new title-pages. Authors frequently make the public a present of stolen goods, disguised, to prevent discovery.” Hoisted by his own petard, this is in fact a re-issue of the 1750 work ‘The Reflector’, with a cancel title-page.

4to. Chatto and Windus. 1907. £50.00
281. STERNE, Laurence. A Sentimental Journey through France and Italy. A new edition. Two volumes. (2) + 203 + (1)p; (2) + 208pp. A superb copy finely copy bound in full contemporary sprinkled calf. The gilt spines are decorated with large thistle motif in each compartment surrounded by four small stylised flower heads. Original red and olive green gilt labels. With laid down slip bearing signature ‘Charriere’ on verso of front end paper in both volumes. It would be tempting to assume that this indicated the ownership of Belle de Zuylen, also known as ‘Zélide’, who engaged in a tempestuous relationship with James Boswell (see Boswell in Holland, ed. Frederick A. Pottle, Yale UP, 1952, pp. 293-385). After the breach with Boswell she married Charles Emmanuel de Charrière. She knew English well and at one point there was a plan for her to translate Boswell’s Account of Corsica. 12mo. T. Becket and P.A. de Hondt. 1768. £680.00

282. STERNE, Laurence. The Works of Laurence Stern (sic), A.M. Prebendary of York, and Vicar of Sutton on the Forest, and of Stillington, near York. 16 volumes bound in 5. Portrait frontispiece. Full contemporary calf, gilt panelled spines with red and green morocco labels. Joints cracked and some chipping to several head or tails of the spines. 12mo. n.p. n.d. [1769]. £650.00

This is the first collected edition of Sterne’s works, comprising of a spurious 3rd edition of Tristram Shandy. 9 volumes in 2. [London: printed in the Year 1769]; The Sermons of Mr Yorick. 2 volumes, [London: printed in the Year 1769]; A Sentimental Journey... Yorick’s Sentimental Journey Continued... & A Political Romance. 5 volumes in 1. [London: printed in the Year 1769]. All volumes have a separate title-page, and the ‘Works...’ appears as a half-title to each of the volumes. ESTC T14715: BL, C, O only in the UK; 8 copies in USA.

283. STERNE, Laurence. A Sentimental Journey through France and Italy. Five volumes in one, each with separate title-page, but continuous pagination. 328pp. A very good copy bound in nineteenth century half calf, gilt panelled spine. Signature of Agnes Wagstaffe 1777 on the first title-page. Probably a pirated edition, ESTC T14755 noting that the imprint is false. 8vo. P. Miller and J. White. 1774. £120.00

This includes: Sentimental Journey (vols 1,2), 'Yorick’s Sentimental Journey Continued. .. By Eugenius’, i.e. John Hall-Stevenson (vols.3, 4); and 'A Political Romance’ (vol.5).

284. SWIFT, Jonathan. The Posthuminous Works of Dr Jonathan Swift, Dean of St Patrick’s, Dublin. Three volumes. A fine set in full contemporary sprinkled calf, raised and gilt banded spines with red morocco labels. 12mo. Edinburgh: John Balfour. 1766. £260.00

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285. TAYLOR, Jeremy. Ductor Dubitantium, or the rule of conscience in all her generall measures; serving as a great instrument for the determination of cases of conscience. In four books. First edition. Two volumes in one. (6) + xl + 559 + (1)p; (2) + 558pp + 1f errata and bookseller’s catalogue., engraved emblematic frontispiece, engraved portrait, and a vignette engraving on the second title-page. Both of the printed title-pages are handsomely rubricated. Some very slight worming, mainly a single small hole just touching a few letters and disappearing after the first 200 pages. Old non intrusive waterstaining to the margins of some pages, but all in all a very good clean fresh copy.

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