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In the Original Period Calf Bindings - Replete with Maps
Published London - 1804-1807 - Five Volumes


*RARE FIRST EDITION IN CONTEMPORARY CALF of one of the great early works on George Washington. The books contain maps of important Revolutionary battles in Virginia, the Carolinas, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Jersey. There is also a fine portrait of Washington and finely engraved view plates.

"John Marshall (September 24, 1755 – July 6, 1835) was the Chief Justice of the United States (1801–1835) whose court opinions helped lay the basis for American constitutional law and made the Supreme Court of the United States a coequal branch of government along with the legislative and executive branches. Previously, Marshall had been a leader of the Federalist Party in Virginia and served in the United States House of Representatives from 1799 to 1800. He was Secretary of State under President John Adams from 1800 to 1801.

The longest-serving Chief Justice of the United States, Marshall dominated the Court for over three decades and played a significant role in the development of the American legal system. Most notably, he reinforced the principle that federal courts are obligated to exercise judicial review, by disregarding purported laws if they violate the Constitution. Thus, Marshall cemented the position of the American judiciary as an independent and influential branch of government. Furthermore, the Marshall Court made several important decisions relating to federalism, affecting the balance of power between the federal government and the states during the early years of the republic. In particular, he repeatedly confirmed the supremacy of federal law over state law, and supported an expansive reading of the enumerated powers."

"Justice Marshall greatly admired George Washington, and between 1804 and 1807 published his influential five-volume biography. The author’s Life of Washington was based on records and papers provided to him by the late president’s family. The first volume was reissued in 1824 separately as *A History of the American Colonies*, and the work reflected Marshall’s Federalist principles. His revised and condensed two-volume *Life of Washington* was published in 1832. Historians have often praised its accuracy and well-reasoned judgments, while noting his frequent paraphrases of published sources such as William Gordon’s 1801 history of the Revolution and the British Annual Register. After completing the revision to his biography of Washington, Marshall prepared an abridgment. In 1833 he wrote, “I have at length completed an abridgment of the *Life of Washington* for the use of schools. I have endeavored to compress it as much as possible. ... After striking out every thing which in my judgment could be properly excluded the volume will contain at least 400 pages.” The *Abridgment* was not published until 1838, three years after Marshall died."

This biography, here offered in its original five volume, first edition presentation, is still regarded as one of the most important ever penned, and perhaps the only one of real substance written by an extraordinary contemporary utterly active in the birthing of the new nation to which Washington had given the very highest and most noble service during is long life. Howes M317; Sabin 44788; Wikipedia.

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Grant, U.S. PERSONAL MEMOIRS OF U. S. GRANT (New York: Charles L. Webster and Co., 1885, 1886) 2 volumes. First edition of both volumes in publisher’s deluxe bindings. With 49 maps and illustrations, including two steel-engraved frontis-portraits and two etched views, all with tissue-guards. Also with fold out printed copy of manuscript and the dedication from Grant in holograph reproduction. Tall, thick 8vo, publisher’s very scarce deluxe bindings of original three-quarter morocco over boards, gilt lettered and finely decorated with gilt emblematic decorations including a General’s stars in compartments of the spines separated by raised bands, each of the covers featuring large gilt medallions, endpapers and all edges marbled. 584; 647, index. An especially bright and very pleasing set in the scarce publisher’s deluxe binding state. An unusually well preserved set, the text exceptionally clean and fresh, volume two with some minor rubbing on the upper cover. $2850.

RARE FIRST EDITION IN PLEASING STATE OF PRESERVATION. VERY SCARCE IN THIS FORMAT, CONDITION AND DELUXE BINDING STATE. ‘THE FINEST MEMOIRS OF WAR EVER PENNED’. An important historical memoir of the Civil War, arguably the most important, and the best thing that Grant ever wrote. General Norman Schwartzkopf has recently called this the finest memoir of war experiences that has ever been penned. Collectible copies of these books are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain. Copies in this binding, especially so. The earliest days of the Civil War were a hard lesson in hubris for the Union Army. After the appointment of Grant to overall command of the Union forces, the war would quickly turn to their favor.

Probably the most important book on the American Civil War, and in many respects a masterpiece of American literature. David Eicher’s useful summary includes this fine judgment: “Grant’s MEMOIRS comprise one of the most valuable writings by a military commander in history... The work is genuinely that of the commander. As such, it is valuable in its scope, its plain and clear analysis and language, and its broad conclusions about the conduct of the war.

“In the years following the war Grant would move into the political arena, even against his best judgment and would, with great public acclaim be elected President of United States for two full terms. Larned 2351; Eicher, Civil War in Books, 492.

McClellan’s ‘War for the Union’ - First Edition
Publisher’s Original Cloth - A Bright and Handsome Copy

McClellan, George B. McCLELLAN’S OWN STORY. The War for the Union, The Soldiers Who Fought It, The Civilians Who Directed It, and His Relations to It and to Them (New York: Charles L. Webster, 1887) First edition. With 14 illustrations including a steel engraved portrait frontispiece. 8vo, publisher’s original green cloth gilt lettered on the spine and pictorially decorated in gilt and red on the upper cover. ix, 678. Index. An unusually nice copy indeed, especially sturdy and fresh, with no foxing and only modest evidence of age to the dark green cloth, very scarce as such. $550.

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“This volume includes a biographical sketch of the author by W.C. Prime, a treatise on the causes of the war, a discussion of the early months of chaotic activity, a selection of letters to his wife, and a narrative of McClellan’s part in the war from the summer of 1861 through his removal after Antietam.”
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Sherman, General W. T.  MEMOIRS...WRITTEN BY HIMSELF, With a Appendix, Bringing His Life Down to its Closing Scenes, also a Personal Tribute and Critique of the Memoirs, by Hon. James G. Blaine (New York: Charles L. Webster, 1892)  2 volumes. First Edition in the “Shoulder Strap” Series and the scarcest of the primary editions, the first printed by Webster and the first in the uniform “Shoulder Strap” format and the last lifetime edition. Engraved portrait frontispiece, 15 folding maps and 4 other portraits. Tall, thick 8vo, original dark green cloth lettered in gilt on the spines and upper covers, the spines with the “Shoulder Strap” amulets in black and gold, yellow floral endpapers. 455; 604 pp. A very nice set, the cloth still nice and dark with gilt preserved and only expected shelf aging. Internally solid and clean with only a light amount of the typical aging.        $575.

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P.H. Sheridan - Infamous Hero of the Civil War
First Edition of His Personal Memoirs - 1888
A Fascinating Military Biography of the “Great War” Series

Sheridan, P.H.  PERSONAL MEMOIRS OF P. H. SHERIDAN. General United States Army. (New York: Charles L. Webster & Company, 1888)  2 volumes. First edition. Steel-engraved portrait frontispiece and a profusion of plates and maps throughout, some of which are fold-out. 8vo, publisher’s original “Shoulder Strap” dark green cloth with gilt lettering and fine all over gilt pictorial decorations over the spines and upper covers. xiii, 500; xi, 486. A much nicer copy then one often sees. The green cloth is still dark and unfaded and with very bright gilt on the covers, and with some minor rubbing and spotting. Internally with much less then typical foxing but with some toning, though both being a bit heavier at the prelims. The volumes a little shaken but the hinges are still quite tight. In all a very nice and usable set.    $350.

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With a Remarkable Autograph Letter Signed by Lawrence
T.E. Lawrence - Revolt in the Desert
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Lawrence, T. E. REVOLT IN THE DESERT (London: Jonathan Cape, 1927) First Edition. With a copy of the publisher’s announcement for the publication of the book and a REMARKABLE AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED BY T.E. LAWRENCE DISCUSSING THE BOOK AND ITS PUBLICATION. With 16 black and white illustrations, large folding map at rear. 8vo, tan polished buckram lettered in gilt on spine, in dustjacket. 435, index. An unusually nice copy, the dustjacket with minor evidence of shelving. $8500.

WITH AN EXTRAORDINARY AUTOGRAPH LETTER BY T.E. LAWRENCE DESCRIBING THE BOOK AND ITS MAKING. A REMARKABLE LETTER WITH VERY SIGNIFICANT CONTENT. THE SCARCE FIRST EDITION OF THIS IMPORTANT WORK BY LAWRENCE. This is the first publicly issued text of SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM prepared by Lawrence after the private printing of that book and edited by him for the general trade. Jonathan Cape had planned a new edition of REVOLT IN THE DESERT to come out after Lawrence death, but Lawrence’s estate permitted instead the printing of the trade edition of the full text of SEVEN PILLARS instead. Thus, the work in this form was obtainable for only a very brief period of time.

THE LETTER IS REMARKABLE IN ITS CONTENT. 1p. on a bifolium, 8vo, [ Karachi, 1927], describing the production of “Revolt in the Desert” at Cranwell in two evenings with the help of A/c Miller and A/A Knowles, stating that no copy of it would ever be signed by him. The note is similar in content to the letter sent to Jonathan Cape, his publisher, on the same subject, though here Lawrence says that the work took place in April, and in the Cape letter he states that it was on March 26th and 27th. T.E.L discusses in the letter the use of his legal name Shaw and the wishes of Jonathan Cape that he use his more well known name, Lawrence, and the agreement they arrived at. He. also discusses here is thoughts about the book itself giving harsh views about its authorship and significance.

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The First Black President of South Africa
His Moving and Inspirational Autobiography

Mandela, Nelson. LONG WALK TO FREEDOM (Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1994) First edition, first issue, SIGNED BY NELSON MANDELA, and dated by him 5 August, 2000. With 24 pages of black and white photographs and cartographic endpapers. Large 8vo, in the publisher’s original green paper-covered boards backed in black cloth, gilt lettered on the spine and upper cover, in the original dustjacket. 558 pp. A very fine copy, both book and jacket are pristine and as mint. $4500.

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An Extremely Early Printing into English
Thomas North’s Celebrated Plutarch - 1595
The Rare Issue with the Norton Imprint
A Veritable Gold Mine of Plots for William Shakespeare

Plutarch, (c. A.D. 46-120). THE LIVES OF THE NOBLE GRECIANS AND ROMANES, Compared Together by that Grave and Learned Philosopher & Historiographer, Plutarke of Chaeronea: Translated out of Greek in to French by James Amyot... and out of French into Englishe by Thomas North (London: by Richard Field for Bonham Norton, 1595) RARE PRINTING IN ENGLISH FROM THE 1500’s. Very Scarce and Very Important. The Shakespeare Plutarch, the printing presumed to this day to have been used by Shakespeare in his research and historical writing. Only the second edition of North’s first translation of Plutarch into English, this the rare issue with Norton’s imprint instead of that of Thomas Wright. This copy with the 1740 signature of Sir John St Aubyn, 3rd Baronet, on the verso of the title-page. Printer’s device on the titlepage, numerous woodcut portraits within elaborate woodcut borders as chapter-headings, various woodcut initials and head- and tail-pieces. Folio, handsomely bound in later full dark black morocco, the boards with a double gilt fillet border, the spines with gilt ruled bands and gilt lettering. [xiv], 1173 [20] pp. An honest and textually complete copy, for the most part very clean, lacking only the final few leaves of the index and probably a blank. The leaves of the dedication and “to the reader” are bound out of order but are all present, the title-page with early repairs from the back including replacement of a section missing from the upper right corner affecting several lines of the title, some preliminary leaves strengthened or repaired at the fore-edge affecting the marginal notations only, these leaves a bit more mellowed, the index somewhat worn at the edges and with some minor typical edge staining, very occasional minor worming or evidence of use or age, almost always constrained to the margins. The binding in very fine condition.

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The Best Edition of Plato’s Writings in English
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Plato, (427–347 BC); [Jowett, Benjamin]. THE DIALOGUES OF PLATO Translated Into English With Analyses and Introduction by B[enjamin] Jowett (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1931) 5 volumes. The third edition, new impression. 8vo, publisher’s original maroon polished cloth lettered and decorated in gilt on the spines and stamped in blind with panel designs on the covers, each volume housed in the rare dustjackets. xxxvii, 594; 576; cccxxi, 543; 645; cccxviii, 541 pp. A very fine set, fresh and clean and very handsome withal, the cloth protected by the dustjackets and thus unusually bright and especially well preserved, essentially as pristine, the jackets just a bit mellowed by age and still in quite excellent condition with just some very minor edge-wear occasionally evident.

