

A black silhouette of a mountaineer in profile, facing right. The figure is wearing a long-sleeved jacket and pants, and is holding a long ice axe with both hands. The background is a solid yellow color.

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A black silhouette of a mountain range with several peaks, located at the bottom right of the page.

The Conquest of the Spire - Mount Fitzroy in Patagonia One of the Most Difficult Climbs of All

1 Azema, M. A. *THE CONQUEST OF FITZROY* Translated by Katharine Chorley and Nea Morin (London: Andre Deutsch, 1957) First edition. A copy with provenance, coming from the library of famed climber Eric Roberts. Illustrated with plates of black and white photographs. 8vo, original navy blue cloth lettered on the spine in gilt, in the dustjacket. 237 pp. The book is quite fine, clean and fresh, the jacket still complete and attractive but with some age evidence and edgewear and with a few repairs on the verso.

FIRST EDITION. The French Expedition to Mount FitzRoy, in the Patagonian Andes, reached the summit in February, 1952. Their triumph was remarkable not because of the mountain's height but because of the difficulties presented by its formation and geographical position. FitzRoy, a steeple of rock honed to a naked point by the appalling Pacific gales, faces the climber with 'sheer cliffs from which earlier expeditions had not even been able to guess at a route to the summit.
\$85.

The First Ascent of One of the Great Himalayan Peaks *Rakaposhi* - First Edition in Dustjacket - 1959 A Copy with Fine Provenance - Eric Roberts' Copy



2 Banks, Mike. *RAKAPOSHI* Foreword by Field-Marshal Sir Gerald Templer (London: Secker and Warburg, 1959) First Edition. A copy with fine provenance, from the library of famed climber Eric Roberts. Illustrated with a frontispiece in colour and many plates of photographs in black and white. 8vo, publisher's original red cloth lettered on the spine in silver, in the dustjacket. 238 pp. The book is fine, very fresh and clean with only a little mellowing at the extremities, the jacket preserved completely though with some edge-wear or rubbing from use.

FIRST EDITION WITH PROVENANCE. In June of 1958 one of the world's last great unclimbed mountains, the Himalayan Giant RAKAPOSHI (25,550 ft.) yielded at last to conquerors. They were the author, Mike Banks, a captain in the Royal Marines and Surgeon-Lieutenant Tom Patey of the Royal Navy. This is the story of Banks' two primary expeditions to the mountain, first in the British-American Karakoram Expedition of 1956 and again in the British-Pakistani Forces Himalayan Expedition of 1958. Rakaposhi has an uninterrupted vertical rise of approximately 19,685 feet, making it the tallest mountain on land when measured from the base to peak.
\$100.

***The Puma's Claw* - Simon Clark First Edition Adventurous Mountaineering in the Andes of Peru**

3 Clark, Simon. *THE PUMA'S CLAW* With an Introduction by Sir John Hunt (London: The Adventurers Club, 1959) First edition. This copy with provenance, from the collection of famed climber Eric Roberts who died in an avalanche on Annapurna. Beautifully illustrated with expedition photographs, including a frontispiece in colour, and with four maps. 8vo, original sky-blue cloth lettered on the spine in black, in the publisher's dust-jacket. 223 pp. The text and binding essentially fine with only some minor mellowing, the jacket attractive and complete with some minor edge wear.

FIRST EDITION WITH PROVENANCE OF THIS DIFFICULT TO FIND ACCOUNT OF THE ASCENT OF PUMASILLU, especially so in an attractive jacket. This is the story of a mountain, of adventure and hard climbing in the High Andes. But it is not just another expedition book. Simon Clark does not seek to give an official account of a group, but simply to recount his own intensely personal experiences as a member of a mountaineering venture to South America. In doing so he puts the flesh and blood of adventure into print.
\$75.

Mountaineering in the Himalayas
The First Ascent of Kangchenjunga the Untrodden Peak
First Edition with Fine Provenance

4 Evans, Charles. KANGCHENJUNGA THE UNTRODDEN PEAK (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1956) First edition. This copy with fine provenance, from the collection of famed climber Eric Roberts who was killed in an avalanche on Annapurna as well as from the collection of Geoffrey Summers, a member of the Climbers' Club and the Arctic Club who joined the Merton College Arctic Expedition in 1923. Illustrated with 5 color photos, 32 black and white photos, 2 maps, and 5 diagrams. 8vo, publisher's original black cloth in the dustjacket. xix, 187 pp. A very fine copy withal, the dustjacket with a small bit of loss at the head of the spine panel.

FIRST EDITION AND A COPY WITH FINE, DOUBLE PROVENANCE. An account of the first successful ascent of the mountain. Recommended by Neate (249). With appendices listing equipment, food, oxygen system, medical care, and a list of the suppliers who furnished the above.

