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A Selection of Useful and Interesting Dictionaries.

(and a few works about them).

A$45.00
2 Carter, John. **ABC FOR BOOK-COLLECTORS.** Sixth Edition with Corrections & Additions by Nicolas Barker. Third U.S. Impression (of this edition); pp. 224 (last 5 blank); original cloth; a fine copy in dustwrapper. New Castle, Delaware; Oak Knoll Books; 1992 (1993). ***A must for every book-collector, with explanation of terms used in book description. This edition was first published in 1980 in the U.K. and in 1992 in the U.S. #16470 A$45.00
3  **Frenot, G. H. and Holloway, A. H.; Editors.**  *AGARD AERONAUTICAL MULTILINGUAL DICTIONARY.*  Roy. 8vo, First Edition; pp. xx, [944], 146(indexes), [2](blank); 10 figures, 8 indices; original cloth and metal post binding, gilt; a very good copy; scarce. Oxford; Published for and on behalf of Advisory Group for Aeronautical Research and Development North Atlantic Treaty Organisation by Pergamon Press; 1960.  ***Comprising thousands of parallel texts in English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Turkish and Russian on every conceivable matter relating to aviation, including weather, etc. and with separate indexes to the eight languages.***  

#57309  

A$75.00
5  **Jones, David J.; Compiled by. THE AUSTRALIAN DICTIONARY OF ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS.** Second revised edition. Second Edition; pp. [iv], 22; original cloth; (endpapers slightly foxed); a nice copy in dustwrapper. (Leura, N.S.W.); Second Back Row Press; (1981). ***First published in 1977 and quickly sold out. #34883

A$20.00
8  **Peters, Jean; Edited by. THE BOOKMAN’S GLOSSARY.** Sixth Edition revised and enlarged. Med. 8vo, Sixth Edition; pp. x, 230(last 7 blank); guide to proofreader’s marks, bibliography; original cloth; (spotting to 4 leaves); a very good copy in dustwrapper. New York & London; R. R. Bowker Company; 1983. #37798  A$30.00
9  Zoega, Geir  T.  A CONCISE DICTIONARY OF OLD ICELANDIC.  Cr. 8vo, First Edition; pp. viii, 552; original cloth (spine faded & joints starting to split, otherwise a very good copy). Oxford; at the Clarendon Press; 1910. #16154  A$50.00
10  **Mulgan, John; Editor.**  **THE CONCISE OXFORD DICTIONARY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE.**  Cr. 8vo, First Edition, Second Impression; pp. [viii], 568; list of abbreviations; original cloth; a fine copy. Oxford; at the Clarendon Press; (1942).  

A$25.00
11 Hammerton, Sir J. A.; Editor. **CONCISE UNIVERSAL BIOGRAPHY.** A Dictionary of the Famous Men and Women of All Countries and All Times recording the Lives of more than 20,000 Persons and arranged for Reading or Reference. Profusely Illustrated with Authentic Portraits and other Pictorial Documents. 2 vols., 4to, First Edition; Vol. I, pp. [iv], 728; Vol. II, pp. [iv], 729-1452; several text maps, numerous illustrations, lists of abbreviations & “Novissima Verba” (latest information); original blind-stamped buckram; a very nice, clean set. London; The Amalgamated Press Limited; N.D. [1935].

***An expansive work originating from the “Universal Encyclopaedia”, and including more than 20,000 biographies. #48244 A$135.00***
12 Allibone, S. Austin & Kirk, John. *A CRITICAL DICTIONARY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE AND BRITISH AND AMERICAN AUTHORS*, Living and Deceased, from the Earliest Accounts to the Latter Half of the Nineteenth Century. Containing over Forty-Six Thousand Articles (Authors), with Forty Indexes of Subjects. By S. Austin Allibone (3 vols.). *with*