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Henry David Thoreau - Walden - First Edition
A Highlight of American Renaissance Thought
A Clean and Handsome Copy of an Iconic Work - 1854

Thoreau, Henry David. WALDEN, Or, Life In the Woods (Boston: Ticknor and Fields, 1854) First edition, first state of the text, September ads (the various ads are of “no known bibliographical significance” -BAL, 20106). Illustrated with the map of Walden Pond and with title vignette of the cabin in the woods. 8vo, publisher’s original brown cloth lettered in gilt and ruled in blind on spine, bordered and decorated in blind on all covers. 357, [8 ads] pp. A handsome copy of this important work, internally very pleasing and very fresh, the binding with gentle and expert restoration at the head and tail of the spine and with a little touching up of the tips but with brighter gilt then is typically seen and with sturdy, solid hinges.

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Thoreau’s Yankee in Canada
With the First Appearance of “Civil Disobedience”
A Remarkably Fine Copy - Beautifully Preserved

Thoreau, Henry David. A YANKEE IN CANADA, With Anti-Slavery and Reform Papers (Boston: Ticknor and Fields, 1866) First edition. 8vo, original plum cloth lettered and decorated in gilt on spine, wreath-stamped and bordered in blind on covers, now housed in a protective slip case. 286 pp. A very fine copy, beautifully preserved, very scarce thus, a book notorious for suffering the ravages of time and use.

FIRST EDITION IN REMARKABLY FINE CONDITION. This title contains a five chapter work “A Yankee in Canada” based on several brief trips Thoreau made from 1849 to 1853. It was during these years that his primary residence was at Walden. The second half of the book is a series of 11 essays called the “Anti-Slavery and Reform Essays”. They include the first general appearance of “Civil Disobedience”.

A Week on the Concord and Merrimack
A Contemporary Edition of Thoreau’s First Book

Thoreau, Henry David. A WEEK ON THE CONCORD AND MERRIMACK RIVERS (Boston: Ticknor and Fields, 1868). First Ticknor and Fields printing, being only the second edition of the book and the first printing thus. 8vo, publisher’s original dark brown pebbled cloth, lettered and decorated in gilt on the spine, both covers decorated in blind. 415 pp. An as fine copy, internally fresh, clean and solid with no foxing or wear, beautifully preserved with just a touch of age at the tips and only very light evidence of use.

THOREAU’S FIRST BOOK. ONLY THE SECOND ISSUANCE, AND THE FIRST EDITION OFFERED BY TICKNOR AND FIELDS. Of the American first, only one thousand copies were originally printed. Thoreau’s autobiographical narrative describes seven days in a small boat during a trip made with his brother John to the White Mountains in 1839. BAL 20118.
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The First Printing in English - Philip De Commines
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FIRST EDITION IN ENGLISH, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT WORKS OF MEDIEVAL CONTEMPORARY HISTORY. DAEJTT’S FIRST ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF COMMINES, CALLED BY MANY THE FIRST MODERN HISTORY AND A CLASSIC OF HISTORICAL WRITING. A COPY WITH EXCELLENT PROVENANCE. This copy bearing the inscription of “Lord Fauconberg his Booke, 1677.” Thomas Belasyse, the Earl of Fauconberg (1627-1700) was a strong adherent of the Commonwealth government and married Oliver Cromwell’s third daughter, Mary. He again became a royalist after the Restoration, and was appointed a member of the privy council of Charles II.

Commines [1447-1511] gives an account of the reign of Louis XI and the Italian expedition of Charles VIII covering the final 30 years or so of the 15th century. For the first time after the classical age, Commines produced a critical and philosophical history, with the result that he became known as the “father of modern history.” This history is “characterised by a hardheadedness and realism, e.g. his ridicule of chivalry and feudal warfare, in his preference for the diplomatic and subtle Louis to the headstrong and arrogant Charles, and in his condemnation of ruse and indirection. Both Machiavelli and Guicciardini were in his debt” (Wedeck & Schweitzer, Dictionary of the Renaissance, p. 163).

“One of the most famous of the French chronicle histories. Malone in his notes on The Tempest thinks it is not improbable that Shakespeare had in his thoughts a translation of Commines’ history.” Rosenbach 27:122. STC 5602; Wedeck and Schweitzer; Rosenbach 27:122;

The Court and Character of King James
An Eye “and Eare” Witness Account - Published 1650
Scarce - Printed London - In Contemporary Paneled Calf

Weldon, Anthony. THE COURT AND CHARACTER OF KING JAMES. Written and Taken by Sir A.W., Being and Eye and Eare Witness. (London: By R.I. to be sold by John Wright, 1650) Scarce first edition. With the rare portrait frontispiece and engraved titlepage. Small 8vo [132 by 80mm], full contemporary calf, sometime sympathetically and expertly rebacked to correctly marry the boards which are paneled in blind in ornate fashion with floral corner-pieces also in blind, edges with a double-ruled gilt fillet line, edges gilt tooled, the spine with double-ruled gilt raised bands and a red morocco label ruled and lettered in gilt. [x], 197 pp. A nice copy indeed, being well preserved and a complete copy of this scarce work, with light typical age mellowing, the text very sturdy. The binding is attractive though the front hinge has separated, easily repaired.

SCARCE FIRST EDITION WITH THE RARELY ENCOUNTERED PORTRAIT FRONTISPICE. A SELDOM ENCOUNTERED CONTEMPORARY ACCOUNT OF KING JAMES I WRITTEN BY A MEMBER OF HIS COURT. ONLY A SMALL HANDFUL OF COPIES HAVE APPEARED IN RECENT YEARS.
The work has long been attributed to Anthony Weldon, due somewhat to its not overly flattering portrayal of the monarch and due to its publication within a few months of Weldon’s death. The justification for the criticism inherent in the book is usually presumed to be because of Weldon’s dismissal from the royal court. At first a popular courtier, Weldon wrote an assessment of the Scottish people which was far from positive and the former James VI of Scotland did not take kindly to it.

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Whitman, Walt. SPECIMEN DAYS & COLLECT. (Philadelphia: Rees Welch & Co., 1882-1883.) First Edition, First Issue. BAL 21422. This copy is from the library of diarist Frederick Shelley Ryman with his signature and Boston, Ma. on the front end-paper, where he also has written, “Autograph Edition see p.122- Bought off Walt Whitman himself. Recd Jan. 6th, 1888”. Forty four of Ryman’s diaries dated 1880-1929 are in the permanent collection of the Mass Historical Society. “An atheist, he espoused free-love doctrines, passionately loved the poetry of Walt Whitman, and championed women’s rights to equal education and employment. Nonetheless, the adventures he recorded at length in his diaries disclose a subculture that Ryman shared with other single men and women of the era. Ryman left a rich historical legacy in his extensive diaries which provide a rare personal account of male sexual experience during the 19th Century”. This copy has Ryman’s news clippings, cross outs, marginal lines and annotations sporadically throughout the book. This copy has a bold Whitman signature laid in at page 122 opposite the portrait (loose) of Whitman with butterfly. 8vo, bound in the publisher’s original yellow cloth. An attractive copy well used by its illustrious former owner with his extensive and highly interesting notes throughout, along with the laid-in portrait and Whitman autograph slip Ryman has also preserved within the book several articles on Whitman, some are laid in while others are tipped to the endpapers and free-flies. $6500.

A WONDERFUL COPY OF THE FIRST EDITION OF THIS GREAT CLASSIC PROSE WORK BY WALT WHITMAN, AMERICA’S GREAT POET, THIS FASCINATING COPY WITH LAID IN AUTOGRAPH SIGNATURE OF WALT WHITMAN AND EXTENSIVE NOTATIONS ATTESTING TO ITS FINE PROVENANCE. THE BOOK IS REPLETE WITH MARGINALIA AND CONTEMPORARY WRITTEN MARKINGS AND CONNECTIONS TO THE POET.

Among Whitman’s personal writings included herein are his reminiscences upon his last visit with Emerson, his visit to Concord and vicinity to meet with the Alcotts the Emersons and other important personages and to spend time discussing, visiting the grave of and paying homage to Henry David Thoreau. Also included is a critique on the poetry of America, as well as an entire sub-section entitled “Notes Left Over.” These writings are Whitman’s most famous prose considerations.

Life on the Mississippi - First Edition - 1883
One of Mark Twain’s Best Books - Profusely Illustrated

Twain, Mark (Samuel L. Clemens). LIFE ON THE MISSISSIPPI. (Boston: James R. Osgood, 1883) First Edition, First State. Blanck’s intermediate A, with the tailpiece of Twain in flames on p.441 still present, and with caption on p.443 corrected to read “The St. Charles Hotel”. Profusely illustrated throughout. Tall 8vo, publisher’s original decorated cloth with black stamped decorations and gilt pictorial vignettes on the upper cover, the spine decorated in black and with a large gilt pictorial vignette, lettered in gilt, a.e.g. 624. An uncommonly fine and bright copy, and fine copies are becoming extinct. $4250.

ONE OF TWAIN’S BEST BOOKS AND A RARE FINE COPY IN ORIGINAL CLOTH OF THIS IMPORTANT FIRST EDITION. Twain writes about his home and his muse—the great Mississippi. “As a dwelling place for civilized man it is by far the first upon our globe.” (preface)
B. K. Peirce's Biography of John James Audubon

Audubon's Adventures - 1889 - Illustrated

1 [Audubon, John James]; Peirce, B. K. AUDUBON'S ADVENTURES or LIFE IN THE WOODS (New York: Hunt & Eaton, 1889) First edition. With 8 black and white illustrative plates. 12mo, publisher’s original green cloth lettered in gilt on the spine, and with decorative borders in black on the upper cover and in blind on the lower cover. 252 pp. A handsome copy with a touch of age-wear.

FIRST EDITION OF THIS EARLY BIOGRAPHY OF JOHN JAMES AUDUBON. Peirce wrote Audubon’s Adventures for young readers to inspire them to take an interest in the natural beauty of birds. The story of Audubon’s travels and adventures engages readers today of all ages. $95.

The Golden Booke of Marcus Aurelius - 1586

John Bouchier’s Famous Translation into English

2 [Aurelius, Marcus] [Guevara, Antonio de]. THE GOLDEN BOOKE OF MARCUS AURELIUS, Emperour and Eloquent Oratour (London: By Thomas East, 1586) A very early printing of the first translation into English, translated by Lord Berners, John Bouchier. Title-page within woodcut border, woodcut tailpieces on the final page of text and after the colophon, which has a woodcut printer’s mark on the verso. Small 8vo, in antique full tan calf, the boards with fine blind-tooled panels, the spine richly decorated in blind between raised bands, one compartment with a red morocco label ruled in lettered in gilt, additional gilt lettering at the foot, page edges and end-leaves marbled. A1-n8, lacking mm2-mm8. A handsome copy, quite fresh and solid, a small defect to the first leaf of the table at front effecting a few words of text, very occasional other trivial soiling or evidence of use, occasional early marginal evidence of long ago damp, very minor, the binding handsome and strong.

A SCARCE 16TH CENTURY ENGLISH EDITION OF ANTONIO DE GUEVARA’S DISCOURSE ON THE IDEAL RULE OF KINGS BASED UPON THE EXAMPLES OF MARCUS AURELIUS. Guevara was an important Spanish court preacher and served as historian to the Holy Roman Emperor and King of Spain, Charles V. This work purports to be a life of Marcus Aurelius, but was an original work by him meant to use examples from Aurelius’ life to function as a discourse on ideal rule for the new King. He claimed he discovered it in an old manuscript and that his contributions and decisions as an editor were merely of style and not of real substance. It “presented a richly drawn portrait of Marcus Aurelius as an emperor and as a man. The book’s extraordinary success was owed in no small part to this humanized characterization... in the 17th-century it was said that in its epoch, no book but the Bible enjoyed such a wide diffusion. (It) created a new dimension to the personality of Marcus Aurelius, popularizing the Emperor as the ideal prince.” Mezzatesta, Michael. “Marcus Aurelius, Fray Antonio de Guevara, and the Ideal of the Perfect Prince in the 16th century.” STC 12447; Lowndes 1:54; Pforzheimer 2:434; ESTC S103529

$7250.