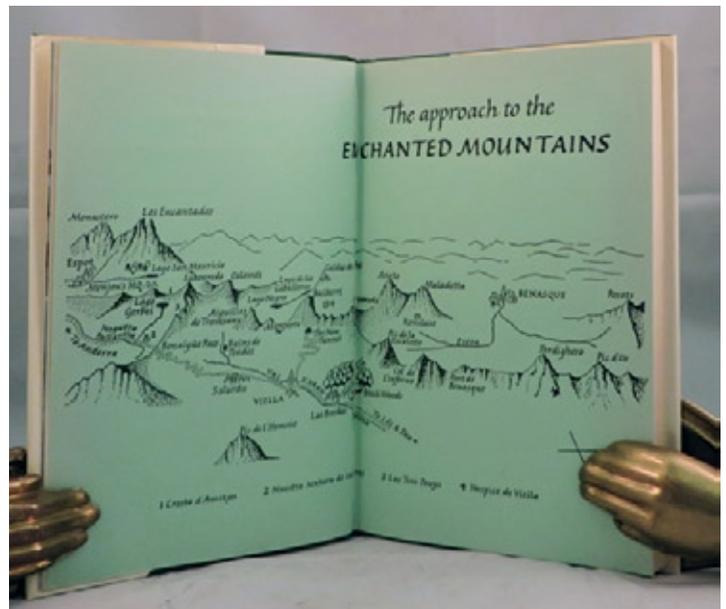
\$100.

The Enchanted Mountains - First Edition - With Provenance
Climbs and Strolls in the Pyrenees of Europe

5 Fedden, Robin. THE ENCHANTED MOUNTAINS A Quest in the Pyrenees (London: John Murray, [1962]) First edition. A copy with fine provenance, coming from the library of famed climber Eric Roberts. With colour artwork by John Piper reproduced as frontispiece, sketch maps printed on green stock, 5 plates from photographs by Basil Goodfellow and one plate from photograph by Ramon Pujol i Alsina. 8vo, green cloth lettered on the spine in gilt, in the dustjacket. 124 pp. The book is a very fine copy, essentially as mint, the jacket bright and clean with some minor evidence of age.

FIRST EDITION AND A COPY WITH FINE PROVENANCE. Robin Fedden's journeys and climbs in the Pyrenees with his companions in the late 1950s evoke the wonder and magnetism of mountains. Perfectly capturing the space and desolation of Los Encantados, Fedden brings the crumbling villages and local mythology to life in this evocative book.

\$75.



First Edition - A Scarce and Important Mountaineering Work
Below the Snow Line - Douglas W. Freshfield - 1923

6 Freshfield, Douglas W. BELOW THE SNOW LINE (London: Constable and Company Limited, 1923) First Edition. Illustrated with nine full-page maps. 8vo, publisher's original dark green cloth, the spine lettered in gilt. viii, 270 pp. A handsome, clean, bright and well preserved copy, the green cloth especially nice with no fading at all to the spine, no rubbing and tight, sharp corners.

SCARCE FIRST EDITION. The contents are especially concerned with the Maritime Alps, Corsica, The Apennines, the Dinaric Alps, The area of the Bernina, Savoy, the Bergamasque Alps and a good chapter on Japan and the Mountains of the Moon.

A significant and highly regarded mountaineer, Douglas Freshfield was, for a time, the President of both the Alpine Club and the Royal Geographical Society and was also author of "The Exploration of the Caucasus", "Unto the Hills", the "Italian Alps" and a number of other significant mountaineering books. Neate 293.

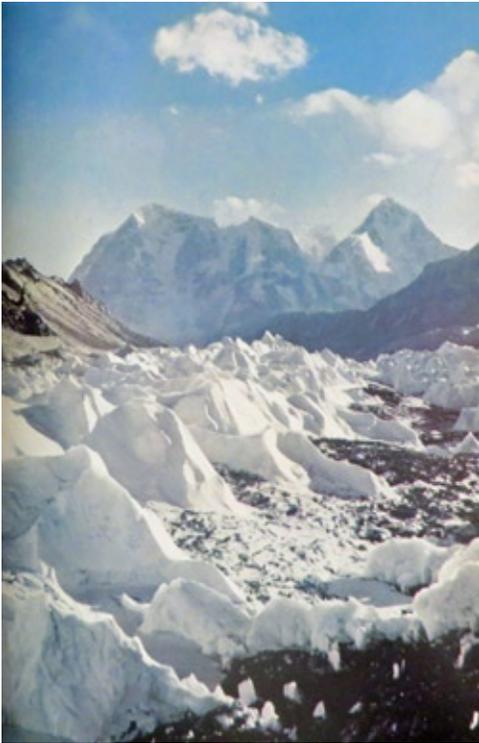
\$195.

**Eiger - The First Ascent of the North Face in Winter
One of the Greatest Achievements of a Alpine Climbing**

7 Hiebeler, Toni. NORTH FACE IN WINTER The First Winter Climb of the Eiger's North Face March 1961 Introduced and Translated by Hugh Merrick (London: Barrie and Rockliff, 1962) First edition in English. This copy with provenance, coming from the library of famed climber Eric Roberts who died young in an avalanche on Annapurna. With glossy black and white plates from photographs taken on the ascent. 8vo, publisher's buckram lettered on the spine in brown, in the original dustjacket. 121pp. A fine copy, the book very much so, the jacket with no wear but just a little darkening or general mellowing.

