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1  [Adams, Henry].  THE EDUCATION OF HENRY ADAMS.  An Autobiography (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1918)  First Published Edition, issue without the date in Roman on title-page.  Large 8vo, publisher’s original blue cloth gilt lettered on the spine and upper cover, t.e.g.  x, 519 pp.  Overall a very good copy, internally quite clean and fresh.  The blue cloth covered binding sturdy with firm hinges, the extremities only slightly aged.  Reviews affixed to the front free-fly.

FIRST PUBLISHED EDITION OF THIS IMPORTANT BOOK, NOW AN AMERICAN CLASSIC.  The book was winner of the 1919 Pulitzer Prize and is in first place on the list of 100 best English language nonfiction books of the 20th century by the Modern Library.  THE EDUCATION OF HENRY ADAMS was originally printed in 1907 in a limited edition for circulation among interested parties only.  Adams intended the work as a study of multiplicity in the twentieth century and planned it as a sequel to his MONT-SAINT-MICHEL AND CHARTRES, which was a study of the unity of the thirteenth century.  The later chapters embody Adams’ dynamic theory of history.

In this moving book Adams comes to terms with the dawning a new century that is so radically different from the world of his youth.  It is not, like most autobiographies, as much a record of Adams’ deeds and experiences but more a record of his introspections and observations as the social, technological, political, and intellectual worlds all changed around him.  It is also a critique of the traditional and “proper” 19th century education system that failed completely in preparing him for such changes.

The exact number of copies of the 1907 printing are not known, but BAL suggests only a few more than 40; and Merle Johnson asserts only 100 were done.  Thus for all practical purposes this is the first edition.

$350.

Very Rare First Edition of a Nobel Prize Winner
Bjornson’s Happy Boy, A Tale of Norwegian Peasant Life

2  Bjornson, Bjornstjerne.  THE HAPPY BOY, A Tale of Norwegian Peasant Life. Translated from the Norwegian by H.R.G.  (Boston and Cambridge: Sever, Francis, & Co., 1870)  Rare First edition in English.  The True First American Edition.  Portrait frontispiece and decorative chapter heads.  8vo, publisher’s original brick red cloth lettered in gilt on the spine and upper cover and with floral decorations and rules in blind on both covers.  120, 8 ads.  A bright and very good copy with some of the typical foxing. Pastedowns and each freefly have remains of old glue or subsequent tears. Some light wear to extremities.

RARE FIRST EDITION.  Bjornson won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1903.  “The tale here presented is the story of a young peasant boy, to whom the world has always seemed a delightful dream, until he is awakened to his position in it by finding obstacles in the way of his love for a girl who is above him in birth.”

$450.
Boswell’s Life of Johnson with The Tour of the Hebrides
Two of the Great Classics in the Language
Beautifully Bound and Presented in One Volume

3 Boswell, James. BOSWELL’S LIFE OF [SAMUEL JOHNSON] Including Their TOUR OF THE HEBRIDES. [Edited] By the Right Honourable John Wilson Croker (London: John Murray, 1860) “A New Edition” and being an early edition presented in one volume and being thoroughly revised and with much additional matter included by J. W. Croker. With a frontispiece showing six engraved portraits of Johnson, illustrated titlepage featuring a sketch of James Boswell, and with nine full-page engraved plates being portraits and a view. Thick royal 8vo, contemporary three-quarter tan calf over marbled boards by P. Hance, the spine divided into six compartments separated by gilt hatched raised bands, the compartments with full and rich gilt tooled panels bordered by double gilt fillet lines, one compartment lettered in gilt on a green morocco label gilt trimmed, all edges marbled, marbled endleaves. xxiv, 874 pp. A very fine copy of this edition, beautifully preserved and in a very handsome binding, a tight, clean and crisp copy, the text and plates all bright and especially fresh, the binding strong, solid and very attractive with very little evidence of age.