The Record of an Aeronaut - John M. Bacon - 1907

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3 Bacon, Gertrude. THE RECORD OF AN AERONAUT Being the Life of John M. Bacon (London: John Long, 1907) First edition. With a portrait frontispiece with printed inscription and 62 illustrations on plates which include some very early examples of aerial photography. 8vo, publisher’s original blue cloth with gilt lettering and gilt rules on the spine. 358 pp., including index. A very fine, bright copy, especially well preserved with little evidence of age.

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The Best Biography of the Great African Explorer


4 [Baker, Sir Samuel; African and Egyptian Exploration]; Murray, T. Douglas and A. Silva White. SIR SAMUEL BAKER: A MEMOIR (London: Macmillan, 1895) First edition. Portrait frontispiece, 2 further portraits, 2 plates and a facsimile manuscript from Baker’s journal, a number of maps including sketch maps, a folding map of the Nile Basin to face page 1, folding maps of Baker’s original Abyssinian map and the range of the Mhadi revolt in colour, very large coloured folding map at the end of the volume. 8vo, publisher’s original olive-tan polished buckram, the spine lettered in gilt, the upper cover with a large decoration in gilt and black of a shield and spear with decorations, facsimile of Baker’s signature in gilt to the lower portion of the cover. xii, 437 pp. A very good copy, the spine sometime re-cased, endpapers renewed, light toning to the edges of the text-block as is typical.

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6 Boswell, James. *THE LIFE OF SAMUEL JOHNSON Comprehending an Account of his Studies and Numerous Works, etc...* (London: Printed by Henry Baldwin for Charles Dilly, 1793) 3 volumes. First octavo edition, revised and augmented by Boswell, with the corrections, cancels, and misprints. This copy also with the “Additions received after the Second Edition was printed” (pp. i-*xxii), “A Chronological Catalogue of the Prose Works of Samuel Johnson, LL.D” which is the first attempt at a Johnson bibliography (pp. *xxiii-*xxxi), and thirteen letters to Bennet Langton and one to the Earl of Bute as well as the first issuance of the Dialogue between Dr. Johnson and Mrs. Knowles printed by J. and A. Arch, London, and not called for in the first edition of the octavo issue. Most of this material was issued here for the first time and was not in the first edition quarto. Engraved portrait frontispiece, after the painting by Sir Joshua Reynolds. Also with the folding ‘Round Robin’ plate and a folding plate of with a facsimile of Dr. Johnson’s handwriting. 8vo, very handsomely bound in original period tree calf, the spines gilt tooled in compartments decorated with a central gilt ornamental device and surrounded by gilt borders, divided into six compartments separated by gilt decorated bands, two compartments with contrasting red and black morocco labels gilt lettered and decorated. With the fine engraved armorial bookplate of Sir Henry Kenyon Stephenson, 1st Baronet, Lord Mayor of Sheffield and the first Member of Parliament for the Sheffield Park constituency. portrait, title,xviii, [i],xviii- xxxix, [i], xxxvi, 603; 634; 711; 8 pp. A very good and handsome copy sometime long ago sympathetically restored at the backs in sympathetic fashion, a bit of wear to the tips but a very pleasing copy and an honest one very well preserved.

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8  [Burton, Captain Sir Richard Francis].  Hitchman, Francis.  RICHARD F. BURTON, K.C.M.G.: His Early, Private and Public Life with An Account of His Travels and Explorations (London: Sampson Low, Marston, Searle & Rivington, 1887)  2 volumes.  First edition.  With 19 full-page plates and 23 illustrations in the text.  8vo, bound in later half tan cloth over marbled paper boards, spines lettered in gilt, top edges gilt, cloth covered slipcase houses the two volumes.  xii, 430; x, 460 pp.  An especially well preserved copy, the bindings very bright and as pristine, the text blocks and illustrations clean and in very good order.

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The Life of Captain Sir Richard Francis Burton
Isabel Burton’s Biography of Her Famous Husband - 1898
The First Edition with Wilkins’ Preface - With Illustrations

9  [Burton, Captain Sir Richard Francis]; Burton, Isabel.  THE LIFE OF CAPTAIN SIR RICHARD F. BURTON, K.C.M.G., F.R.G.S.  (London: Duckworth & Co., 1898)  First edition with the new prefatory matter, a “New Edition”, being the second overall.  With 12 illustrations, from photos and sketches.  Tall 8vo, publisher’s original tan cloth gilt lettered on the upper cover and spine, the upper cover pictorially decorated in colors with the famous image of Burton in Arab garb from his “Pilgrimage”.  xx, 548, [2] ads pp.  A very good and proper copy, the text clean but for the lightest of occasional spotting, a few leaves opened roughly, the cloth with some spotting and toning to the spine as is usual, still a very good survival, tight and good order and a pleasing survival.

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10 [Burton, Isabel Lady; Burton, Captain Sir Richard]; Wilkins, W.H. THE ROMANCE OF ISABEL LADY BURTON. The Story of Her Life Told in Part by Herself and in Part by W.H. Wilkins. (London: Hutchinson & Co., 1897) 2 volumes. First Edition, Early Issue. There seems to be no difference in date, design or content between the first issuances of 1897. It appears that a slug noting edition has been added to the top of some title-pages but these are probably marketing rather than edition significations. Illustrated with 42 full page plates and EXTRA ILLUSTRATED WITH TWO RARE ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPHS, one of Lady Burton and one of Richard Burton, circa 1872, affixed to the flyleaves of Volume II and captioned in manuscript. 8vo, publisher’s original mustard cloth, “Isabel Burton” and a star in gilt on the upper covers, blindstamped motif on lower, title in gilt on the spines, t.e.g. xviii, 374; [viii], 375-778 (including index) pp. A very good and handsome set, extra illustrated, one plate (Lady Burton in 1887) appears to have never been bound in, the text very fresh with only an occasional hint of the common fox, the cloth sound and unworn with only a bit of light mellowing.

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12 Churchill, Winston. LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL (London: Macmillan and Co Limited, 1906) 2 volumes. First edition. With 18 illustrations including two fine photogravure frontispieces. Large, thick 8vo, publisher’s original burgundy cloth lettered and decorated in gilt on the spines and upper covers. xvi, 564; 523, index pp. A very pleasing set. Quite handsome copies of both volumes, bright and clean and very well preserved throughout, just a tiny bit of spotting to the fore-edges and trivial mellowing or age evidence to the extremities.

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13 Churchill, Winston. MY AFRICAN JOURNEY (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1908) First edition. First and only issue. Illustrated profusely throughout. 8vo, publisher’s original bright red cloth, lettered in gilt on the spine and pictorially decorated in colours across the whole of the upper cover. xiii, 226, 16 ads. A very bright and handsome copy, the text with just a light bit of the inevitable foxing to which the title is prone, much less than is typically encountered. The cloth is especially fresh with just a bit of very minor age mellowing.

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14 [Churchill, Winston S.] Churchill, Randolph S. and Gilbert, Martin. WINSTON S. CHURCHILL. VOLUME I YOUTH 1874-1900; VOLUME II YOUNG STATESMAN 1901-1914; VOLUME III 1914-1916; VOLUME IV 1917-1922; VOLUME V 1922-1939; VOLUME VI FINEST HOUR 1939-1941; VOLUME VII ROAD TO VICTORY 1941-1945; VOLUME VIII ‘NEVER DESPAIR’ 1945-1965  (London: Heinemann, 1966-1983) 8 volumes. First editions, the original English printings of each volumes. With a great profusion of illustrations in monochrome and colours, including maps, charts, photographs, folding plates, and other decorations. Thick 8vo, publisher’s original red cloth, the spines lettered in gilt, the books all housed in their printed varied colour dust-jackets. xxxvi, 608; xxix, 775; xxxvii, 988; xvi, 967; xxvii, 1167; xx, 1308; xx, 1417; xxvii, 1438 pp. A fine set of this prodigious work. The books and dust-jackets are all in very handsome and pleasing condition.

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Randolph Churchill died just after the second volume of this massive work was produced and Martin Gilbert continued the writing. He is one of Britain's most distinguished historians. Following Randolph's death in 1968 he was appointed the Official Biographer. During the twenty-five years spent on the biography, which reached completion in 1988, Mr. Gilbert wrote many other books on modern European history including AUSCHWITZ AND THE ALLIES, THE HOLOCAUST, and THE SECOND WORLD WAR as well as serving as editor of thirteen volumes of Churchill documents.

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William Manchester’s Superb Writings on Churchill
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15 [Churchill, Winston S.]; Manchester, William. THE THE LAST LION. Winston Spencer Churchill. Alone 1932-1940  (Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1988) First Edition, first issue. Illustrated throughout with maps and plates from black and white photographs. 8vo, publisher’s original black cloth, pictorially blocked in blind on the covers with images of lions rampant, the spine lettered in gilt and with label blocked in red and lettered in gilt, and with its original pictorial dust-jacket. [xviii], 973pp. Fine, bright, clean and tight copy, the jacket with extremely minor rubbing along the top edge.

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16 [Cicero]; Trollope, Anthony. LIFE OF CICERO  (New York: Harper and Brothers, 1881) 2 volumes First Edition, American Issue 8vo, bound later in blue silk cloth, the spines with black morocco lettering labels gilt. 347; 346 pp. A fine copy with the half-titles in an attractive binding.
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17 Coolidge, Calvin. THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF CALVIN COOLIDGE. (New York: Cosmopolitan Book Corporation, 1929) First Edition, Limited Issue, Specially Bound. This copy out of series and with a tipped in letter signed by Coolidge on White House stationery and dated 1927. With a photogravure frontispiece of President Coolidge and eleven other illustrations throughout. 8vo, publisher’s original dark blue linen backed boards, t.e.g., others uncut. [12], 247, colophon. A bright and clean copy, the letter also finely preserved.

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18 [Czar Nicholas; Russia; ]; Smucker, Samuel M. THE LIFE AND REIGN OF NICHOLAS THE FIRST, EMPEROR OF RUSSIA; with Descriptions of Russian Society and Government, A Complete History of the War in the East, and Sketches of Schamyl the Circassian Chief and other Distinguished Characters. (Philadelphia: J.W. Bradley, 1858) First Edition. Illustrated with full-page tinted plates throughout. 8vo, publisher’s original red diced cloth, the spine lettered and decorated in gilt, the upper cover stamped in an elaborate all-over design in blind, and with a central ornamental device in gilt of the Czar’s coat-of-arms. xvi, 415 pp. A very good copy with minor evidence of age or use. The cloth and giltwork still bright, the text-block and binding in very good order, tight and strong.

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Portrait of the Dalai Lama  
Charles Bell’s Important Biography

20 [Dalai Lama] Bell, Charles. Portrait of the Dalai Lama (London: Collins, 1946) First edition. With two colour plates, including the frontispiece, and 69 black and white illustrations from photographs on 57 plates and with two maps as the endpapers. 8vo, original salmon cloth with Tibetan symbol in gilt on the upper cover, the spine lettered in gilt and featuring a second Tibetan symbol. 414 pp. A very good and fresh copy, the text is fine indeed, the cloth only lightly mellowed by time. This is uncommonly well preserved for paper produced so shortly after the war.

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21 Darwin, Francis. CHARLES DARWIN: His Life Told in an Autobiographical Chapter, and in a Selected Series of His Published Letters. Edited by his son, Francis Darwin (New York: Appleton and Company, 1893) First one volume edition, U.S. issue. With a photogravure portrait frontispiece and a facsimile page from Darwin’s notebook. 8vo, publisher’s original rust cloth with border roll and floral decorations in black on the upper cover and in blind on the lower cover, spine lettered in gilt. [viii], 365,8 ads. A very handsome and very fine copy indeed, fresh and clean.