FIRST EDITION OF THIS EXCITING ACCOUNT AND A COPY WITH PROVENANCE. The North Face of Eiger had long been considered impossible to climb, a sheer, constantly disintegrating rock face that drops 6000 feet from the summit. It was not ascended till 1938 and that with a great loss of life. Toni Hiebeler had long dreamt of not only climbing the North Face, but of doing so in winter. This is the remarkable story of his expedition to do so.
\$100.

**The Ascent of Everest - John Hunt - The First Successful Ascent
First Edition - A Fine Copy in Dustjacket - 1953**



8 Hunt, John. THE ASCENT OF EVEREST (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1953) First edition, first issue. Extensively illustrated with 48 photographs in black and white and 8 in colour and additionally, with several drawings. 8vo, publisher's original blue cloth with gilt lettering on the spine, in the publisher's original pictorial dustjacket. xx, 300 (with index). A fine and bright copy, the dustjacket very fresh and with only a little evidence of age or use, the textblock in nice order, very clean. A very well preserved copy.

A FINE FIRST EDITION COPY. Hunt reached as high a point on the mountain as any of the members other than Hillary and Tenzing.

The story of how, "on 29th May, 1953, two men, both endowed with outstanding stamina and skill, inspired by an unflinching resolve, reached the top of Everest and came back unscathed to rejoin their comrades.

"Yet this will not be the whole story, for the ascent of Everest was not the work of one day, nor even of those few anxious, unforgettable weeks in which we prepared and climbed this summer. It is, in fact, a tale of sustained and tenacious endeavour by many, over a long period of time... We of the 1953 Everest Expedition are proud to share the glory with our predecessors.

"And this will not be the story of those two men alone. In this or any other mountain venture, sound and successful climbing is fundamentally a matter of teamwork... The ascent of Everest, perhaps more than most human ventures, demanded a very high degree of selfless co-operation. It would be difficult to find

a more close-knit team than ours. In this, and in the work of our Sherpas, lies the immediate secret of our success" (dust-jacket).

The book also includes a foreword by the Duke of Edinburgh, a chapter by Sir Edmund Hillary describing his achievement of the summit, and an interesting appendix which includes a list of day to day notes on physiology and medicine written by the expedition's physiologist and doctor.
\$125.

**The Red Snows - An Account of Climbing in the Caucasus
First Edition - Sir John Hunt and Christopher Brasher**

9 Hunt, Sir John; Brasher, Christopher. THE RED SNOWS. An Account of the British Caucasus Expedition 1958 (London: The Travel Book Club, 1960) First Edition, second impression. Famed climber Eric Roberts' copy. 8vo, publisher's original green cloth, lettered in black on the spine panel, in the colour illustrated dustjacket. 174 pp. A fine copy with very little evidence of use, the dustjacket complete and well preserved.

AN IMPORTANT BOOK ABOUT ONE OF THE SIGNIFICANT EXPEDITIONS TO CONQUER CAUCASION PEAKS and also, the pains of putting an expedition on the ground in the Soviet Union during times of cold war conflict. After five years of application and planning, the expedition finally made it to their goal.
\$95.

Sir Harry Johnston's Kilima-Njaro Expedition - 1886
A Scarce and Important Work on Equatorial Africa
In the Rarely Seen Complete Decorated Cloth Binding

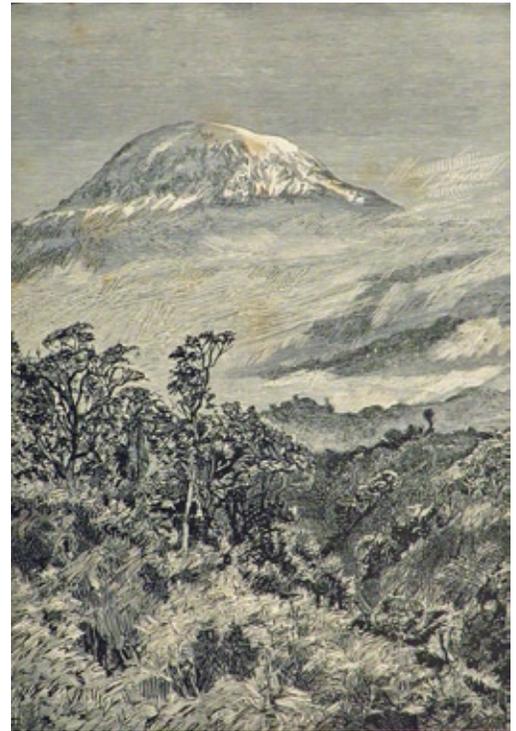
10 Johnston, H.[arry] H.[amilton]. THE KILIMA-NJARO EXPEDITION, A Record of Scientific Exploration in Eastern Equatorial Africa and a General Description of the Natural History, Languages, and Commerce of the Kilima-Njaro District. (London: Kegan Paul, Trench and Co., 1886) First Edition. With over 80 illustrations including 15 full page plates, 6 maps, 2 of which are folding and two of which are full page plates, and many illustrations in the text by the author. Large 8vo, in the publisher's original red cloth, upper cover pictorially decorated with a picture of Kilima-Njaro in black and cream and lettered in black, spine lettered in gilt. xv, 572, 36, publisher's list pp. A handsome copy in the rarely found original cloth. Some typical mellowing and evidence of age, but the colours and gilt still very well preserved and attractive, the text very clean and fresh, a touch shaken at the hinges. The book is rare in completely original binding.