A VERY HANDSOME COPY OF TWO OF THE GREAT BOOKS OF THE AGE. Celebrated for its intimacy and vividness, Boswell’s Life of Johnson “is one of the best books in the world. It is assuredly a great, very great work. Homer is not more decidedly the first of heroic Poets,—Shakespeare is not more decidedly the first of Dramatists,—Demosthenes is not more decidedly the first of Orators, than Boswell is the first of Biographers...” (Macauley, in the Edinburgh Review, 1831). Boswell learned a great deal about the art of biography from his subject, and brought to his task boundless curiosity, persistence, and zest.

The tour proved to be inspirational for both men. Johnson published A JOURNEY TO THE WESTERN ISLANDS OF SCOTLAND in 1775 and Boswell, in addition to this work, used his notes from the tour extensively in his LIFE OF JOHNSON, published in 1791. “As a narrative of personal adventures, Boswell’s account is to be preferred to Johnson’s. Naturally such a work, as was true of everything concerning Dr. Johnson, aroused great interest, which was heightened by Boswell’s frankness in expressing opinions about his hosts as well as by his naïveté in relating incidents that did not reflect credit to himself” (Cox).

This is a very handsomely bound and readable copy of these two masterworks.

$495.

“One of the Best Books in the World”
James Boswell’s The Life of Samuel Johnson
A Very Handsome Copy - First Edition, First Issue - 1791

4 Boswell, James. THE LIFE OF SAMUEL JOHNSON (London: Printed by Henry Baldwin for Charles Dilly, in the Poultry, 1791) 2 volumes. First Edition, First Issue, with ‘gve’ on p.135 of the first volume; Mm4 and Nn1 in Volume I and E3, Qq3, and Eee2 in Volume II are cancels as called for. With round robin plate, signatures page, portrait frontispiece. 4to (275 x 210 mm.), full contemporary mottled calf, the spines with raised bands separating the compartments, the bands ruled in gilt, two compartments with terra-cotta-red morocco lettering labels gilt, the covers with double gilt fillet rules at the borders, gilt tooled edges, original endleaves.
xii, (16), 516; 588 pp. A handsome and fine set with the bindings in excellent condition, sometime expertly and very sympathetically renewed at the spines to style. A very pleasing set quite clean and crisp throughout.

IMPORTANT FIRST EDITION, FIRST STATE IN PLEASING CONDITION. Celebrated for its intimacy and vividness, Boswell’s Life of Johnson “is one of the best books in the world. It is assuredly a great, very great work. Homer is not more decidedly the first of heroic Poets,—Shakespeare is not more decidedly the first of Dramatists,—Demosthenes is not more decidedly the first of Orators, than Boswell is the first of Biographers...” (Macauley, in the Edinburgh Review, 1831). Boswell learned a great deal about the art of biography from his subject, and brought to his task boundless curiosity, persistence, and zest.

Boswell had been collecting material for this work since his first interview with Johnson in 1763, and was confident that his kind of biography, “which gives not only a History of Johnson’s visible progress through the world, and of his publications, but a view of his mind in his letters and conversations, is the most perfect that can be conceived, and will be more of a Life than any work that has ever yet appeared.” He said too that: “A sanction to my faculty of giving a just representation of Dr. Johnson I could not conceal. Nor will I suppress my satisfaction in the consciousness, that by recording so considerable a portion of the wit and wisdom of the brightest ornament of the eighteenth century, I have largely provided for the instruction and entertainment of mankind.” If Boswell does indulge in a little harmless flattery to himself, the concluding words of his preface are literally true, for Boswell’s Johnson, as much as any other book, “has largely provided for the instruction and entertainment of mankind.”

Only 1750 copies of the first edition were printed. Grolier, One Hundred Books Famous In English Literature, 65. NCBEL II 1214. Pottle 79. Rothschild 463 (1st Issue)

$12500.