*A SUPPLEMENT TO ALLIBONE’S CRITICAL DICTIONARY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE AND BRITISH AND AMERICAN AUTHORS*. Containing over Thirty-Seven Thousand Articles (Authors), and enumerating over Ninety-Three Thousand Titles. By John Foster Kirk (2 vols.). Together, 5 vols., thick impl. 8vo, First Editions; Vol. I, pp. [iv], 1154; Vol. II, pp. [vi], 1155-2326; Vol. III, pp. [vi], 2327-3140 (pp. 2911-3140 comprising indices); Supplement, Vol. I, pp. x, 734; Vol., II, pp. [ii], 735-1562; all volumes in original cloth (neatly rebacked & recornered, with original backstrips preserved); a very good set. Philadelphia; J. B. Lippincott & Co.; 1877 & 1891 (Supplement). ***A comprehensive biographical dictionary of British and American Authors, Kirk’s Supplement providing much useful additional information. #34348  A$450.00
13 Halkett, Samuel & Laing, John: **A DICTIONARY OF ANONYMOUS AND PSEUDONYMOUS PUBLICATIONS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.** Third (Revised and Enlarged) Edition. 1475-1640. John Horden, Editor. 4to; pp. xlviii, 272(last blank); addenda & Corrigenda, Index of Writers’ Names; List of Pseudonyms; Tables of S.T.C. Numbers, A. & R. Numbers, and Greg Numbers; original cloth; a fine copy in dustwrapper. (Harlow & London); Longman; (1980). #20535 A$85.00
14  Serle, Percival.  **DICTIONARY OF AUSTRALIAN BIOGRAPHY.**  2 vols., cr. 4to, First Edition; Vol. I, pp. xiv, 510(last 2 blank); Vol. II, pp. [iv], 520(last colophon only); original cloth; a nice set in worn dustwrappers; scarce. Sydney; Angus and Robertson; (1949).  #34347  

A$350.00
15 Larkins, John. **Dictionary of Australian History.**
First Edition; pp. [ii], 226, [4](blank); original papered boards; a fine copy in very slightly torn dustwrapper. (Adelaide); Rigby; (1980).

#34163

A$25.00
16  Murphy, Brian.  DICTIONARY OF AUSTRALIAN HISTORY.  First Edition; pp. [viii], 304; endpaper maps, numerous illustrations, bibliography, index; original papered boards; a fine copy in dustwrapper.  Sydney; McGraw-Hill Book Company; (1982).  

#34570  

A$30.00
17 Wannan, Bill; Compiled and edited by. **DICTIONARY OF AUSTRALIAN HUMOROUS QUOTATIONS AND ANECDOTES.** Roy. 8vo, First Edition; pp. [iv], 182, [2](blank); several illustrations (from On the Hop by Livingstone Hopkins), index; original papered boards (slightly worn); a very good copy in worn dustwrapper. (South Melbourne); Macmillan; (1974).

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A$25.00
Feather, John. **A DICTIONARY OF BOOK HISTORY.** Med. 8vo, First Edition; pp. [x], 278; original papered boards; (a trifling defect to lower blank margin of one leaf); a fine copy in dustwrapper. London & Sydney; Croom Helm; (1986). ***The Dictionary is an alphabetical listing of articles in the following categories: Bibliographical terminology, bibliographers, bibliographies and bibliographical societies; The history of printing, publishing and bookselling; The physical history of the book: binding, typography, illustration and paper; and Book collecting, book collectors and libraries. There are some 650 articles, varying in length from a few lines to several pages, almost all with a note on further reading; a very useful and informative book.

#18454  

A$75.00
19 Keown, Damien. *A DICTIONARY OF BUDDHISM.* Contributors Stephen Hodge, Charles Jones, Paola Tinti. Med. 8vo, First Edition; pp. x, 358(last blank); 3 full-page maps, 3 other appendices including chronology; original papered boards; a fine copy in dustwrapper. (Oxford); Oxford University Press; (2003).

#65035

A$40.00
20  Adams, W. Davenport.  **DICTIONARY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE.** Being a Comprehensive Guide to English Authors and Their Works. New and Revised Edition. Pp. [iv], 708, [4](adv.); original cloth, rebacked in calf, gilt; (joints a little worn; some foxing); a very good copy. London; Cassell Petter & Galpin; N.D. [c. 1885].

#41800  A$45.00
21 Jardine, N. K.; F.E.S.  THE DICTIONARY OF ENTOMOLOGY. Cr. 8vo, First Edition; pp. x, 262(last 3 blank); references; original cloth; a nice copy. London; Janson & Sons; N.D. [c. 1915].