RARE FIRST EDITION IN ORIGINAL CLOTH. *Sir Harry Johnston was one of the most popular explorer/authors of his day and this is one his least commonly found works.*

After travelling through southern Angola with the Earl of Mayo, Johnston continued to the Congo basin where he secured the support, and became close friends with, Henry Stanley. At that point, the Royal Society commissioned Johnston to undertake a scientific expedition to Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Although Johnston would reach neither of the two peaks he would climb to over 16,00 feet along the "saddle" of the mountain which runs between Kibo and Kimawensi. He gathered a rich collection of plants and insects which were sent back to England.

The expedition also achieved an unexpected but significant political result. Under the auspices of the British Agent and Vice-Consul of Zanzibar, Sir John Kirk, Johnston effected treaties with the chiefs of several local tribes to accept British protection. These treaties would later form the basis of the foundation of the British East Africa Protectorate of 1895.
\$950.



Alpine Pilgrimage - 1934 - First Edition
By the World Famous Mountaineer - Dr. Julius Kugy

11 Kugy, Dr. Julius. ALPINE PILGRIMAGE (London: John Murray., 1934) First Edition. A copy from the publisher, with "Compliments" slip enclosed. Rare. Illustrated with 22 photographic plates, including 1 map. 8vo, publisher's original crimson cloth lettered in gilt on the spine, and with a pictorial gilt decoration on the upper cover of a simple mountain scene, in the original dustjacket. xxii, 374 pp, 2 ads. pp. An essentially fine copy, quite clean internally, the binding bright and very well preserved. The dust jacket in very good condition with a few chips, and a bit of edge wear.

VERY SCARCE FIRST EDITION OF THIS WORK OF FASCINATING ALPINE MOUNTAIN ADVENTURES. *Dr. Kugy tells first of his exploration of the Julian Alps, where he was the uncrowned king among those brilliant cragsmen, the chamois-hunters and poachers. Then, passing westward, he takes us to Monte Rosa and Mont Blanc, to Savoy and Dauphine. No other great Alpine pioneer has written with a fuller understanding of the spirit of the mountains. This is not a book for mountaineers only; the descriptions of forest and pasture, rock and snow, sunshine and storm, the sympathetic sketches of guides and companions, must appeal to all who love mountain scenery and travel.* -Publisher
\$145.

Zermatt and the Valais - A Mountaineering Delight
A Very Fine Copy in the Original Dustjacket
A Copy of the First Edition with Fine Provenance

12 Lunn, Arnold. ZERMATT AND THE VALAIS (London: Hollis & Carter, 1955) First edition. A copy with fine provenance, coming from the library of famed climber Eric Roberts. With frontispiece and eight illustrations from photographs on double-sided glossy plates. 8vo, publisher's bright green buckram lettered on the spine in black, in the original dustjacket. x, 211 pp. A very fine copy of the book, the text and green cloth near as new, the jacket with some minor edge wear and minor general mellowing most visible on the white rear panel.

FIRST EDITION, AND VERY UNCOMMON IN SUCH WONDERFUL STATE OF PRESERVATION. A copy with fine provenance. "Here is a book which will be a delight not only to mountaineers and winter-sports enthusiasts—to whom the author, one-time President of the Ski Club of Great Britain, needs no introduction—but also to that much wider public, actual or armchair travellers, who not only love the beautiful places of the earth, but find their enjoyment of them immeasurably enriched by just such informative companionship as is here offered. Sir Arnold makes this land live for us..."

- Dustjacket

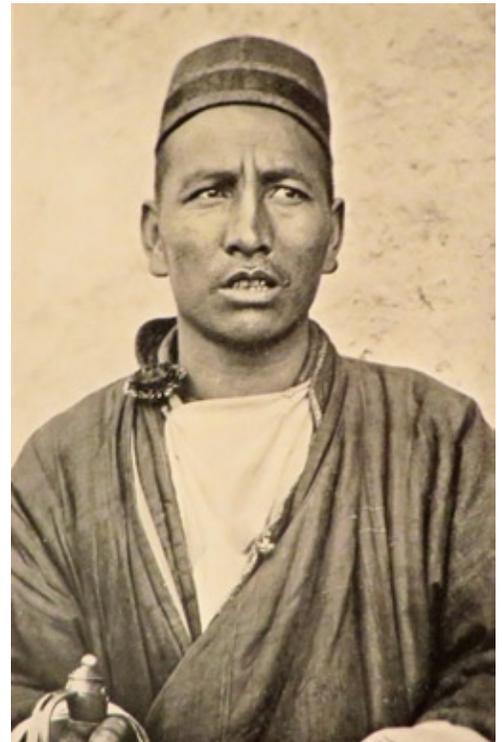
\$75.