James Boswell’s The Life of Samuel Johnson
Beautifully Bound and Fully Illustrated

5 Boswell, James. THE LIFE OF SAMUEL JOHNSON, LL.D. An Account of His Studies and Numerous Works in Chronological Order; A Series of His Epistolary Correspondence and Conversations With Many Eminent Persons; And Various Original Pieces of His Composition, Never Before Published; The Whole Exhibiting a View of Literature and Literary Men in Great Britain for Nearly Half a Century During Which He Flourished. (London: Routledge, Warnes and Routledge, 1859) 4 volumes bound in two. A New Edition Elucidated by Copious Notes and Illustrated with Numerous Portraits, Views and Characteristic Designs, Engraved from Authentic Sources. Decorated with four frontispiece engravings, four engraved title-pages, the round robin plate with signatures on thick paper, and a great profusion of engravings throughout the text. 8vo, beautifully bound in full polished calf, the covers with double gilt fillet frames enclosing an inner stippled frame in blind, the spines with raised bands gilt stippled, separating compartments ecorated with full gilt panels tooled in gilt with elaborate corner pieces and central floral elements, two compartments with contrasting green and black morocco lettering labels gilt, edges tooled in gilt, turnovers tooled in blind, marbled endleaves and edges xxxii, 291; vii, 298; viii, 298; viii, 300 pp. A very handsome and very fine set with the bindings in excellent condition. Beautifully preserved and presented.

A BEAUTIFUL COPY OF ONE OF THE GREAT BOOKS IN THE LANGUAGE, VERY HANDSOMELY BOUND AND FULLY ILLUSTRATED. Celebrated for its intimacy and vividness, Boswell’s Life of Johnson “is one of the best books in the world. It is assuredly a great, very great work.

$895.
Benvenuto Cellini’s Autobiography - The Life of Cellini
A Very Handsomely Bound Set of this Classic Work - Gilt
Edited, Translated and With Introduction by J.A. Symonds

6 Cellini, Benvenuto. THE LIFE OF BENVENUTO CELLINI WRITTEN BY HIMSELF [A Florentine Artist. Containing A Variety of Curious and Interesting Particulars, relative to Painting, Sculpture and Architecture; and The History of his Own Time.] Edited and Translated by John Addington Symonds with a Biographical Sketch of Cellini by the Same Hand Together, With an Introduction to This Edition Upon Benvenuto Cellini, Artist and Writer, by Royal Cortissoz With Reproductions of Forty Original Portraits and views Illustrating the Life (New York: Brentano’s, 1906) 2 volumes. First of the Edition issued by Brentano’s. Illustrated throughout 40 full-page portraits, paintings and scenes, all with the original protective tissues intact. Tall 8vo, bound in full dark blue morocco, the covers blocked in gilt with a framework of multiple gilt filleted borders enclosing an elaborate intersecting design of gilt tooled devices and flowers, the spines with raised gilt stopped bands separating compartments richly gilt with full double gilt rules enclosing elaborately tooled panels in gilt, two compartments lettered in gilt, top edges gilt, marbled endleaves, opening leaf to the Preface, Introduction and each Book of the Life printed in red and black. [xxx], [360]; [viii], [387] pp. A very fine and handsome set, well preserved and in very pleasing condition.

A BEAUTIFULLY BOUND SET OF THIS TIMELESS CLASSIC. Replete with fine prefatory and introductory writings on Cellini by Royal Cortissoz and John Addington Symonds and concluding notes on the pedigree of Cellini, a fine body of Notes and an important Index.

‘On many accounts [this is] one of the most interesting and valuable autobiographies ever written. The author was contemporaneous with Raphael and Michael Angelo, and was the most skillful worker in metals in that age of artists...The variety of its incidents, the minuteness of its descriptions, the pictures of the people, and of the manners of the time, and, above all, the view it affords of the life of one of the most powerful characters of the age, give it at once the charm of romance and the value of a record of contemporaneous events’ (Adams, Manual of Historical Literature, p. 246).