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22 [Foster] Cundall, H. M., I.S.O., F.S.A. BIRKET FOSTER (London: Adam and Charles Black, 1906) LIMITED DE LUXE FIRST EDITION, one of only 500 hand-numbered copies SIGNED by publishers A. & C. Black. With an original etching by Birket Foster produced from the original plate in the author’s possession, 73 fine colourplates reproduced from Foster’s paintings in various collections, 20 black and white plates from sketches, drawings and photographs and 58 illustrations throughout the text, most of which from pencil drawings in Foster’s sketchbooks, the colourplates with captioned tissue guards. 4to, in the publisher’s original ivory cloth decorated on the upper cover and spine with leaves and flowers in pink, green and gilt within a geometric framework in red, gilt lettering to both cover and spine, beveled edges, t.e.g. xx, 215 pp. A beautiful copy, the cloth with only the mildest age mellowing. The white cloth still beautifully preserved, internally very fresh and bright, a fine copy indeed with only the plates and text-block as pristine.

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This extensively illustrated work contains not only Cundall’s finely crafted biography but also a list of the principal books containing illustrations by Foster, a list of water-colour paintings exhibited at the Royal Society of Painters, a list of oil paintings exhibited at the Royal Academy and an extensive index.

The trade issue does not include the etching printed from Foster’s original plate.

$450.
The Hero of Khartoum

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23 (Gordon, General Charles George). LIFE OF GENERAL GORDON (London: Walter Scott, n.d. (c. 1885)) First edition. 62 full page engravings. royal 8vo, original dark teal cloth highly decorated with gilt and black pictorial vignettes on the upper cover, gilt and black designs on the spine, a.e.g. x, 468,12 ads. A well preserved and tight copy in a beautifully decorated Victorian cloth binding

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Probably the most important book on the American Civil War, and in many respects a masterpiece of American literature. David Eicher’s useful summary includes this fine judgment: “Grant’s MEMOIRS comprise one of the most valuable writings by a military commander in history . . . The work is genuinely that of the commander. As such, it is valuable in its scope, its plain and clear analysis and language, and its broad conclusions about the conduct of the war.

“In the years following the war Grant would move into the political arena, even against his best judgment and would, with great public acclaim be elected President of United States for two full terms.

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Kate Greenaway
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26 [Greenaway, Kate] Spielmann, M. H. and Layard, G. S. KATE GREENAWAY (London: Adam and Charles Black, 1905) First edition. With 53 fine plates of Ms. Greenaway’s paintings in colour, 34 additional black and white plates and an additional 56 thumb-nail drawings and sketches throughout the text and endleaves in colour reproducing Greenaway nursery wall paper in miniature. Large 8vo, in the original blue cloth lettered and decorated in gilt and in yellow, red and light blue on both the upper cover and spine, Greenaway illustrated endleaves in colours and top edge gilt. xx, 300 pp., 2 ads. Internally fine and bright, the paper clean and fresh and the plates pristine, the blue cloth attractive and very well preserved with very little evidence of age or wear, some mellowing to the blue cloth at the spine panel.

FIRST EDITION AND AN ABSOLUTE MUST-HAVE FOR FANS AND COLLECTORS OF ARTIST/ILLUSTRATOR KATE GREENAWAY. This thick volume combines a catalogue raisonné with extensive biographic writings, particularly in regard to her relationship with John Ruskin, of which letters and correspondences are also included. But, as one would expect, Greenaway's own artwork, so much of which is excellently reproduced here on fine plates, takes center seat.

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The Life of George Grenfell
Hawker’s Vivid Account of the Great Congo Missionary


FIRST EDITION. As a Baptist missionary, George Grenfell first went to Africa in 1875. He was the first to prove the independent nature of the Mubangi, discovered the Ruki or Black River, found himself in contact with actual cannibals and discovered and named Grenfell Falls on the Mubangi.

Meant as a companion volume to Sir Harry Johnston’s; “George Grenfell and the Congo”, this work concentrates on Grenfell’s missionary efforts rather than his explorations. “.it is refreshing to recall the remembrance of this good man, a missionary in the purest sense of the word; who succeeded, as the messenger of peace, in irradiating the immense basin of the Congo by his itineraries and in endowing its geography with fixed points carefully determined by astronomical observations” (from his obituary in the Le Movement Geographic)

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The First Edition by Nathaniel Hawthorne - 1852
His Biography of a President - The Life of Franklin Pierce


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A Rare Nathaniel Hawthorne - 1851
First Edition - True Stories From History and Biography
Publisher’s Original Cloth - An Uncommonly Fine Copy

29 Hawthorne, Nathaniel. TRUE STORIES FROM HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY. (Boston;: Ticknor, Reed and Fields, 1851.) First Edition, First Issue. B.A.L.7655. 12mo, publisher’s original decorated red cloth, enclosed in a morocco slipcase box. Uncommonly fine and fresh being the Henry W. Poor copy (of Standards & Poor) with his attractive bookplate. Minor edge tear to the bottom of the title page and a little light rubbing only.

UNCOMMON HAWTHORNE FIRST EDITION. This collection of stories compiled many works that had stood the test of time which Hawthorne wished to offer at an affordable price in a single attractive volume so that everyone could enjoy them. It is comprised of the whole “History of Grandfather’s Chair”, which is complete in three parts. “Grandfather’s Chair” was a pioneering example of historical nonfiction for children. Framed by a narrative in which Grandfather tells four Hawthorne grandchildren the adventures of the old English chair on which he sits, it traces the founding of Massachusetts from the Puritan settlement of Salem and Boston through the Revolutionary era. The “substantial and homely reality” of Grandfather’s fireside chair unifies these “true stories,” since individuals associated with the founding of the republic ranging from Anne Hutchinson to George Washington are somehow made to sit in, own, or act within the hearing of this sturdy oaken artifact.

The biographical stories are of: Benjamin West, Sir Isaac Newton, Samuel Johnson, Oliver Cromwell, Benjamin Franklin and Queen Christina.

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Letters From the Raven
The Elegant Writings of Lafcadio Hearn

Hearn, Lafcadio. Letters from The Raven. Being the Correspondence of Lafcadio Hearn with Henry Watkin. With Introduction and Critical Comment by the Editor Milton Bronner (London: Archibald Constable & Company, 1908) First UK Edition. With illustrations throughout, being reproductions of pencil sketches, cards and letters from Hearn. 8vo, publisher’s original black cloth, lettered on the upper cover in gilt, the spine with an all over gilt geometric decoration and gilt lettered. 201 pp. A lovely copy, internally fine, fresh and clean, the cloth very bright with nice gilt, the black cloth on the spine just mellowed a bit and the gilt very fresh.

A LOVELY COPY, FAR MORE FRESH AND CLEAN THEN IS TYPICALLY FOUND. The collection contains the letters, “Letters from the Raven,” “Letters to a Lady,” and “Letters of Ozias Midwinter.” They not only display Hearn’s great literary elegance but also offer valuable insight to his thoughts and values. These were written during his years in the South and contain his thoughts and impressions on New Orleans, Memphis and elsewhere.

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Ernest Hemingway - First Edition of the Special Tribute
Published Only Days After His Death
Remembering an Iconic Literary Force of the Age

[Hemingway, Ernest]; LIFE MAGAZINE, Tribute to Hemingway; MacLeish, Archibald. "THE CALL OF DANGER" [A Special Tribute in LIFE Magazine to Ernest Hemingway Issued Only Days After His Death] (New York: Life Magazine, July 14, 1961) A photographic Essay on Hemingway called “His Final Chapter to a Magnificently Told Story”, also with a brief “Memories of” by the Editors of LIFE and a memorial article on Hemingway by Archibald MacLeish entitled “His Mirror Was Danger”. With colour portrait photograph of Hemingway by Karsh as the front cover, and with photographs throughout. 4to, bound in the original pictorial wrappers featuring a Karsh photograph of Hemingway on the cover. An essentially fine copy, very well preserved with just a bit of age-wear. The original mailing label and ink stamp are still present, a copy that is bright and clean with only a little mellowing from time.

FIRST EDITION OF THIS SPECIAL HEMINGWAY TRIBUTE PUBLISHED ONLY DAYS AFTER HIS DEATH FROM THE MAGAZINE WITH A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED ASSOCIATION WITH THE AUTHOR. For LIFE MAGAZINE, the death of Hemingway was a special loss, as he was a cherished colleague. The association began in 1937 when Hemingway wrote captions for photo-essays on the Spanish Civil War. In 1952 LIFE MAGAZINE published the first appearance in print of his Nobel Prize-winning novel THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA. He wrote articles for LIFE’s sister publication, SPORTS ILLUSTRATED and finally, what is generally regarded as his last work, THE DANGEROUS SUMMER was first published by LIFE in 1960.

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Extensively Illustrated in Colour - First Edition
Louis Aragon’s 27 Years with Henri Matisse
Henri Matisse: A Novel - Two Volumes in Fine Condition

Henri Matisse: A Novel. Translated by Jean Stewart (New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc., 1972) 2 volumes. First edition in English. With 155 color illustrations and a vast profusion of black and white illustrations throughout, several folding, over 500 in all. 4to, original white cloth, lettered in orange on the spines and upper covers, in the publisher’s colour decorated dustjackets and red cloth slipcase. [vi], 356; [iv], 366 pp. A very fine set, the books essentially pristine, the dustjackets likewise but for a touch of minor rubbing to the tips, the publisher’s slipcase also very fine.

SCARCE FIRST EDITION IN ENGLISH, THE FINE AMERICAN ISSUE PRINTED IN FRANCE. A huge, fascinating look at Matisse and his creative process by Aragon, one of France’s foremost poets, covering the twenty-seven years of their acquaintance. Profusely illustrated with photographs of the artist and his models, paintings, and drawings these 2 thick volumes are both a visual and literary treat.

“It took Aragon close to twenty-seven years to put this book together. He assembled here all that he had ever written on Matisse, adding to it, elaborating on it, providing his glosses, letting memory do its creative work, shaping his material into what it pleases him to call ‘a novel’, and allowing himself numerous digressions. In spite of his elliptical ways, however, the subject ‘Matisse’ is overwhelmingly present, most obviously through the illustrations, carefully keyed into the text following Aragon’s layout instructions and admirably illuminating it, but no less through Matisse’s own words which Aragon records with scrupulous fidelity. What he has arrived at is a dialogue between writer and painter unique in writings on artists and art and uniquely revealing of the creative process.”

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Men, Women, and Books - First Edition
Prose Writings of Leigh Hunt - Bound by Sangorski and Sutcliff

34 Hunt, Leigh. MEN, WOMEN, AND BOOKS; A Selection of Sketches, Essays, and Critical Memoirs, From His Uncollected Prose Writings (London: Smith, Elder and Co., 1847) 2 volumes. First Edition. With an engraved frontispiece portrait of the author including the original tissue guard. 8vo, bound in very handsome antique full calf by Sangorski and Sutcliff, the spines finely tooled and gilt extra between stippled raised bands, two compartments with contrasting morocco labels gilt ruled and lettered, the boards with double-lined ruled borders with small floral corner pieces, double-line gilt ruled board edges, gilt tooled turn-ins, t.e.g. xi, 324; ix, 358, 1 page ad. A very handsome set, internally fine and fresh, the antique bindings with just a hint of age to the edges and extremities but very lovely and still very solid.

A VERY HANDSOME SET OF THIS UNCOMMON WORK BOUND BY SANGORSKI AND SUTCLIFF. This is a wonderful selection of prose works by one the great literary insiders of his generation. The literary circle Hunt had gathered around him included not only Keats, Shelley and Byron but also William Hazlitt, Charles Lamb, Byron Procter, Benjamin Haydon, Charles Cowden Clarke, C.W. Dilke, Walter Coulson and John Hamilton Reynolds.

$425.