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A$50.00
22 Smith, William; Editor. **DICTIONARY OF GREEK AND ROMAN ANTIQUITIES.** Illustrated by numerous engravings on wood. Second Edition, improved and enlarged. Thick 8vo, Second Edition; pp. xii, 1294; very numerous figures, 16 tables, Greek index, Latin index, English index & Classified index; contemporary full calf, marbled edges & endpapers (rubbed; spine label defective); a very good copy; scarce. London; Taylor, Walton, and Maberly; M.DCCC. XLVIII [1848]. #26185 A$150.00
23 Puttock, Colonel A. G. *A DICTIONARY OF HERALDRY AND RELATED SUBJECTS.* First Edition; pp. 256; 7 coloured plates, hundreds of b/w. illustrations, 3 genealogical charts, bibliography; original papered boards; a fine copy in slightly worn dustwrapper. London; John Gifford; (1970). ***Written by an Australian resident and with some Australian relevance, including extensive sections on genealogical research and on arms & armour. #20035

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24 Halliwell, James O.; Esq., F.R.S.  *A DICTIONARY OF OLD ENGLISH PLAYS*, existing either in print or in manuscript, from the earliest times to the close of the seventeenth century; including also notices of Latin Plays written by English Authors during the same period. First Edition; pp. viii, 296, [28](inserted adv.); index; original blind-stamped cloth (spine worn; some foxing of endpaper & edges); a very good copy; scarce. London; John Russell Smith; M.DCCC.LX [1860]. #36905

A$70.00
25  **Duyker, Edward;** Compiled and edited by.  **A DICTIONARY OF SEA QUOTATIONS.**  From Ancient Egypt to the Present.  Cr. 4to, First Edition; pp. xxiv, 440; 28 illustrations, index of key lines and general index; original papered boards; a fine copy in dustwrapper.  (Carlton); The Miegunyah Press (An imprint of Melbourne University Publishing Limited; 2007).  ***No. 91 in the second numbered Miegunyah series.  #34449  A$35.00
26 Andrews, Lorrin. **A DICTIONARY OF THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE.** To which is appended an English-Hawaiian Vocabulary and a Chronological Table of Remarkable Events. With an introduction to the new edition by Terence Barrow, Ph.D. Facsimile Edition, Second Impression; pp. x, 566(last 7 blank); chronological table; original cloth; (name on title-page); a nice copy in dustwrapper. Rutland, Vermont & Tokyo, Japan; Charles E. Tuttle Company; (1977). ***First published Honolulu, Henry M. Whitney, 1865. #37185 A$45.00
28 Hyamson, Albert M. *A Dictionary of Universal Biography* of all Ages and of all Peoples. Cr. 4to, First Edition; pp. xii, 744; original cloth; a very good copy. London; George Routledge & Sons Ltd; 1916. ***Brief entries, BUT, the Author states that the work deals with “more individuals than the aggregate of any score of other works”. A rough calculation establishes 95,000 entries (necessarily brief, but identifying and dating the persons named). Random tests suggest useful accuracy. #34324

A$50.00
29  Jones, Barry. **DICTIONARY OF WORLD BIOGRAPHY.**
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30 [Deschamps, Pierre]. DICTIONNAIRE DE GÉOGRAPHIE ancienne et moderne, contenant: 1. Les noms anciens, grecs et latins, de la decadence latine et de la renaissance, des principales divisions de l’Europe, provinces, villes, bourgs, abbayes, etc., avec leur signification actuelle. 2. Les recherches les plus étendues et les plus consciencieuses sur les origines de la typographie dans toutes les villes, bourgs, abbayes de l’Europe, jusqu’au XIXe siècle exclusivement. 3. Un dictionnaire français-latin de noms de lieux, destine a servir de table. Suivi de L’IMPRIMERIE HORS L’EUROPE. Par un Bibliophile [Pierre Deschamps]. 2 vols. in 1, very thick 8vo, Facsimile Edition; pp. viii, 1594; Supplement, index of Latin names; pp. [vi], 210(last blank); index alphabetique (of modern names); original cloth; a fine copy; scarce. Paris; G.-P. Maisonneuve & Larose, Editeurs; [1964]. ***First published 1870 and intended as a Supplement to Brunet’s Manuel du Libraire et de l’Amateur de Livres. Arranged alphabetically by the medieval place name (Latin or Greek), each entry gives synonyms and the location and modern place name, together with (for many) brief information about the place with special emphasis on the history of printing in that place, establishment of presses, etc. #19853 A$250.00
31 Sandry, Geo & Carrere, Marcel. DICTIONNAIRE DE L’ARGOT MODERNE. Sixième Edition, Revue, Augmentée et Mise en Jour. Cr. 8vo, Sixth Edition; pp. 312 (last 3 blank); original wrappers; a nice copy. Paris; Aux Quais de Paris; [1962].