$895.

Winston Churchill Writes About His MP Father
Scarce in the Original Publisher’s Cloth

7 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. xvii, 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.

IMPORTANT FIRST EDITION. Winston’s very successful biography of his MP father. William Manchester, Winston’s biographer, considered it, despite the son’s apparently ambivalent feelings toward his father, “a tribute to filial devotion.”

“Outside Parliament, Churchill devoted much of his time during 1904 and 1905 to compiling a biography of Lord Randolph. He was motivated in part by a desire for an intimate knowledge of his father that had been denied him during Lord Randolph’s lifetime... When the book emerged in 1906, it was widely hailed as one of the best political biographies in English and its prose style is still greatly admired today... Contemporary readers were struck by the frankness and openness of the account, contrasting favourably with the pious acts of homage served up as biography by other sons of famous fathers. It was, after all, a study in failure rather than success. The writing of the biography marked the point at which Churchill at last outgrew his father’s memory” (Grant, 47).

$1250.
One of the Most Monumental Historical Works Ever
Winston S. Churchill - Eight Volumes - First Editions
Randolph S. Churchill and Martin Gilbert

8 [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, Vol. II is a reissue of the first edition. With a great profusion of illustrations in monochrome and colours, including maps, tables, 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, one volume with the dustjacket spine panel mellowed as usual.

FIRST EDITION COMPLETE OF ONE OF THE MOST MONUMENTAL HISTORICAL TASKS EVER UNDERTAKEN, RESULTING IN ONE OF THE GREAT HISTORICAL WORKS EVER PRODUCED. Randolph Churchill, who began this great work with Martin Gilbert in the early 1960's had the exclusive use of Sir Winston's letters and papers. The form in which is the work is cast is summed up in the phrase that Randolph Churchill quotes from Lockhart: "He shall be his own biographer." And the authors present Churchill, a far as possible, through his own words. The first volume covers the years from Churchill's birth to his return to England from an American lecture tour on the day of Queen Victoria's funeral, in order to embark on his political career. The final volume spans Churchill's life from the defeat of Germany in 1945 to his death nearly twenty years later.

'No statesman of modern times—or indeed of any earlier age—has left such a wealth of personal letters, such a rich seam of private and public documentation, such vivid memories in the minds of those who worked closest to him or were at his side at both historic and amusing moments. Through these materials, assembled by Martin Gilbert during more than twenty years, one can trace Churchill's moods, aims, actions, hopes and farsightedness.

The many-sided nature of Churchill's abilities, his enormous capacity for work when well into his seventies, his literary achievements, his optimism, his humanity, his humour, his belief in man's capacity for self-improvement and survival, fill this volume with a rich tapestry of people and events, dominated not by the day-to-day struggle of politics and international conflicts but by an abiding sensitivity.

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. The eight volume work offered here has been hailed as "stupendous achievement...of immense and permanent value."

$950.

A Very Scarce Early Printing - 1742
Middleton's History of the Life of Cicero
In Fine Contemporary Bindings - Published in London

9 (Cicero) Middleton, Conyers. THE HISTORY OF THE LIFE OF MARCUS TULLIUS CICERO (London: for W. Innys, 1742) 3 volumes. The third edition and second in octavo format. 8vo, full contemporary mottled calf finely gilt in compartments of the spines, contrasting red and black morocco lettering labels gilt, key tooled
bands with gilt stop work to the spine panel, gilt tooled border to the covers. xl, 423, [1] ad; 438; 380, xl Index. A very pleasing, handsome and especially nice set of this important and classical work in a most desirable state of binding and preservation.

**VERY SCARCE EARLY PRINTING IN FINE CONTEMPORARY BINDINGS OF THIS GREAT WORK ON THE LIFE OF CICERO, ARGUABLY THE FINEST BIOGRAPHY OF CICERO EVER PENNED.** Middleton’s Life of Cicero has long been considered a model of literary style.