Memoirs of the Life of Col. Hutchinson
First Edition - 1806 - Printed in London

35 Hutchinson, Julius. MEMOIRS OF THE LIFE OF COL. HUCHINSON, Govern of Nottingham Castle and Town (London: Longman, Hurst, Rees & Orme, 1806) First edition. With fine copperplate and aquatint engravings. 4to, contemporary calf, the covers ruled in gilt; the spine with raised bands ruled in gilt and with a red morocco lettering label gilt. Engraved portrait frontispiece, (8), xiv, 446. A very good copy in its contemporary binding, the covers with some expected rubbing from age, the spine restored and incorporating the original spine panel. The textblock and plates are in quite nice condition, crisp, unpressed and clean.

SCARCE FIRST EDITION. This memoir is a “faithful image of the mode of thinking in those days of which it treats, an interesting and new specimen of private and public character, of general and individual biography, and that recommended as it comes by clearness of discernment, strength and candour of judgement, simplicity and perspicuity of narrative, pure, amiable, ....sentiments at once tender and elevated, conveyed in language elegant, expressive, and classical, occasionally embellished with apposite, impressive, and classical, and well supported figures, it will be found to afford instruction to every class of readers.” From the Preface

$395.

Irving’s History of Columbus and His Disciples
The First Edition - Paris Issue - In English - 1828

36 Irving, Washington. A HISTORY OF THE LIFE AND VOYAGES OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS (Paris: A. and W. Galignani, 1828) 4 volumes. First edition published in France. The book was published in England in the same year. Two large folding maps. 8vo, contemporary dark-blue half calf over marbled boards, the spines with red and black morocco lettering labels gilt, raised bands gilt ruled. xvi,472; viii, 517; viii, 434; vii, 513 pp. A handsome set with light aging or light rubbing at the tips, clean and very well preserved lettering labels refurbished at some time.

IMPORTANT FIRST EDITION, Paris printing. This was a scholarly but popular biography based primarily on the work of the Spanish historian Navarrete. Navarrete had published his work on Columbus, which contained a number of previously unknown and significant documents. However, Irving felt that “the whole presented rather a mass of rich materials for history, than a history itself...[and] the sight of disconnected papers and official documents is apt to be repulsive to the general reader, who seeks for clear and continued narrative.” In fact, he felt that nearly every account had been incomplete while many important documents and manuscripts ignored. Thus, he hoped to offer a more rigorous and yet accessible account.

Written while Irving was a diplomatic attaché in Spain (1826-29), “it was the most painstaking effort of Irving’s life, and it won him election to the ‘Real Academia de la Historia’, the friendship of Navarrete, and a literary reputation in Spain where the work is still quoted respectfully” (DAB). The American edition, published the same year in three volumes, had only one map. BAL

A testament to Irving’s often-neglected gifts as a historian. BAL 10123, DNB

$950.

Lives of Mahomet and His Successors - Washington Irving
Very Rare - First Edition in Pristine Original Condition - 1850

37 Irving, Washington. THE LIFE OF MAHOMET [and] LIVES OF THE SUCCESSORS OF MAHOMET (London: John Murray, 1850) 2 volumes. First edition. A publisher’s presentation copy with manuscript presentation on the general titlepage of volume two. Each volume with both the general title-page for the set and the specific title-page for the volume. 8vo, in beautifully decorated publisher’s original olive green moire cloth elaborately stamped in blind on the spines and all covers in arabesque designs, the spines lettered in gilt. xv, 373, ads; xvi, 500, 16 ads pp. A fine set in completely original state, rare thus, a very fresh and clean set, the cloth bright and the text
near pristine.

A FIRST EDITION SET QUITE SCARCE IN THIS CONDITION, FULLY ORIGINAL AND BEAUTIFULLY PRESERVED, APPEARING UNUSED AND AS PRISTINE. RARE THUS.

From the preface: “Some apology may seem necessary for presenting a life of Mahomet at the present day, when no new fact can be added to those already known concerning him. Many years ago, during a residence in Madrid, the author projected a series of writings illustrative of the domination of the Arabs in Spain. These were to be introduced by a sketch of the life of the founder of the Islam Faith, and the first mover of Arabian conquest. Most of the particulars for this were drawn from Spanish sources, and from Gagnier’s translation of the Arabian historian Abulfeda, a copy of which the author found in the Jesuits’ Library of the Convent of Isidro, at Madrid....

Such is the origin of the work now given to the public; on which the author lays no claim of novelty of fact, nor profundity of research. It still bears the type of a work intended for a family Library; in constructing which the whole aim of the writer has been to digest into an easy, perspicuous, and flowing narrative, the admitted facts concerning Mahomet, together with such legends and traditions as have been wrought into the whole system of oriental literature; and at the same time to give such a summary of his faith as might be sufficient for the general reader. Under such circumstances he has not thought it worth while to encumber his pages with a scaffolding of references and citations, nor to depart from the old English nomenclature of oriental names.” STC

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A Biography of All the Great Americans
One of the Finest Reference Works of the 20th Century

39 Johnson, Allen. DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY [with] SUPPLEMENTS ONE AND TWO (New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 1932-1958) 11 volumes. An early printing of this important reference work. 8vo, original red cloth, the spines lettered in gilt over black labels bordered in gilt rule, the upper covers each with gilt lettering in a gilt device. A very pleasing, clean, well preserved set with only minor evidence of age.

AN IMPORTANT REFERENCE WORK AND A WELL PRESERVED COPY. A truly comprehensive reference for biographical information about significant American personages since the beginning of American history. It was conceived by the American Council of Learned Societies to be comparable in scope and scholarship to the British DICTIONARY OF NATIONAL BIOGRAPHY of 1922 and remains an invaluable reference to this day.

$325.

Samuel Johnson - London - 1781 - Contemporary Calf
The Lives of the Most Eminent English Poets

40 Johnson, Samuel. THE LIVES OF THE MOST EMINENT ENGLISH POETS; With Critical Observations on Their Works. (London: for C. Bathurst, et al, 1781) 4 volumes. The First London edition, first authorized edition, first separate edition. Portrait of Johnson by Joshua Reynolds as frontispiece in the first volume. 8vo, contemporary tree calf with gilt fillet lines surrounding the covers, the spines with plain calf backs. vii, 480; iii, 471; iii, 462; iii, 505. A very good, handsome and honest copy, rehinged incorporating the original spine panels and without labels, the text block clean and sound throughout.

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$1850.
41 Johnson, Samuel. THE LIVES OF THE MOST EMINENT ENGLISH POETS. With Critical Observations on Their Works. (London: Nichols and Son, 1801) 3 volumes. A New Edition, Corrected. 8vo, full contemporary mottled calf, spines divided into six compartments separated by multi-ruled and tooled gilt bands, central gilt tools in four compartments, the volume numbers in gilt in one compartment, board edges gilt. vii, 459; iii, 404; iii, 389 pp. A very nice set, fine and handsome, with just a bit of expected age evidence to the calf. 

A FINE AND PLEASING SET OF THIS CLASSIC WORK. It took Johnson four years to write these lives of poets such as Denham, Milton, and Rochester, and much of this work’s charm lies in the anecdotes and reminiscences which the author was able to provide. He spent much time in the company of men of letters and his retentive memory preserved many of the facts and criticisms which fell from their lips. The work, Johnson’s last great labor, was suggested by the Martins at Edinburgh. “The first conception of the booksellers was to begin with the works of Chaucer, but that project was too vast for them, and the first author in their edition was Cowley. The diminution of the scheme is not greatly to be regretted. The poets before Cowley were not so well known to Johnson, and he had no special information on their lives” (Courtney and Smith, p. 130). $595.

Original Unbound Sheets - With Printer’s Blue Paper Wrapper

Very Rare - First Edition - Cook’s Very Early Biography - 1785

The Life of Samuel Johnson...With Occasional Remarks...

With Inclusions of Johnson’s Writings Never Before Published

42 [Johnson) Cook, William]. THE LIFE OF SAMUEL JOHNSON, LL.D. With Occasional Remarks on His Writings, an Authentic Copy of His Will, and a Catalogue of His Works. To Which are Added, Some Papers Written by Dr. Johnson, in Behalf of a Late Unfortunate Character, Never Before Published (London: G. Kearsley, 1785) VERY RARE First Edition of William Cooke’s very early biography of Dr. Johnson. 8vo, original unbound printer’s sheets and with the printer’s original blue paper front wrapper, now laid portfolio style into a clamshell box of green cloth with gilt lettering on the spine. iv, 144 pp., with the front blank. Unbound printer’s sheets, very scarce thus and a remarkable survival in this rarest of states. The paper still fresh and unpressed with only a little wear along the untrimmed edges, the last two leaves (the catalogue leaves), with marginal loss at the lower outside corner. The lack of the portrait in this copy likely because it would have been sent separately from the engraver’s shop to be installed by the binder, who never laid hands upon this copy.

VERY RARE FIRST EDITION OF THIS EARLY BIOGRAPHY OF JOHNSON, known to be used by James Boswell when writing his own great biography. Copies turn up very rarely and this copy in printer’s original condition is most likely unique. $2200.

An Autobiography by One of the Great African Explorers

Sir Harry H. Johnston - The Story of My Life - 1923

First Edition in Superb Condition

43 Johnston, Sir Harry H.. THE STORY OF MY LIFE (Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill, 1923) First Edition. Illustrated with photographs and paintings throughout. Royal 8vo, publisher’s original maroon polished buckram, the upper cover with facsimile autograph in gilt, the spine gilt lettered and gilt ruled, in the very scarce dustjacket. [4], 504 pp. An especially fine copy, beautifully preserved, the binding and text-block in excellent condition, the dustjacket very fine with a bit of age evidence.

FIRST EDITION OF THIS FINE AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL WORK. Harry Johnston spent his life exploring Africa and wrote some of the greatest accounts of all time, including books on Liberia, Uganda and the missionary George Grenfell in the Congo. Two years residence in the Central African region produced his superb description of the physical geography, botany, zoology, anthropology, language, and history of the eastern portion of British Central Africa, primarily the territories bordering on Lakes Tanganyika and Nyasa.

Johnston began his travels in Africa at the age of 21 with his 1879-1880 journey to the interior of Tunisia as a student of painting, architecture, and languages. This trip sparked the passion for travel and exploration in the wilds of the African continent that he would spend the next several decades fulfilling.

His journeys and his leadership potential were first brought to the attention of the Royal Geographical Society and the British Association in 1883 when he met H.M. Stanley and traveled with him to the remote river above the Stanley Pool in the Congo, a virgin territory little known to other Europeans at that time. From there his travels and responsibilities expanded rapidly; he was commissioned to lead a scientific expedition to Mount Kilimanjaro beginning in Zanzibar in 1884, the success of which led to his appointment as British vice-consul and eventually acting consul in Cameroon and the Niger Delta.

He held a number of government positions through the next 20 years, perhaps best known for his “Cape-to-Cairo” scheme, a phrase coined in the London Times in August of 1888. The plan entailed having British influence in an unbroken line from Alexandria to Cape Town, but was foiled in July of 1890 when the British were forced to give up their sphere of influence north of Lake Tanganyika to the Germans. His later days were spent organizing British administration in Uganda and Liberia as well as writing about his life experiences in Africa. He had extensive experience with negotiations in the Liberian republic, a state of 43,000 square miles created in the Western forests of the African continent, and his culminating efforts to organize its administration, finances, and methods of interior development. Sir Harry wrote important early accounts of the Congo Independent State, and
always gave an in-depth look at the people and the natural environs and provides an excellent anthropological account of the region of the world with abundant photographs, drawings, and maps.