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33 Browning, D. C. *EVERYMAN’S DICTIONARY OF LITERARY BIOGRAPHY*. English & American. Compiled after John W. Cousin. Cr. 8vo, Second Edition; pp. xii, 772(last 3 blank); original cloth; (a little ink underlining & annotation); a very good copy in defective dustwrapper. London; J. M. Dent & Sons Ltd.; (1960).

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34  Fadiman, Clifton; General Editor.  **THE FABER BOOK OF ANECDOTES.** Roy. 8vo, First Edition, Second Impression; pp. xxii, 754(last 3 blank); source list, bibliography, index of names, index of subjects; original quarter cloth; a fine copy in dustwrapper.  London; Faber and Faber; (1985).  #65047  

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35  **Paasch, Capt. H. FROM KEEL TO TRUCK.** De la Quille a la Pomme de Mat. Vom Kiel zum Flaggenknopf. Roy. 8vo, Facsimile Edition; pp. [viii], iv, 614(last blank), [218](plates), LXXXVIII(indexes), [8](corrections, last 7 blank); portrait frontispiece, 109 plates each with facing page of explanatory text in English, French & German, index in each of the three languages; original vinyl, gilt; a fine copy. Hamburg; Verlag Eckardt & Messtorff; (1978). ***First published in 1901. Text throughout in three columns in English, French & German: a useful dictionary reference to all matters maritime. #63492  

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36  **Taylor, F. W.** *A FULANI-ENGLISH DICTIONARY.* Cr. 8vo, First Edition; pp. viii, 244(last blank); original cloth; a very good copy; scarce. Oxford; at the Clarendon Press; 1932. **A language of Nigeria possibly derived from ancient Egypt.** #65387  A$65.00
37  **Gould, George M.**  * Gould’s Pocket Pronouncing Medical Dictionary* of the Principal Words used in Medicine and the Collateral Sciences. With a Appendix Containing Tables of the Arteries, Bones, Chemical Elements, Hormones, Micro-organisms, Muscles, Nerves, Prefixes and Suffixes, Phobias, Signs and Symbols, Etc., Also a Physician’s Dose List of Drugs with Their Incompatibilities, and a Veterinary Dose Table, Both in English and Metric Measures, and Based upon the Twelfth Revision U.S. Pharmacopoeia and the Seventh Edition of the National Pharmacy. By the Late George M. Gould, A. M., M. D. Eleventh Edition of over 40,000 words, revised by C. V. Brownlow and Staff. F’cap 8vo, Eleventh Edition, Fourteenth Impression; pp. viii, [1056]; 85 tables, appendix; original cloth; a nice copy. Philadelphia; The Blakiston Company; 1950. ***This edition first published in 1939. #49418 A$25.00
38 Papademetriou, Alex. E. **GREEK - ENGLISH DICTIONARY.**
Small thick 8vo, First Edition; pp. [ii], 498, [16](blank), [12](adv.);
[i], 468(last 15 blank), [8](adv.); original, gilt; a nice copy. Athens;
Alex. & E. Papademetriou; [1969]. ***Part 1, English-Greek; Part 2,
Greek-English [Modern Greek]. #67419 A$25.00
39  **Liddell, Henry George and Scott, Robert; Compiled by. A GREEK-ENGLISH LEXICON.** Revised and Augmented throughout by Sir Henry Stuart Jones. With the assistance of Roderick McKenzie and with the co-operation of many scholars. With a Supplement 1968. Thick med. 4to, Ninth Edition, Eighth Impression; pp. [ii], xlvi, 2042, [2](blank), xii, 156(Supplement, last 3 blank); original buckram; a very good ex-library copy in dustwrapper with minimal markings (a couple of stamps to title-page & last leaf and minor marking of endpapers). Oxford; at the Clarendon Press; 1968. ***This impression of the ninth edition is the first to contain the Supplement, Edited by E. A. Barber, with the assistance of P. Maas, M. Scheller and M. L. West. An exhaustive and definitive guide to ancient Greek. #15836          A$65.00
40 Cleasby, Richard. **AN ICELANDIC-ENGLISH DICTIONARY.** Based on the MS. Collection of the late Richard Cleasby. Enlarged and completed by Gudbrand Vigfusson. With an Introduction and Life of Richard Cleasby by George Webbe Dasent, D.C.L. Thick 4to, First Edition; pp. [ii], cviii, 780; Errata, Addenda; printed in double-column; half crimson morocco, with cloth sides, spine gilt, with raised bands, marbled endpapers and edges; (top and bottom of spine and corners a little rubbed, but a very nice, clean and sound copy); very scarce. Oxford; at the Clarendon Press; M.DCCC. LXXIV [1874]. #41319

