List of Children’s & Film books, April 2018. Ankh Antiquarian Books

A very nice collection of early children’s books from the 1930’s – 1950’s. All books have been well looked after for most of their life. All have been stored in plastic covers. They show no signs of damp and all spines are in good condition. They look to be the collection of one family who have actively gone out to buy copies in better condition of ones they have had when children and drawn in. So, there are in some cases doubles.

All prices in Australian Dollars (AUD) Please contact me for quote for postage to overseas locations. Also, if you should wish to buy the entire collection as a one-off purchase then please contact me to discuss price, post etc.

I hope you enjoy my first Children’s and Film Books catalogue.

The Boy’s Own Annual

1, The Boy’s Own Annual, No pub, no date, no title page. Looks to be 1920’s or 30’s, nice cover of boy jumping with football boots on. Lots of stories of sheiks and tombs. In very good condition other than the first few pages which are roughly edged. $35

The Boy’s Book of Wonder and Invention.

2, The Boy’s books of Wonder and Invention, ed by Charles Ray. Amalgamated Press, London, pub in Australia, by Gordon & Gotch. 1940. Owners name, Ex cond, filled with interesting stories of our modern age. $25

Chatterbox

3, Chatterbox Wells Gardner and Darton, London 1927. Ex condition. A wonderful book with pirate ship on cover and lots of great stories and excellent illustrations. No owners mark or pencil. Rare. $35

Girls ‘Crystal Annual


5, Girls ‘Crystal Annual 1959, Pub The Fleetway House London. In excellent condition, very fine both internally and externally. Bottom edges lightly bumped. Spine in red cloth. No pencil or pen throughout, a very good copy. $40

Chick’s Own Annual

6, Chick’s Own Annual 1945, Issued from offices of “Chicks Own” Fleetway House London. Generally quite worn with bends on the cover, light colouring in on one page. Binding is getting pretty loose, however for its age its an interesting copy. Particularly when you think this was printed in the last year of the War. $15

7, Chick’s Own Annual 1947, Cover bright, edges very good, some light colouring on title page, and a technical drawing in pencil on inner front cover, which is really quite charming. Owners inscription in pen. Otherwise in excellent condition. $25
8, Chick’s Own Annual 1948, Cover bright, edges lightly bumped, some heavy pencil on front cover, and on rear cover, which could be rubbed out. Owners inscription in pen. Otherwise in excellent condition. $25

9, Chick’s Own Annual 1949, Cover bright, edges in good condition. Owners inscription in pen, Santa to Janet Xmas 1947 Sydney. One colour page torn. Lightly foxed and a few pages of neat colouring in. Otherwise in excellent condition. $15

10, Chick’s Own Annual 1950, Cover bright, edges in good condition. Owners inscription in pen, a few pages of neat colouring in. Otherwise in vg condition. Has Myer sticker in bottom front board. Second copy - Cover bright, edges in good condition. Owners inscription has been cut out! Otherwise in exc condition. $35

11, Chick’s Own Annual 1951, Cover slightly worn but still bright, edges in good condition. Owners inscription in pen, otherwise in vg condition. Puzzle on back cover filled in in pencil. Texta on spine. $20. Second copy - in poorer condition, a bit worn and fragile. Still a nice copy. $10

12, Chick’s Own Annual 1952, Cover slightly worn but still bright with some pencil in the middle, edges in good condition. Owners inscription in pen, masking tape holding page in. This is a shame because otherwise in vg condition. $15

13, Chick’s Own Annual 1953 Cover slightly worn but still bright, edges in worn. Owners inscription in pen, colouring here and there and page 49 torn at bottom of page. Texta on spine. In average condition. $10

14, Chick’s Own Annual 1956 Cover slightly worn but still bright, edges worn. Texta on spine. Owners inscription in pen, colouring here and there throughout. Interesting articles on Nelly the Nigger and Gollywogs through-out. Politically very incorrect. In average condition. Second copy, In better condition, prob Good. Two or three colouring in’s. Texta title on spine. $40 (I have 2 copies of this)

16, Chick’s Own Annual 1957, Issued from offices of “Chicks Own” Fleetway House London. Cover bright, edges lightly bumped, title written in texta on spine. Some light pencil, some blue pencil filling in a couple of puzzles, Page 91 small tear in corner and some biro. Puzzle on last page filled in heavily. Otherwise in very good condition. $20

**The Champion Annual for Boys 1947**

17, The Champion Annual for Boys 1947, Fleetway House London. Nice copy with repair of spine with masking tape. Otherwise a very interesting copy with marvellous line drawings of planes, horses etc. Many tales of daring do. Cover is worn and shows soccer match. $20

**Deans Holiday Series No 82, Ye Olde Woman and her Silver 1d**

18, Heavy card book pub Dean and Son London. No date, looks to be 1940’s. In very good condition with slightly worn edges. Colourful front cover. $10
Playbox Annual