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A Classic Biography of a Great World Figure
Dr. Ernest Jones- The Life and Work of Sigmund Freud


AN IMPORTANT SET. “Dr. Ernest Jones, Freud’s close friend and associate for forty years, gives the first complete picture of the personality and private life of this great figure along with a fascinating assessment of the influences and background that propelled him to his great discoveries about human behavior.” --Publisher

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The Letters of James Joyce
All Three Volumes - Original Cloth and Dustjackets

45 Joyce, James. LETTERS OF JAMES JOYCE. Edited by Stuart Gilbert; Edited by Richard Ellmann (New York: Viking Press, 1966) 3 volumes. First Edition thus, volume one is a reissue with corrections of a collection originally issued in 1957, volumes two and three are first edition, first issue. Portrait frontispiece in each volume, and with halftone plates largely from unpublished or unfamiliar photographs as well as copies of Joyce’s handwriting and additional autograph materials 8vo, publisher’s original green cloth lettered in gilt on the spines, in the original dustjackets. 440; liii, 472; xxxi, 584 pp. A fine set, the text and cloth essentially as new, the jackets with toning, primarily to the spines and some minor edge rubbing and a little chipping to the tips.

The definitive collection of letters that illuminate the life and mind of one of the greatest writers whose influence on world literature was absolutely profound. The collection includes previously unpublished letters of others as well, such as W.B. Yeats and Ezra Pound.

$225.

As We Remember Joe
The Most Scarce of All Works in the Kennedy Genre
JFK’s Touching Tribute to His Fallen Elder Brother - 1945

46 Kennedy, John F. Editor. AS WE REMEMBER JOE (Cambridge: Privately Printed, designed and printed at the University Press, 1945 [1965]) Scarce First and Limited Edition of the second issue, one of 250 only, with the title page printed entirely in black. This issue was privately printed for Robert Kennedy with most copies being distributed by him personally. Extensively illustrated with black and white photographs, printed reproductions of letters and a colour reproduction of the Navy Cross. 8vo, in the original burgundy cloth lettered in gilt on the spine and gilt lettered within a gilt ruled border within a black cloth box on the upper cover. xi, 75, with printers colophon on verso of page 75. An especially fine copy of this scarce work, rarely seen in this condition.

SCARCE, AND ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN JOHN F. KENNEDY RELATED BOOKS AND WITH VERY EARLY PUBLISHED WRITINGS BY THE FUTURE PRESIDENT. Privately printed and limited, the work is known in two issue states. This is the second but probably scarcer state with the title page printed in black only. It is estimated that there were roughly 250 copies printed of this issue. For the first issue 500 copies in total was given as the official printing record, however it is believed that the actual print count was only 360, thus making the second issue the less common of the two.

AS WE REMEMBER JOE was privately printed by the Kennedy family as a memorial to Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., John F.’s elder brother who was killed in action during World War II. It was to provide a remembrance for family, friends and a few important associates.

In content, the book is a collection of essays or writings by various persons concerning Joe Kennedy. It was only John Kennedy’s second book (after WHY ENGLAND SLEPT in 1940) and it includes a forward by him and his very touching essay, MY BROTHER JOE.

With the death of Joe Kennedy in 1944 his brother John F. Kennedy assumed the responsibilities and stature expected of an eldest son in the Kennedy family. This change in family position no doubt affected him for the rest of his life, greatly influencing his career in public service and leading 15 years later to the White House. J. Maddalena: K. Hasely: John F. Kennedy Library & Museum.

$1850.
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48 [Kennedy] Stoughton, Cecil; Clifton, Major General Chester and Sidey, Hugh. THE MEMORIES JFK, 1961-1963, of Cecil Stoughton, the President’s Photographer and Major General Chester V. Clifton, the President’s Military aide. Narrated by Hugh Sidey. With, THAT SPECIAL GRACE. By Benjamin Bradlee. (New York: W.W. Norton & Co., Inc., 1973) First edition of each item. Numerous black and white and color photographs. 4to and 8vo, original full blue cloth lettered in gilt. In the original photographic dustjacket. The Bradlee pamphlet in the original format, staplebound and loosely inserted into the larger book. 200. A fine copy in a bright dustjacket. Some light wrinkling to the jacket. The Bradlee pamphlet in excellent condition.

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49 Kent, Rockwell. VOYAGING SOUTHWARD FROM THE STRAIT OF MAGELLAN (New York: G. P. Putnam’s Sons, The Knickerbocker Press, 1924) First Edition. Impressively illustrated throughout from pen, brush and ink drawings by the author, famed American painter, printmaker, illustrator, writer, sailor, adventurer and voyager Rockwell Kent. 4to, publisher’s original yellow cloth with vivid Kent decorations and lettering on the upper cover in black, lettered on the spine in black, cartographic endpapers. In the very scarce original green paper jacket beautifully decorated just as the binding. xv, 184 pp. A truly fine and very handsome copy, the text-block and illustrations sound and beautifully preserved, the very scarce dustjacket near as pristine, unusually fresh and clean.

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52 Lawrence, T. E. THE MINT: A day-book of the R.A.F. Depot between August and December 1922 with later notes by 352087 A/C/ Ross (London: Jonathan Cape, 1955) First edition. Included with the book are a number of clippings or illustrations concerning T.E. Lawrence. Large 8vo, publisher’s original blue cloth, gilt lettered on the spine, in the original printed dustjacket. 206 pp. A fine copy, the dustjacket in excellent condition and only slightly mellowed on the spine panel.

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59 [Lincoln, Abraham]; Sandburg, Carl. ABRAHAM LINCOLN: THE PRAIRIE YEARS and THE WAR YEARS (New York: Harcourt, Brace and Company, ca. 1926-1943) 6 volumes. Early issues of THE WAR YEARS and in the matching format of THE PRAIRIE YEARS. With 426 half-tones of photographs, and 244 cuts of cartoons, letters and documents, and with over 100 maps, additional photographs, and facsimiles. Large 8vo, beautifully bound in three-quarter red crushed morocco for Charles E. Lauriat, the spines rightly gilt with raised bands gilt tooled, separating the compartments, which are lettered in two panels and decorated in the remaining four with gilt ornamental devices at the centers, sides with gilt lines bordering the morocco, t.e.g. xvi, 480; vi, 482 including index; xxxi, 660; xi, 655; xiii, 673; xii, 515 + index A very fine, pleasing and handsome set, the bindings very attractive with very little indication of use, internally uncommonly fresh with no foxing whatsoever.

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60. [Lincoln, Abraham]; Sandburg, Carl. ABRAHAM LINCOLN: THE WAR YEARS (New York: Harcourt, Brace and Company, 1939) 4 volumes. First edition. With 426 half-tones of photographs, and 244 cuts of cartoons, letters and documents. Large, thick 8vo, publisher’s original full blue polished buckram with Lincoln’s signature embossed in blind on the upper covers, and with gilt lettered and ruled spines. xxxi, 660; xi, 655; xiii, 673; xii, 515 + index pp. A fine and very handsome set, extremely well preserved, the cloth is clean and with bright gilt, the text is very fine and clean.

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61. [Lincoln, Abraham] Sandburg, Carl. ABRAHAM LINCOLN: THE PRAIRIE YEARS (New York: Harcourt, Brace and Company, 1926) 2 volumes. An early issue. With over 105 illustrations from photographs, and many sketches, maps, cartoons and letters throughout. 8vo, publisher’s original dark-blue cloth lettered in gilt on the spines, the upper covers with blind-stamped signatures. xvi, 480; vi, 482 including index. A very handsome set, internally near as new, the cloth solid and strong with only a bit of very minor general mellowing to the spines.

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70 Moore, George. MEMOIRS OF MY DEAD LIFE. (London: William Heinemann, 1906.) First Edition, with a two page HANDWRITTEN LETTER SIGNED by Moore regarding the printing and proofs for the book and with the suppressed chapter usually lacking in most copies of the book, laid into a folder, within the slipcase box. 8vo, publisher’s original black cloth stamped in blind on the covers and lettered in gilt on the spine, now housed in an attractive custom slipcase morocco backed and gilt paneled. 335pp, plus the 8 page suppressed chapter and 2 page letter. A fine copy with a little reinforcement to the rear hinge.

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The author’s realism, particularly in its amorous portrayals, managed to get him banned or censored on a number of occasions. Because of his willingness to tackle such issues as prostitution, extramarital sex and lesbianism, Moore’s novels were initially met with disapproval. However, as the public’s taste for realist fiction grew, this subsided.

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71 Morison, Samuel Eliot. ADMIRAL OF THE OCEAN SEA: A Life of Christopher Columbus (Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1942) 2 volumes. First edition. With numerous illustrations, including maps by Erwin Raisz and drawings by Bertram Greene. 8vo, publisher’s original terracotta polished buckram, the spines and upper covers decorated and lettered in gilt on blue with “Compass Rose” motifs. Preserved in the scarce dustjackets. xlv, 448; vii, 445. Index. An especially fine set in the scarce original dustjackets.

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72 Morse, John T. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 1889) Early printing. 8vo, in the publisher’s original pebbled blue cloth, with a band of gilt stars along the upper cover and spine, gilt-lettered on the cover and spine, t.e.g. vi, 428,(4 ads)pp. A fine copy.

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George Morland - The Fine English Artist - First Edition
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73 [Morland, George; English Artists] Gilbey, Sir Walter and Cuming, E. D. GEORGE MORLAND His Life and Works (London: Adam and Charles Black, 1907) First edition. Illustrated with 50 fine plates, all but one being impressive colour reproductions of paintings by George Morland. Large 8vo, in the publisher’s original blue cloth with an all over design of vines and trees on the upper cover and spine in light and dark greens and black, gilt lettered on both the upper cover and spine panel, t.e.g. xix, 289 pp., 2 ads. A very bright and well preserved copy, the text clean and fresh with fine plates, the cloth attractive, sound and sturdy with just minimal evidence of age.

A VERY HANDSOME ENTRY IN ADAM AND CHARLES BLACK’S SERIES ON FINE BRITISH ARTIST. This volume, part biography and part a study in art, features 18th century painter George Morland, best known for his scenes of rural life. He began painting at age three and was listed as an honorary exhibitor at the Royal Academy by age 10. His style is largely influenced by that of Joshua Reynolds, whom he had met as a child, and obtained permission to copy his pictures.

$125.

Havelock Ellis in Appreciation - 1929 - First Edition
One of Only Fifty Copies Printed on Japan Vellum

74 [Oriole Press, Ellis, Havelock] Ishill, Joseph, Compiler and Editor. HAVELOCK ELLIS IN APPRECIATION... With an Unpublished Letter by Thomas Hardy to Havelock Ellis, and a Foreword by Isaac Goldberg... (Berkeley Heights, NJ: Privately Printed by the Oriole Press, 1929) LIMITED FIRST EDITION, One of only 50 copies on Alexandra Japan vellum, this is copy number 28. Of the plain paper issue, 450 copies were printed additionally. Illustrated with 15 plates from various sources, primarily portraits and reproductions. Also with embellishments such as initials and headpieces by Louis Moreau throughout. 8vo, in the printer’s deluxe binding created only for this very limited issue, of vellum backed boards over paper handsomely designed and decorated in metallic colours, printed paper label on the spine, t.e.g. 299, [1] pp. A well preserved and handsome copy of this rare limited issue, the Japan vellum with the lightest of the toning common to the material, the binding well preserved with only minor expected age mellowing.

FIRST EDITION QUITE RARE IN THIS SPECIAL LIMITATION ISSUANCE. We know of no other copies currently on the market. Havelock Ellis was a noted English physician, writer and social reformer but is best known for his pioneering works on Human Sexuality, which he studied as a science and attempted to bring out of the shadows and away from the period taboo and Victorian prudishness. Ellis viewed sexual activity as the healthy and natural expression of love, and he sought to dissipate the fear and ignorance that characterized many people’s attitudes toward human sexuality.

This tribute includes contributions from over forty noteworthy persons including; Bertrand Russell, H. L. Mencken, Clarence Darrow, Horace Traubel and Margaret Sanger. There is also a significant glimpse at Ellis’ life and works by Joseph Ishill, a reprinting of a letter in Ellis’ defense by George Bernard Shaw and more.

$1050.