To Lhasa in Disguise - 1924 - Against All Odds
William Montgomery McGovern's Important Work on Tibet

13 McGovern, William Montgomery. TO LHASA IN DISGUISE. A Secret Expedition Through Mysterious Tibet (London: Thornton Butterworth, Ltd., 1924) First edition, second impression. With a portrait frontispiece and 23 illustrations from photographs on glossy plates and four maps within the text. 8vo, original publisher's blue cloth lettered in gilt on the spine and upper cover. 352 pp. A very good and pleasing copy, the cloth well preserved though somewhat mellowed at the back as is generally the case, the text-block and hinges are in good order with a bit of the usual mellowing.

FIRST EDITION, EARLY IMPRESSION, OF THIS CORNERSTONE WORK. Travels in 1922 to Lhasa through Sikkim as part of the British "Buddhist Mission." During the trip McGovern was granted a secret interview with the Dalai Lama. Lhasa, in fact all of Tibet, was at the time rigidly guarded against outside visitors. Facing insurmountable obstacles (certainly not the least of which was being caught in his intrusion), McGovern refused to be turned away at the border and instead with the help of only one servant entered the country in disguise. Yakushi M133a. Marshall 2582.

\$450.



Mountain Climbing - Ruwenzori 1975 - Scarce First Edition
The Ascent by the Polish Ruwenzori Expedition

14 Polish Mountaineering Club. RUWENZORI 1975 - POLISH RUWENZORI EXPEDITION (Katowice: Klub Wysokogorski, 1975) First edition, the issue in English. The copy of famed climber Eric Roberts who died in an avalanche on Annapurna. Illustrated throughout. 8vo, in the original highly decorated stiff paper wrappers. 24 pp. text, followed by 34 pp. advertisements in English for Polish industries. Beautifully preserved with only the lightest mellowing.

RARE IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ISSUE. This is the program for the Polish Mountaineering Club's 1975 expedition to the Ruwenzori in Uganda. The well-illustrated text gives a brief history of Polish achievements in Alpinism; a description of the tactical program of the expedition; an introduction to the members of the expedition with portraits; descriptions of the Ruwenzori, the flora and fauna, and of Mount Kenya and Kimimanjaro; and a history of Polish mountaineers in Africa. A very unusual piece, rare in the English issue.

\$145.

First Edition - *Alpine Studies* - A Classic Work - 1912
W.A.B. Coolidge - Illustrated with Full-Page Plates

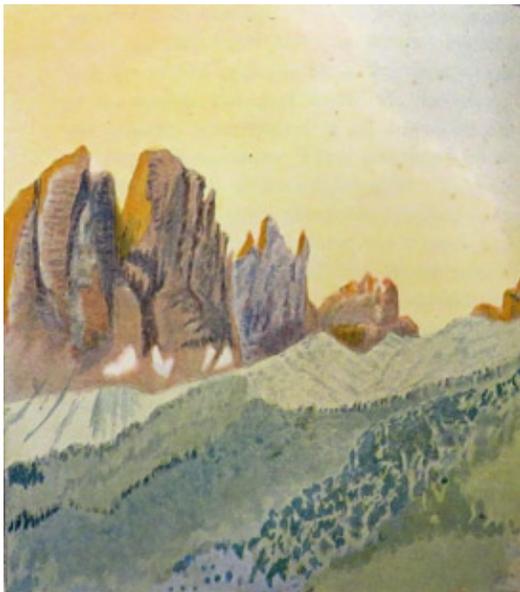
15 Coolidge, W.A.B. ALPINE STUDIES (London: Longmans, Green and Co., 1912) First Edition. Illustrated with a number of full-page plates throughout, the list of illustrations extensively annotated as to exactly what the viewer is seeing including location and height values. An excellent sourcework. 8vo, publisher's original green cloth lettered in black on the upper cover and in gilt on the spine. xiii, [1], 307 pp. A very good and well preserved copy, the binding tight and in good order with some mellowing to the spine panel and turnovers caused by exposure over the years to light, some of the typical spotting associated with the paper but confined primarily to the foredge and not effecting the text-block otherwise.

FIRST EDITION OF THIS CLASSIC WORKS BY ONE OF THE GREAT CLIMBERS OF HIS AGE. Coolidge was also a scholar extraordinaire and renown for his knowledge of the mountains of Europe. He was senior fellow at Magdalen College, Oxford University; an Honorary member of the American, French and Italian Alpine Clubs and Silver Medalist of the Paris Geographical Society.

Sections of the book address climbing throughout the Alps in many of the most iconic areas that are still famous today, including the Dolomites, Tyrol, Grindelwald, The Wetterhorn, Jungfrau and the Schreckhorn. Coolidge discusses winter climbing and gives a long history of the Alps, itself a major section of the book. Additional there is a good section on the sub-alpine areas of Switzerland, its pastoral settings and its most beautiful vantage points.

The arrangement of the chapters is according to specific classification--climbing, the history of the Alps, and Switzerland in particular. The first section includes journeys in the maritime and Cottian Alps, the Dauphiné Alps, the Alps in winter, the Dolomites whether in Tyrol or Switzerland. The historical section discusses the first attempts made on a number of the mountains including Monte Rosa and the Matterhorn. The third section discusses especially the Swiss mountains and climbs and wanderings below the snow-line as well as a pleasing driving tour.