19, Playbox Annual 1949, Nice cover no colouring, nice clean copy, VG condition, $45
20, Playbox Annual 1951, nice cover but pencilling throughout. Average copy. $20
21, Playbox Annual 1952, Worn cover, rough copy with pencilling in throughout. Poor cond. $5
22, Playbox Annual 1953, Fleetway House, London. Great fun annual with lots of stories and some favourites like Tiger Tim etc. Front cover torn and worn but nice and bright inside. $15
23, Playbox Annual 1954, Nice cover, owner’s inscription, no drawing, excellent. 2nd copy, Nice cover, severely scribbled in, unsellable. Shame. $0 will include if wanted.
24, Playbox Annual 1955, nice clean front cover, some pencilling but not too bad, front colour insert has come away a little. In total vg copy. $15
25, Playbox Annual 1956, Worn front cover worn torn inside and drawn in, not worth much. $0 if anyone wants it to complete set.

Sunbeam Annual, Uncle Jack’s Joy Book 1935.

26, Sunbeam Annual, Uncle Jack’s Joy Book 1935. Cover features small child possibly girl dressed as a red Indian with tomahawk. Pub Fleetway House, London, generally in good condition but the colouring in section has been done. Very nice for its age. $30

The School Girl’s Annual


The Sparkler Fun Fair Annual 1936

28, The Sparkler fun fair Annual 1936, The Fleetway House Farringdon St London. Published in Australasia by Gordon & Gotch. Lovely boating scene on front cover. In excellent cond, slight split in binding on page 36. Cover nice and bright, interior slightly faded, paper is thick and tactile. Rare. $40

The Target Book for Girls.


The Tip Top Book

30, The Tip Top Book 1948, ex cover, nice clean interior, small tear on page 3. Indians on front cover. A very nice copy. $20
31, The Tip Top Book 1950, Fleetway House publishers. In Good – VG cond. Pirates on the front cover of course. Binding slightly worn but still a very good copy. No drawing or owner’s sig etc. $25

32, The Tip Top Book 1952, Red Indians and an Army officer captured on Front cover. 1st copy, first couple of pages loose otherwise in vg cond. Texta on both spines. $20 2nd copy, ex cond but pages need re-gluing to spine. Which I could do before sale. $25

**Tiger Tim’s Annual 1956**

33, Tiger Tim’s 1956 Annual, A picture and story books for Boys and Girls. In Average condition with bright cover of Tiger Tim””’ as a pirate with a pirate ship in background. Title pencil owners mark. Some wear and tear throughout. This was a very popular journal in Australia, my brother had one. $20

**Thrills of the Iron Road.**

34, Thrills of the Iron Road, Dean & Son, London, no date, looks to be from pre-war 1930’s. Cover features huge steam train with a prop plane in red flying overhead. In excellent condition. $35

**Cinema Books**


36, Boy’s Cinema Annual 1938, In very good condition with original tissue paper packing. Roy Rodgers type cowboy on front cover with Trigger. (Charles Starrett) Rare. $70

37, Picture Show Annual for people who go to the Pictures. 1953. Published by Fleetwood press for sale in Australia. Fabulous whole pages of reproduction of autographed stars and starlet’s photos. All the famous stars of the period. Tracey, Trevor Howard, Lana Turner, John Derek, etc... In excellent condition throughout. $45

38, Picture Show Annual for people who go to the Pictures. 1954. Published by Fleetwood press for sale in Australia. Fabulous whole pages of reproduction of autographed stars and starlet’s photos. In excellent condition throughout. $45

39, Picture Show Annual for people who go to the Pictures. 1959. Published by Fleetwood press for sale in Australia. Fabulous whole pages of reproduction of autographed stars and starlet’s photos. In excellent condition throughout. Small mark on cover where there has been a sticker at some stage. $40, 2nd copy, light wear to cover, clean neat copy. $30.

40, Picture Show Annual for people who go to the Pictures. 1960, In excellent condition throughout. Small mark on cover where there has been a sticker at some stage. Owners
inscription. Some tape repair to title page. Showing Doris Day on front cover and Jack Lemon and Tony Curtis from Some like it Hot. $40

41, Picture Show Annual for people who go to the Pictures. 1950, In excellent condition throughout. Owners inscription indeed condition of this copy is almost perfect. $50

Film Pictorial Annuals.

Film Pictorial Annual 1938. Amalgamated Press Ltd, Fleetway House, London. Shirley Temple, Boris Karloff, A Star is Born articles, in excellent condition. Very rare. June Travis on front cover in the snow. $55 (I have two copies both ex)

Film Fun Annual 1956, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis on front cover, doesn’t seem to have ever had a title page. Lots of comics and stories, seems to have been aimed at younger moviegoers. Oliver and Hardy cartoons in two sections. No publisher. In excellent condition. Rare. $55.

The Film Show Annual, Pub by Robinson Ltd, no date, possibly mid 1950’s, hc, no dustjacket. Blue board. Colour and black and white photos. Texta on spine. 3 copies one marked the Film Star Album with photos of many stars including Monroe, Walter Pidgeon, Liberace, Granger and Jean Simmons. $40.

Note Texta is an Australian term meaning thick black pen.