The Magnum Opus of Joseph Ishill
Free Vistas - The Oriole Press - Very Scarce Limited Printings
With Contributions by Noted Authors, Poets and Artists

75 [Oriole Press] Ishill, Joseph, Editor and Printer. FREE VISTAS An Anthology of Life and Letters [and] FREE VISTAS -Vol. II A Libertarian Outlook on Life and Letters (Berkeley Heights, NJ: Published Privately at the Oriole Press, 1933, 1937) 2 volumes. LIMITED FIRST AND ONLY EDITIONS, Volume I being one of only 290 copies, this being a rare out-of-series unnumbered copy. Volume II being one of 205 copies. The first volume beautifully decorated with with woodcuts by John Buckland Wright as well as with prints, drawings, and engravings by, Maurice Duvalet, Bernard Sleigh, Albert Daenes, Frans Masereel, Albert Sterner, Walter Tittle and others. Many of the illustrations are tipped-in. The text is printed in a medley of types and colours and printed on a variety of fine papers in differing shapes and sizes. The second volume as the first with many woodcut decorations by most of the same artists. The text which is set uniformly in Garamond and Goudy Hadriano types and is printed on Arak Ash paper. Small 4to, uniformly bound in red fabric covered boards backed in black buckram, the spines each with the publisher’s original single paper labels printed in red and black or blue and black. [ix], 374, [2] pp; 397 pp. Fine copies indeed, and very much so. The boards in each case near pristine, the text-blocks each appearing pristine. The text in Vol. I was printed on various papers.

FIRST EDITION AND A RARE SET OF WHAT IS LARGELY CONSIDERED THE MAGNUM OPUS OF THE PRESS. FREE VISTAS is a treasure trove of libertarian philosophy, literature, and history, with illustrations by prominent artists.

The Oriole Press was a one-man operation. Ishill was typographer, printer, compositor, pressman, and sole proprietor. Apart from his wife’s editorial assistance, he performed all the labors by himself, without outside help, from the most complex and demanding to the simplest of mechanical details. Ishill was always filled with a passion to create, and he derived inextricable pleasure from his work. All of his labors were performed with the same meticulous care.

These are the only two issues produced of what Ishill had hoped would be an annual volume.
Francis Osborn's Greatest Advice to a Son
With Two Additional Books Containing Many Discourses

78 Osborn, Francis. ADVICE TO A SON. Or, Directions For Your Better Conduct, Through the Various and Most Important Encounters of This Life... [With] ADVICE TO A SON. The Second Part. [With] POLITCALL REFLECTIONS UP THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TURKS. A Discourse on Nicolas Machiavel; The King of Sweden's Descent into Germany; The Conspiracy of Piso and Vindex against Nero; The Greatnessse and Corruption of the Court of Rome; The Election of Pope Leo XI; The Defection From the Church of Rome; A Discourse in Vindication of Martin Luther (Oxford: By H.H. for Tho. Robinson, 1658, 1658, 1662) 3 books bound as one volume. 6th edition and very early printing of “Advice to a Son”, First edition of “Advice the Second Part” and third edition of the collection of discourses. 12mo, full near contemporary calf, the spine gilt tooled in three compartments between gilt ruled bands, one compartment with a brown morocco label gilt lettered and decorated. [A1-4], 188, [8]; [xii], 189, [3]; [iv], 194. Internally very well preserved, quite crisp and fresh with only minor and less than expected evidence of age, the binding without restoration and with some age-wear, still a solid copy.

SCARCE WORKS BY ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR WRITERS OF HIS DAY, including his most famous, ADVICE TO A SON. His “Advice” was one of the best known works at the time of its initial publication in 1656 but was also extremely controversial. The first edition was published anonymously. Osborn did not attach his name to the work till 1658. In it he argues against the Monarchy, Marriage, Women and libraries. After this 1658 publication the book was suppressed by the Vice Chancellor and after the Restoration it was brought before the House of Lords as treasonous.

The “Advice” is broken down into five major categories: Studies, Love and Marriage, Travel, Government, and Religion. The second part was even more combustible, but did not meet with the same popularity. The third book included here contains a very early English discourse on Machiavelli, Osborn’s well researched work on the Turkish Government and several other short discourses. Madan: 2396, 2399, 2603.

$1450.

79 Philip de Commines. THE HISTORIE OF PHILIP DE COMMINES KNIGHT, LORD OF ARGENTON [Translated by Thomas Danett] (London: Ar. Hatfield for I. Norton, 1596) A COPY WITH FINE PROVENANCE OF THE FIRST EDITION, of the first English translation of Commines’ famous 1544 French history. By “The Father of Modern History.” With a handsome engraved title-page featuring a fine, naturalistic border, royal arms at top are the crest of Lord Burghley and with the beehive below, printed in Roman letter with decorative tail pieces and fine engraved initials throughout and with 18 pages of extensive engraved genealogical tables. Folio [285 x 195mm], in full contemporary calf, the back restored some time ago in period style, featuring raised bands with blind ruling, the compartments decorated with an ornate leaf tool in gilt, additional double-line gilt rules at the top and bottom of each of the spine compartments, gilt lettering in one compartment and additional gilt lettering at the foot, the boards with all-around double blind fillet rule enclosing a blind roll decoration at the borders. (xvi), 396 pp. A handsome copy in very good condition, the text solid and quite clean with only minor toning and very occasional faint spotting, and otherwise with no significant flaws, the old boards with some expected age and rubbing, the old rebacking also with minor evidence of age and a bit of splitting along the front hinge which is otherwise still firm and solid.

FIRST EDITION IN ENGLISH, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT WORKS OF MEDIEVAL CONTEMPORARY HISTORY. DANETT’S FIRST ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF COMMINES, CALLED BY MANY THE FIRST MODERN HISTORY AND A CLASSIC OF HISTORICAL WRITING. A COPY WITH EXCELLENT PROVENANCE. This copy bearing the inscription of “Lord Fauconberg his Booke, 1677.” Thomas Belasyse, the Earl of Fauconberg (1627-1700) was a strong adherent of the Commonwealth government and married Oliver Cromwell’s third daughter, Mary. He again became a royalist after the Restoration, and was appointed a member of the privy council of Charles II.

Commines [1447-1511] gives an account of the reign of Louis XI and the Italian expedition of Charles VIII covering the final 30 years or so of the 15th century. For the first time after the classical age, Commines produced a critical and philosophical history, with the result that he became known as the “father of modern history.” This history is “characterised by a hardheadedness and realism, e. g. his ridicule of chivalry and feudal warfare, in his preference for the diplomatic and subtle Louis to the headstrong and arrogant Charles, and in his condemnation of ruse and indirection. Both Machiavelli and Guicciardini were in his debt” (Wedgec & Schweitzer, Dictionary of the Renaissance, p. 163).

“One of the most famous of the French chronicle histories. Malone in his notes on The Tempest thinks it is not improbable that Shakespeare had in
his thoughts a translation of Commines' history." Rosenbach 27:122.

Commines, had little formal education, and he knew no Latin. But he was nonetheless a writer of considerable talent, remarkable for his psychological perceptiveness, his sense of the picturesque, and the vividness of his narrative.” STC 5602; Wedeck and Schweitzer; Rosenbach 27:122; $6950.

The Last of the New England Highwaymen
Captain Lightfoot - A True Story of Crime and Adventure

80 [Piracy, Pirates]; [Martin, Michael as dictated to Waldo, Frederick W.]. CAPTAIN LIGHTFOOT - The Last of the New England Highwaymen: A Narrative of His Life and Adventures, with Some Account of the Notorious Captain Thunderbolt (Topsfield, MA.: The Wayside Press, 1926) First edition, RARE LIMITED ISSUE of only 98 hand-numbered copies printed on “American Vellum” of which only 88 were for sale. With 13 engraved illustrations, some of which are full page whilst others are within the text. 4to, in the original limited issue binding of marbled boards backed in black cloth, the spine gilt ruled and lettered and in the original publisher’s slipcase of black paper-covered boards. xiii, 162 pp. A fine and beautiful copy, the text is as mint and still largely unopened, the binding with no sign of age but for very minor mellowing of the black cloth to dark charcoal, the slipcase with minor edgewear.

VERY SCARCE LIMITED ISSUE OF THE FIRST BOOK PUBLISHED BY THE PRESS. Michael Martin, the notorious Captain Lightfoot, was the last person to be hung in New England for highway robbery. He dictated this account of his life and nefarious adventures to Waldo on the eve of his execution. The account was first published in 1821 and tells of exploits all throughout New England. He also gives account of Captain Thunderbolt who had induced him to enter into a life of crime. Thunderbolt and Lightfoot would become American folk legends, inspiring stories, songs and even motion pictures. Woodcuts used in this edition were reprinted from the third edition of 1822.

$250.

A Beautiful Six Volume Eighteenth Century Plutarch
With Engraved Portraits, Tables and Dryden’s “Life”
A Rare Irish Issue Very Seldom Encountered

81 Plutarch, [Dryden]. PLUTARCH’S LIVES [In Six Volumes: Translated from the Greek. With Notes, Explanatory and Critical, From Dacier and Others. To Which is Prefix’d the LIFE OF PLUTARCH, Written by Dryden] (Dublin: J. Williams in Skinner Row (but possibly by J & R Tonson in London, for the Irish market), 1769) 6 volumes. A rare and very attractive printing. With a beautiful engraved frontispiece to volume one, each “life” is accompanied with a large engraved portrait in oval, in the style of a Roman brooch or coin, for those few for whom no reliable likeness was available, empty frames have been cleverly placed where the portrait would otherwise be located. 8vo, bound in handsome contemporary polished calf over correct 18th century marbled boards, the spines with double gilt rules bordering the raised bands, one compartment with red morocco lettering label gilt and one compartment with volume numbers on contrasting green morocco labels in gilt. lxiv, 382; 468; 468; 431; 467; 245, index pp. A fine and handsome set in full period state with no sophistication or restoration. Some light age wear to the edges, but a very well preserved set, clean internally, crisp and unpressed and the bindings in good order.

A RARELY SEEN PRINTING, AND A VERY PLEASING SET, HANDSOMELY BOUND AT THE TIME. Plutarch continues to be one of our most important sources for the history of Greece and Rome and is also well-known as a primary source for the plots of Shakespeare’s classical plays and for numerous passages in the non-Roman ones. The Bard relied almost exclusively on Plutarch’s writings for the historical background of ancient Rome.

The Lives of Plutarch (ca. AD 50 - ca. 125) was one of the most influential works of antiquity, and was the most popular work at the time of the Renaissance. The Lives illustrated the moral character of Plutarch’s subjects through a series of anecdotes; in England they served as a source-book for Shakespeare’s Roman plays, a virtual gold mine of plots, as well as providing numerous passages in the non-Roman ones. The Bard relied almost exclusively on Plutarch’s writings for the historical background of ancient Rome. Later, Plutarch provided the source for Otway and Addison. They also served as a model for Isaac Walton’s “Lives” (1670); Dryden gave a pioneer analysis of their style and structure in his Life of Plutarch (1683), and in America the Founding Fathers turned to them for models of republican virtue. In this monumental historical work, Plutarch relates biographies of 50 Greek and Roman luminaries, twenty-three pairs of lives (nineteen of them with comparisons attached) and also four single lives. A fine example of this Irish issue. The books appear the work of the Tonsons in London and prove why the Tonson printing house was one of finest of its day. We believe that this printing was done by them for J. Williams in Dublin based on comparative study. This scholarly and beautiful printing also contains the life of Plutarch, a chronological table from 1055 BC to 71 AD, notations throughout and a very extensive index.

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Plutarch’s Masterpiece of Historical Biography
One of the Most Influential Classical Works
A Fine English Translation - Superbly Bound Antique Set
A Veritable Gold Mine of Plots for Shakespeare’s Histories


A VERY FINE SET, REMARKABLY SO, AND HANDSOMELY BOUND AT THE TIME. A lovely set in full contemporary calf binding. The Langhorns’ translation is considered more correct than North’s spirited version and more even than the translation called Dryden’s. Loudness considered it an “accurate and elegant version”. This is a pleasing, gentlemanly and very well-preserved set.