The illustrations are taken mainly from the fine mountain photography of Vittorio Sella and W.F. Donkin.
\$110.



J. Sanger Davies - *Dolomite Strongholds* - First Edition
The Last Untrodden Alpine Peaks - 1894 - Published London

16 Davies, J. Sanger. DOLOMITE STRONGHOLDS. The Last Untrodden Alpine Peaks. An Account of the Ascents of the Croda di Lago, the Little and Great Zinnen, the Cinque Torri, the Fünffinger Spitze and the Langkofel. (London: George Bell and Sons, 1894) First Edition. Illustrated throughout with a map and illustrations by the author with a number in colours. 8vo, publisher's original marooned cloth, lettered in gilt on the spine and with a gilt pictorial image tooled into the upper cover, coated endleaves. xii, 176 pp. A well preserved copy, still handsome and just a trifle aged, the gilt is bright and the book is clean throughout, hinges are tight and strong, the text-block is in good order, a handsome copy.

FIRST EDITION. Climbing adventures in the Alps and Dolomites. The last conquered peaks.
\$225.

G.R. De Beer - *Alps and Men* - First Edition - 1932
The Beautiful Eastern and Western Alps of Switzerland

17 De Beer, G.R. ALPS AND MEN. Pages from Forgotten Diaries of Travellers and Tourists in Switzerland (London: Edward Arnold & Co., 1932) First Edition. With a great profusion of illustrations on full-page plates, as drawings in the text and with a number of maps including those as cartographic end-leaves. 8vo, publisher's original blue cloth, lettered in white on the spine. 256 pp. A fine copy, very well preserved, fresh and clean inside and out.

FIRST EDITION. Concerned especially with the Western and Eastern Alps of Switzerland, including some of the most famous areas known for hiking and climbing--Grindelwald, Eiger, Mönch, Lauterbrunnen, Murren, Jungfrau, Kandersteg,

Maloja, Sils-Maria and St. Moritz and many more of the greatest and most beautiful peaks known.
\$85.

**An Authoritative and Important Historical Text
Mountaineering in Europe in the Earliest of Times
Early Travellers in the Alps - G.R. de Beer - 1930**

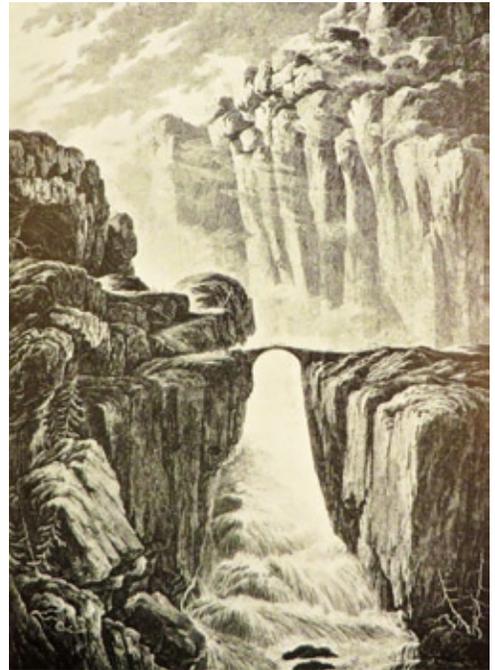
18 de Beer, G.R. EARLY TRAVELLERS IN THE ALPS (London: Sidgwick & Jackson, Otd., 1930) First Edition. Illustrated throughout with a great profusion of full page plates and illustrations in the text, a number of maps are also included including a large folding map at the end of the volume. 8vo, publisher's original green cloth lettered in black on the spine and upper cover, in the original printed dustjacket, the upper cover with pictorial illustration. xx, 204 pp. A fine copy, the dustjacket in quite excellent condition, the text-block clean, the book tight and very well preserved, the green cloth with age mellowing probably from defects in the colouring.

FIRST EDITION. A fine history by one of the most prolific of the mountaineering authors. De Beer was a well thought of historian of mountaineering and of the Alps. Neate 204
\$125.

**Mountains of Britain
An Exceptional Copy - First Edition - With Provenance**

19 Pyatt, Edward C. MOUNTAINS OF BRITAIN (London: B T Batsford LTD, 1966) First edition. A copy with fine provenance, coming from the library of famed climber Eric Roberts. Illustrated throughout including a large number of impressive black and white plates from photographs. 8vo, original green cloth, lettered on the spine in gilt, in the publisher's dustjacket featuring a beautiful colour photograph by Noel Habgood. 216 pp. A very fine copy, as close to pristine as one could hope to find.

FIRST EDITION IN UNCOMMONLY FINE CONDITION, AND A COPY WITH PLEASING PROVENANCE. Pyatt writes not only of the sport of climbing but also of the mountains themselves, the history, the geology and most importantly of the simple pleasures of walking, climbing and caving amongst them. A wonderful book.
\$50.



**Everest 1933 - Hugh Ruttledge
One of the Great Everest Books in Fine Condition**

20 Ruttledge, Hugh. EVEREST 1933 (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1934) First edition, early issue, October 1934, same as the first issue in the same binding and as the first issue. With 59 sepia full-page illustrations from the original photos, 3 diagrams in text, 4 maps (3 folding). Large, thick 8vo, publisher's original dark black cloth lettered in gilt on the spine. xv, 390, including index. A fine, handsome and clean copy.