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41 Paasch, Capt. H. **ILLUSTRATED MARINE ENCYCLOPEDIA.** Introduction by David R. MacGregor. Med. 8vo, Facsimile Edition; pp. [viii], 308, [202](plates), [28](index), [2](blank); 100 plates each with facing page of descriptive text, index; original papered boards; (name on endpaper); a nice copy in worn dustwrapper. (Watford); Model and Allied Publications, Argus Books Limited; (1977). ***First published in 1890. #28982  
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42 Douglas, W. H. **ILLUSTRATED TOPICAL DICTIONARY OF THE WESTERN DESERT LANGUAGE.** Warburton Ranges Dialect Western Australia. Super roy. 8vo, Second Edition; pp. [vi], 26(last blank); numerous illustrations; original stiff wrappers; a nice copy. Canberra; Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies; 1977. ***First published in 1959, here revised. #67825 A$25.00
43 Douglas, W. H. *Oceania Linguistic Monographs No. 4 (Revised.) AN INTRODUCTION TO THE WESTERN DESERT LANGUAGE.* A Pedagogical description of The Western Desert Language, Based on the dialect spoken at Warburton Ranges, Western Australia. (Revised 1964). 4to, Second Edition; pp. [ii], viii, 140; “processed”; original cloth-backed wrappers; a nice copy. Sydney; The University of Sydney; 1964. #67826 A$75.00
44 Liddell, [Henry George] and Scott, [Robert]; Compiled by. **ALEXICON.** Abridged from Liddell and Scott’s Greek-English Lexicon. The Twenty-Third Edition. Carefully revised throughout. Pp. [iv], 804; original cloth (flecked; spine faded; last couple of leaves lightly waterstained at top); a very good copy. Oxford; at the Clarendon Press; 1889. ***Classical Greek. #52204 A$40.00

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46 Macbain, Alexander, LL.D. and Whyte, John. MACEACHEN’S GAELIC--ENGLISH DICTIONARY. Third Edition. Revised and Enlarged. 8vo, Third Edition; pp. [ii], x, 408(last blank); original cloth (lacking front endpaper; hinges a little weak; a few marks); a very good copy. Inverness; Taylor & Bain; [1906]. ***First published in 1842, this edition with Preface to the second (1902) and third editions.

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47 Jones, Barry and Dixon, M. V. **THE MACMILLAN DICTIONARY OF BIOGRAPHY.** Fully revised and updated edition. Med. 8vo, Second Edition; pp. [vi], 922(last 5 blanks for notes); original papered boards; a nice copy in dustwrapper (spine a little faded). (South Melbourne); M(acmillan; 1986). ***A useful one-volume dictionary of world-wide figures throughout history, first published in 1981. #48193