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Edgar Allan Poe Letters Till Now Unpublished
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FIRST EDITION, LIMITED. ‘Here in a book that is concerned with a packet of till now unpublished letters and the flood of new light they throw upon the character and career of the mysterious man, poet, thinker, writer of tales, essayist, whose readers, it seems, must know where he was and what he was doing and thinking every day in the forty years of his life. Never until now has been seen on a printed page a letter that passed between Edgar Allan Poe and the man who—when Poe was two years and eleven months old—became his father by adoption.’

‘So much tradition has been handed down about Poe that he has become almost a legendary figure in American life. His schoolmates and playmates in Richmond, his classmates at the University of Virginia and at West Point, his friends—men and women— and, alas, his enemies have furnished a mass of recollections which biographers have sifted and sifted in attempts to find the real man, or have woven into romances. But in this book, his soul is bared.’

$150.

Life and Remarkable Adventures of Israel Potter
The “True” Story That Inspired Herman Melville

87 [Potter, Israel Ralph]. LIFE AND REMARKABLE ADVENTURES OF ISRAEL R. POTTER, (A Native of Cranston, Rhode Island) Who was a Soldier in the American Revolution... (Providence: By J. Howard for I. R. Potter, 1824) First edition, the J. Howard imprint, same year as the Henry Trumbull imprint and edited by Trumbull as well. With a frontispiece engraving of Potter supporting his family by calling “old chairs to mend”. 12mo, contemporary marbled boards backed in calf. 108pp. A well preserved text, the paper surprising clean for an American publication of the period, the binding with some wear and weakness to the hinges.

A SCARCE EARLY AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY AND INSPIRATION FOR HERMAN MELVILLE. Potter’s story is according to Howes “purported autobiography, of dubious authenticity” and tells of the life of Potter an American injured at the Battle of Bunker Hill who was taken prisoner by the English, conveyed to England where he was forced to remain scratching a livelihood for himself and his family by crying “old chairs to mend” through the streets of London. According to Potter’s account he had been a veteran of the Battle of Bunker Hill, a sailor in the Revolutionary navy, a prisoner of the British, an escapee in England, a secret agent and courier in France, and a 45-year exile from his native land as a laborer, pauper, and peddler in London.

This very scarce, and somewhat obscure, piece was read by a young Herman Melville, who eventually turned it into his only historical novel, “Israel Potter. His Fifty Years of Exile”, published in 1855. Melville’s plot combines a number of Potter’s claimed encounters, such as King George III, Horne Tooke, and Benjamin Franklin, with some he never had, such as Ethan Allen and John Paul Jones.

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Eleanor and Franklin - The Award-Winning Biography
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88 [Roosevelt] Lash, Joseph P. ELEANOR AND FRANKLIN The Story of Their Relationship Based on Eleanor Roosevelt’s Private Papers. With a foreword by Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. and an introduction by Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. (Franklin Center, PA.: The Franklin Library, 1981) LIMITED EDITION SIGNED BY THE AUTHOR, Joseph P. Lash. Laid-in at the front of this volumes is the publisher’s 24 page Notes From the Editors describing this title. Titlepage and chapter divisions printed in blue and black, illustrated with black and white photographs. Tall and thick 8vo, in the publisher’s fine limited edition binding of rich navy morocco elaborately decorated on both covers and spine in gilt, the boards in a panel design with elegant gilt tooing, the spine decorated in compartments between raised bands and with gilt lettering, silk moire endpapers, ribbon marker, t.e.g. xxviii + 897 pp. A pristine copy, as mint. The laid in pamphlet on the edition, which is often not included, with brief manuscript notation on cover but otherwise mint as well.

PRIZE WINNING BIOGRAPHY OF THE ROOSEVELTS IN BEAUTIFUL LIMITED FORMAT AND SIGNED BY THE AUTHOR. A close friend of Eleanor Roosevelt, Lash won both the Pulitzer Prize for Biography and the National Book Award in Biography for Eleanor and Franklin. Beside the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award, Lash also won the Francis Parkman Prize for Eleanor and Franklin.

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$75.

Saint-Simon The Memoirs - Louis de Rouvroy
Illustrated by Pierre Brissaud and Hand Coloured

91 Rouvroy, Louis de. *SAINT-SIMON. THE MEMOIRS of Louis de Rouvroy, Duc de Saint-Simon, Covering the Years 1691-1723* (New York: Limited Editions Club, 1959) 2 volumes. First of the Edition, Limited and Signed by the illustrator. With the original letter announcing and describing the publication of the book included. With 32 hand-coloured pen and brush drawings by Pierre Brissaud Tall 8vo, handsomely bound in full red polished cloth, lettered in gilt on the spines and pictorially decorated and bordered in gilt on the upper covers. In the publisher's original slipcase. xxxi, 252; xiii, 498, [folding genealogical table, 1 colophon]. Very fine copies of the books, beautifully preserved, the slipcase with very mild mellowing.

FIRST OF THE EDITION. Louis de Rouvroy (16 January 1675 – 2 March 1755), Duke of Saint-Simon, styled duc de Saint-Simon, was a French soldier, diplomat and a noted diarist; he was born in Paris.

Saint-Simon was an indefatigable writer, who acquired great literary fame after his long life was over. He began very early to record all the gossip he collected, and a vast mass of unclassified material. Most of his manuscripts were retrieved by the Crown and it was long before their contents were fully published: partly in the form of notes in the marquis de Dangeau’s Journal, partly in both original and independent memoirs, partly in scattered and multifarious extracts, he had committed to paper an immense amount of material.

Saint-Simon’s Mémoires strike a most realistic note. He shows a great skill for narrative and for character-drawing; he has been compared to Tacitus, and to historians such as Livy. His vocabulary was extreme and inventive; he is deemed to have first used the word “intellectual” as a noun, and “patriot” and “publicity” are also accredited as being introduced by him in their current usage.

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Ruskin’s Modern Painters - With Very Fine Engravings
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92 Ruskin, John. *MODERN PAINTERS* (New York: John Wiley & Son, 1865) 5 volumes. Early American edition. With a profusion of illustrations throughout, many within the text, many as full page engravings and with many lithographs, some in colour. 8vo, publisher’s original terracotta cloth, the spines decorated and lettered in gilt. A very good and pleasing set with light wear and evidence of shelving to the edges and tips, gilt bright, internally quite fresh, solid and well preserved.

IMPORTANT WORK OF THE AUTHOR. Ruskin began this work in 1843, shortly after leaving Oxford, offering it as a defense of J. M. W.
Turner. The fifth and final volume was published in 1860, and it represented the last of his works on art per se; his attention was subsequently turned more toward industrial problems, education, morals and religion.

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93 Sassoon, Siegfried. [THE SHERSTON TRILOGY, including:] MEMOIRS OF A FOX-HUNTING MAN [and] MEMOIRS OF AN INFANTRY OFFICER [and] SHERSTON’S PROGRESS (London: Faber and Gwyer [and] Faber and Faber, 1928, 1930; 1936) 3 volumes. SIGNED LIMITED FIRST EDITIONS, one of only 260 copies numbered by hand, 750 copies numbered by hand, and 300 copies numbered by hand. All three signed by the author and printed on English handmade paper. Tall 8vos, handsomely bound in woven blue cloth, the spines gilt lettered. 395pp.; 334pp.; 280pp. A very fine set, each volume in flawless condition.

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$2850.

The History of Girolamo Savonarola - First Edition
Pasquale Villari - 1863 - An Important and Respected Work

94 [Savonarola]; Villari, Pasquale. THE HISTORY OF GIROLAMO SAVONAROLA AND OF HIS TIMES. (London: Longman, Green, Longman, Roberts, & Green, 1863) 2 volumes. First Edition in English. With the half-titles and frontispiece in the first volume as called for. 12mo, handsomely bound by Zaehnsdorf in three-quarter dark green morocco over marbled boards, the spines with raised bands stippled in gilt, compartments with panel designs with single and double fillet gilt rules, lettered in gilt in two compartments, marbled end-leaves, top edges gilt. xl, 359; viii, 401 pp. A fine copy in handsome and attractive binding, only minimal evidence of age.

A WELL RECEIVED AND IMPORTANT WORK, AND A SCARCE AND SELDOM SEEN FIRST EDITION. Translated from the Italian by Leonard Horner with the co-operation of the author. This study became an instant classic in Italy and earned the author a teaching position at the University of Pisa.

An Italian Dominican friar and preacher active in Renaissance Florence, Savonarola was known for his prophecies of civic glory, the destruction of secular art and culture, and his calls for Christian renewal. He denounced clerical corruption, despot rule and the exploitation of the poor. Savonarola was seen by Machiavelli as an incompetent, ill-prepared, and “unarmed” prophet, unlike “Moses, Cyrus, Theseus, and Romulus”. But with Savonarola’s advice and support a Savonarolan political “party,” dubbed ‘the Frateschi’, took shape and steered the friar’s program through the councils. The oligarchs most compromised by their service to the Medici were barred from office. A new constitution enfranchised the artisan class, opened minor civic offices to selection by lot and granted every citizen in good standing the right to a vote in a new parliament, the Consiglio Maggiore, or Great Council.

$595.

The Life of Friedrich Schiller
In the Original Textured Cloth - Scarce Thus

95 (Schiller) Carlyle, Thomas. THE LIFE OF FRIEDRICH SCHILLER Comprehending an Examination of his Works (London: Taylor and Hessey, 1825.) First Edition. With frontis portrait of Schiller engraved by Bull after Graff. 8vo, in the scarce original textured cloth, paper label on the spine printed in black. vi, 352pp. A near fine copy of the author’s first book, some offsetting to the title from the frontis portrait, light edge wear, light wear to the spine label, not affecting lettering.

A VERY EARLY WORK BY ONE OF THE GREATEST SOCIAL COMMENTATORS OF HIS TIME. Carlyle’s thinking was heavily influenced by German idealism, and he established himself as an expert on German literature. He was well suited to craft this fine biography of the famous German poet, philosopher, physician, historian, and playwright. Dyer p. 244; NCBEL III.1249; Tarr A3.1.

$475.
Sir Walter Scott, Bart - First Edition
Sir Herbert Grierson’s Fine Biography

96 [Scott, Sir Walter]; Grierson, Sir Herbert. SIR WALTER SCOTT, BART. A New Life Supplementary to, and Corrective of, Lockhart’s Biography (London: Constable and Co, 1938) First separate edition, first issue. With a finely engraved frontispiece of the author from the 1830 original portrait painted by John Watson Gordon. 8vo, publisher’s original navy blue cloth gilt lettered on the spine, untrimmed. xii, 320, tipped in erratum pp. A fine copy, the binding just a tad mellowed at the edges and extremities.

FIRST EDITION. Grierson’s fine biography of one of the greatest names in English literature. This was the first edition available other then as part of the twelve volume set of Scott’s letters.

$65.

First Edition - An Inscribed Presentation Copy - 1840
Memoir of Mr. Sheridan - William Smyth - Privately Printed

97 [Sheridan, Richard B.]; Smyth, William. MEMOIR OF MR. SHERIDAN (Privately Printed in Leeds: For J. Cross, 1840) First Edition. 8vo, in the rare original textured cloth binding, a.e.g. [iv], 74 pp. A fine copy of an uncommon book, with the half-title, a slight and unobtrusive stain from old damp at a corner of the cloth.

FIRST EDITION, AND A RARE SIGNED PRESENTATION COPY. Sheridan was a British satirist; a playwright and poet, and long-term owner of the London Theatre Royal, Drury Lane. He is known for his plays such as The Rivals, The School for Scandal, The Duenna and A Trip to Scarborough. For thirty-two years he was also a Whig MP in the British House of Commons for Stafford (1780–1806), Westminster (1806–1807) and Ilchester (1807–1812). He is buried at Poets’ Corner in Westminster Abbey. His plays remain a central part of the canon, and are regularly performed worldwide.

The author was tutor to Sheridan’s son Tom. “A most valuable biography”-Loeve, (Arnott & Robinson) 3506 This copy is presented to some Earl and is signed in full by Smyth. CBEL. II, 821.

$350.

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