IMPORTANT FIRST EDITION. A SCARCE ACCOUNT OF ONE OF THE EARLIEST TREKS UP EVEREST, SCARCE IN SUCH EXCELLENT CONDITION. This is the story of the Mount Everest Expedition of 1933, led by Hugh Ruttledge, the author, and describes one of the earliest attempts made to climb Mount Everest. This expedition did not stand alone in the series of man's effort to reach the higher summits of the world, but was rather a stage in the evolution of mountaineering, in the adaption of the body to exotic conditions, and in the mastery of matter by the spirit. It began with experience dearly won by other men through toil and danger... and it was an expedition which stretched men to their breaking points. For the first time, mountaineers were able to sustain sleep conditions at the highest altitudes and were able to adapt rather successfully to conditions in the highest regions.

"Hugh Ruttledge led this expedition, which was one of the first to attempt the climb of Mount Everest. Ruttledge's team included Frank Smythe, Eric Shipton, Wyn Harris and L. R. Wager, and it was the latter two who managed to reach 28,200 feet in their attempt to determine the possibility of climbing the northeast ridge. Their decision was that the ridge could not

be climbed and they were forced to traverse the face instead. This work is a classic in the history of the climbing of Mount Everest, a feat finally accomplished twenty years later by Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay of Nepal." Kahn '04

The climbing of Everest was a challenge still unmet when this expedition ended. But the foray made set still another important building block into the journey that would eventually succeed in 1953 under the leadership of Sir Edmund Hillary. A classic work in the mountaineering genre. Neate R99; Yakushi R213a.
\$375.

**Josephine Scarr's Adventures *Four Mile High*
The Exhilarating Story of an Incredible Journey
First Edition of This Classic Work by a Woman**

21 Scarr, Josephine. FOUR MILES HIGH (London: Victor Gollancz LTD., 1966) First edition. A copy with pleasing provenance having been part of the library of famed climber Eric Roberts. Extensively illustrated with photographs by various expedition members. 8vo, original navy blue cloth lettered on the spine in gilt, in the dustjacket. 188 pp. The book a fine copy, the jacket very good with only a little age-wear to the edges and fold lines and some modest mellowing.

FIRST EDITION. A REMARKABLE STORY. FOUR MILES HIGH tells the story of Josephine Scarr, a 24 year-old recent graduate of Classics from Cambridge, who lives her dream of climbing mountaintops in the Himalayas. With another woman no older than herself she formed the "Women's Kula Expedition", received backing from the R.G.S. and Everest Foundation and launched themselves on an eight thousand mile journey and a year-long Indian adventure making what everyone said was impossible possible. From start to finish this is a delightful book.

\$75.

**Very Handsomely Bound in Fine Red Morocco
Frank Smythe - *Mountaineering Holiday - To the Alps*
Climbs in the French Alps and Mont Blanc**



22 Smythe, F. S. [Frank]. MOUNTAINEERING HOLIDAY (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1940) First edition. Illustrated with 24 of the author's photographs and a map of the route taken over Mont Blanc. 8vo, handsomely bound in three-quarter red crushed morocco over red cloth covered boards, the spine with gilt stippled and ruled raised bands further ruled in blind, additional gilt tooling at the tips, gilt lettering in two compartments, marbled endpapers, t.e.g. xi, 229 pp. A very pleasing copy, the binding very handsome and in excellent condition, the text block also in a fine state of preservation with just an occasional light spot to be found here or there.

BEAUTIFULLY BOUND FIRST EDITION OF THIS ELOQUENT AND ENTERTAINING NARRATIVE BY A GENUINE LOVER OF THE MOUNTAINS. Smythe was one of the greatest mountaineers of his age, and was also a pioneer in mountain photography. In this book he recounts a mountaineering holiday taken with Jim Gaven to the Alps in 1939 and explains to the reader why "there is no holiday like a mountaineering holiday."

It is very uncommon to find this book in such a handsome custom binding.
\$225.

**First Edition - Frank Smythe - One of the Great Mountaineers
*Over Tyrolese Hills - London - 1936***

23 Smythe, Frank S. OVER TYROLESE HILLS (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1936) First edition, first printing. With a profusion of illustrations from the author's photographs and a folding map. 8vo, publisher's original blue cloth lettered on the spine in dark-blue, in the original colour illustrated dustjacket. xv, 292 pp. A very good and fresh copy, the text very clean and bright, the blue cloth in very good order, solid and firm with

very little evidence of wear.

FIRST EDITION OF THIS WORK ON THE ALPS OF AUSTRIA AND TYROL. Frank Smythe was one of the greatest mountaineers of his age, and was also a pioneer in mountain photography. He was also one of the greatest 20th century Alpine climbers and skiers and founded two new routes on the Brenva Face of Mont Blanc. His many published accounts of these expeditions are classics of the genre. During the Second World War he served in the Canadian Rockies as a mountaineer training officer for the Lovat Scouts. This book is the story of his first return to his beloved Alps after the war.