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48  Kriel, T.  **MASKEW MILLER’S AFRIKAANS SCHOOL POCKET DICTIONARY.**  Afrikaans-English and English-Afrikaans. In the latest authorised spelling. Fourth, Revised and Augmented edition. Small pott 8vo (88 x 122 mm), Fourth Edition; pp. 456; original cloth; (name & date [3rd Oct., 1935] of former owner on endpaper and a preliminary page); a very good copy. Cape Town; Maskew Miller Ltd.; N.D. [c. 1935].  #16135  **A$35.00**
49 Bowden, D. K. MEDICAL DICTIONARY IN BISLAMA, ENGLISH AND FRENCH. First Edition; pp. x, [1], 399(last blank); original wrappers; a fine copy. Melbourne; (Published by D. K. Bowden, Department of Anatomy, Monash University; 1986). ***Mainly Vanuatu, but also New Guinea & Solomon Is., with comparative tables of Pidgin dialects & Bislama. #26193 A$45.00
50  **Boase, Frederic.** MODERN ENGLISH BIOGRAPHY containing many thousand concise memoirs of persons who have died during the years 1851-1900, with an index of the most interesting matter. Volume I - A to H [to Volume VI (Supplement Volume III). L-Z]. 6 vols., cr. 4to, Facsimile Edition; Vol. I, pp. [xii], [856](last blank, i.e. 1710 columns); Vol. II, pp. [viii], [888](i.e. 1776 columns); Vol. III, pp. [vi], [830](i.e. 1660 columns); Vol. IV (Supplement to Volume I), pp. [vi], [434](last blank, i.e. 866 columns); Vol. V (Supplement to Volume II), pp. [vi], [430](i.e. 858 columns); Vol. VI (Supplement to Volume III), pp. [viii], [508](i.e. 1016 columns); title-pages in red & black; original cloth; a fine set in original acetate dustwrappers; scarce. (London); Frank Cass & Co. Ltd.; 1965.  ***First published 1892-1921 in very limited editions of 250 copies (Vols. I-III) and 125 copies (Vols. IV-VI) and here reprinted for the first time and designated Second Impression. #15336  A$165.00
51 Davies, Taffy. **MORE AUSTRALIAN NICKNAMES.** Illustrations by Max Foley. First Edition, Second Impression; pp. [vi], 114 (last blank); numerous humorous illustrations; original papered boards; a nice copy in slightly torn dustwrapper. (Adelaide); Rigby; (1980). #65116  

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52  Craven, Rev. Thomas.  **THE NEW ROYAL DICTIONARY.**  English into Hindustani and Hindustani into English.  Compiled originally by Rev. Thomas Craven, M. A., B. D. and in subsequent editions Revised and Enlarged.  1932 edition revised by Bishop J. R. Chitambar, M. A., D. D.  Impl. 8vo, New Edition; pp. [viii], 328, 372, [4](blank); quarter cloth (skilfully rebacked); a very good copy.  Lucknow; Methodist Publishing House; 1932.  #65394  A$65.00
53 Harvey, Sir Paul; Compiled and edited by. **THE OXFORD COMPANION TO CLASSICAL LITERATURE.** Cr. 8vo, First Edition, reprinted with corrections; pp. xii, 468; 14 plates, including 8 maps (including 2 double-page); original cloth; a fine copy in worn & taped dustwrapper. Oxford; at the Clarendon Press; (1940).

***Alphabetically arranged. First published 1937. **#20023 A$45.00**
54 Harvey, Sir Paul; Compiled and Edited by. **THE OXFORD COMPANION TO ENGLISH LITERATURE.** Med. 8vo, First Edition, Second Impression; pp. viii, 868 (last blank); original buckram; a fine copy. Oxford; at the Clarendon Press; 1932. ***Alphabetically arranged. #26051

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55 Augarde, Tony; Editor. **THE OXFORD DICTIONARY OF MODERN QUOTATIONS.** Roy. 8vo, First Edition; pp. xii, 372 (last blank); original buckram; a fine copy in dustwrapper. Oxford; Oxford University Press; 1991. #43528

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58  [Stevenson, Angus; Editor]. **SHORTER OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY** on Historical Principles. 2 vols., demy 4to, Sixth Edition; Vol. I, pp. xlviii, 1882, [2](blank); Brief History of English by David Crystal, List of Abbreviations and Symbols, Pronunciation Guide, Transliteration Guide; Vol. II, pp. x, [1883]-3744(last blank); Authors and publications quoted, References to the Bible and Shakespeare; original papered boards; a fine set in dustwrappers. (Oxford); Oxford University Press; (2007). ***The English language has changed rapidly in the five years since the fifth edition of 2002, and some 2,500 new entries have been added for words and phrases.***

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59 Burchfield, Robert. **UNLOCKING THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.** First Edition; pp. [ii], xvi, 202, [4](blank); notes, index; original papered boards; (name on endpaper); a nice copy in dustwrapper. London; Faber and Faber; (1989). ***On Grammar, Vocabulary, and the genealogy and development of the Oxford English Dictionary. #65976

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