Neate S109.

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First Edition - Frank Smythe - *The Spirit of the Hills* The Inspiration and Meaning of Climbing

24 Smythe, Frank S. *THE SPIRIT OF THE HILLS* (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1946) First Edition of the Uniform Issue. With 36 photographic illustrations. 8vo, publisher's original blue cloth gilt lettered on the spine, in the original dustjacket. xii, 308 pp. A quite pleasing, fine and inviting copy of this well-written work. The jacket very well preserved.

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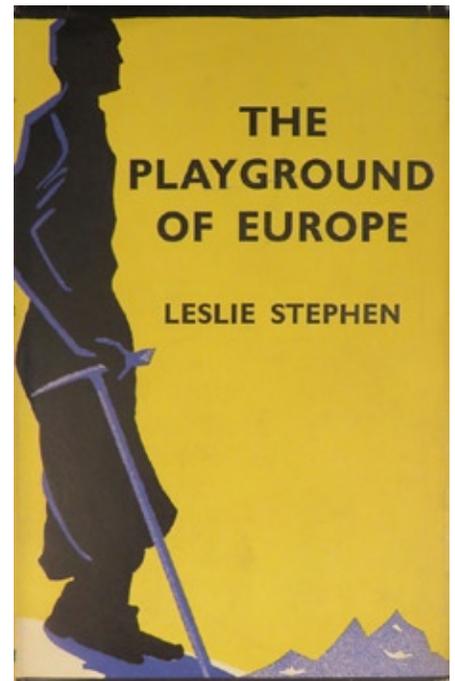
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25 Stephen, Leslie. *THE PLAYGROUND OF EUROPE* With an Introduction by G. Winthrop Young (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1936) First edition as part of the Blackwell's Mountaineering Library, from the text of the 1894 edition but including a new introduction. With provenance, a copy from the library of famed climber Eric Roberts who died young in an avalanche on Annapurna. And with the inclusion of illustrations prepared for this edition being from photographs printed in sepia on double-sided plates. 8vo, publisher's original moss gray cloth lettered on the spine in brown and with mountain insignia on the upper cover in brown, in the original printed and decorated dustjacket. xxi, 243 pp. A very pleasing and well preserved copy, the text and cloth both surprisingly fresh and clean, the jacket with a little age-wear but still bright, a touch of toning to the spine panel.

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26 Tilman, H. W. *MOUNT EVEREST 1938* (Cambridge: at the University Press, 1948) First edition. With 49 illustrations from black and white photographs and four maps. 8vo, publisher's original brown cloth lettered on the spine in gilt, in the original dustjacket. x,160, Index pp. A fine copy, with only very minor mellowing to

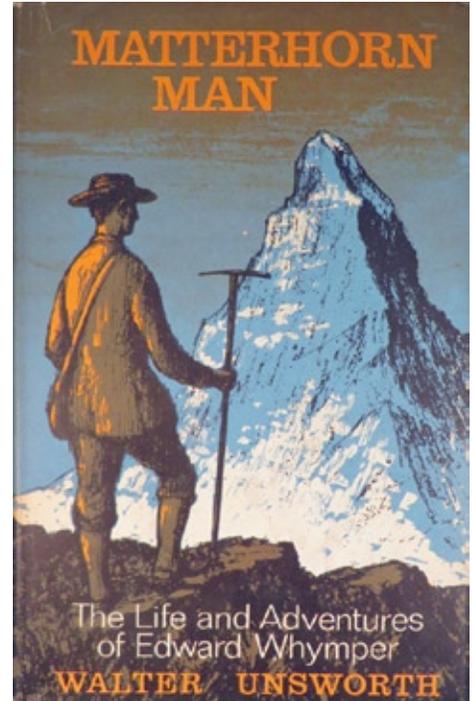
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27 Unsworth, Walter. MATTERHORN MAN. The Life and Adventures of Edward Whymper (London: Victor Gollancz Ltd, 1965) First Edition, SIGNED AND INSCRIBED on the title page by the author. Illustrated with 10 photographs and 4 maps and diagrams. 8vo, publisher's original rust cloth gilt lettered on the spine, in the original colour pictorial dustjacket. 126 pp, bibliography. A very fine copy. The dust jacket fine as well with extremely minor evidence of age.

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28 Williams, Cicely. WOMEN ON THE ROPE The Feminine Share in Mountain Adventure (London: George Allen and Unwin LTD., 1973) First edition. From the collection of Eric Roberts with eight plates featuring numerous black and white photographs. 8vo, publisher's gray linen lettered in silver on the spine, in the original dustjacket pictorially decorated. 240pp. A very fine copy, essentially as mint.

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30 Young, Geoffrey Winthrop. ON HIGH HILLS Memories of the Alps (London: Methuen and Co. LTD, 1944) Fourth Edition. A copy with fine provenance, coming from the library of Eric Roberts, the famed climber who died in an avalanche on Annapurna. with 24 illustrations, primarily from the author's photographs on double-sided glossy plates with captions. 8vo, original navy blue cloth lettered on the spine in white, and in the publisher's dustjacket. xiv, 368 pp. An essentially fine copy with just a hint of edge mellowing.

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