Marcus Cicero, orator, lawyer, politician, and writer was indeed one of the renown and most influential men of the Roman World. A most prolific writer and speaker, it is through him that much of the history of Rome is known. In the last years of his life, he found himself embroiled in a political controversy that would ultimately cause his execution. But during this last year of his life, he wrote a series of letters to Brutus, them a provincial governor, giving a unique picture of the workings of the Roman Senate.

Guthrie states that Cicero’s Orations are “so exquisitely beautiful, that from them, more than from any other work we may be able to judge of the helps which learning borrows from wit, the advantages which liberal education gives to extensive genius, the beauties which luxuriant fancy lends to solid judgment, and the graces which tender passions communicate to public virtue. It is from this pattern that we can best study by what degrees literature rises into erudition, erudition improves into knowledge, and knowledge reduces observation into practice; by applying all her stores to the improvement of society, and the advantage of the public.”

As PMM notes, “Throughout the hundreds of years when Latin was the lingua franca of thought and communication in Europe the works of Cicero were the most extensively read of all the Latin classics. Thus, while primarily giving a vivid picture of ancient Rome, Cicero’s speeches and letters, as well as the philosophical works whose content formed the basis of so many medieval treatises, have had a deeper influence, if indirectly, on the means of expression than the works of any other writer. When Latin was superseded by the vernacular tongues, this influence was transmitted into the new languages.”

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**‘The Most Complete and Accurate Account We Possess’**

Life of Marcus Tullius Cicero - William Forsyth - First Edition

10 [Cicero]; Forsyth, William. LIFE OF MARCUS TULLIUS CICERO (London: John Murray, 1864) 2 volumes. First Edition. Featuring a charming set of engravings depicting views of Arpino, Cicero’s hometown, Rome, and Formia, where he was murdered, as well as portraits of him and other great Roman statesmen on coins and medals. With frontispieces to each volume and 12 plates; title pages printed in red and black within ornate border. 8vo, antique tan calf of the early 20th century by Root & Son, spines with raised bands, compartments ruled in gilt, red morocco labels, double gilt fillet frame on covers, gilt decoration on board edges and turn-ins, red endleaves, top edges gilt, yellow silk book markers. viii, [2], 310; [2], 299 pp. A handsome set, light evidence of age to the bindings, the headcap to Vol. II a bit rubbed, the text-blocks are clean, the illustrations are all in fine condition, a near fine copy.

**FIRST EDITION OF THIS FINE BIOGRAPHY OF CICERO.** William Forsyth was a Scottish poet and journalist, editor of the “Aberdeen Journal”, one of the oldest and most influential Scottish newspapers. His LIFE OF CICERO was praised by the “Yale Literary Magazine” as “the most complete and interesting account that we possess of any of the ancient classical authors. It presents to us new attractions for acquiring a more correct and intelligent appreciation of the character and genius of one who gained an almost unrivaled position among the great masters of oratory” (Review, p. 138) Yale Literary Magazine, vol. 32, 1867

$425.
A Prussian Officer’s Service For the Confederacy
An Extraordinary Civil War Memoir - Heros Von Borcke
In the Ten Original Monthly Parts - Extremely Rare

11  [Civil War, U.S.]; Borcke, Heros Von. MEMOIRS OF THE
CONFEDERATE WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE [as published in] BLACKOOD’S EDINBURGH MAGAZINE (Edinburgh: Blackwood’s Edinburgh Magazine, September, 1865 to June, 1866) Ten parts bound as one volume. First and earliest publishing date of the work, not published in book form in Great Britain until after the conclusion of the periodical issue and not published in America until 1867. Printed double column. 8vo, each of the ten original parts has been extracted complete from Blackwood’s Edinburgh Magazine and have been bound together as a single volume in gray cloth-covered boards, the upper cover lettered in gilt, the spine gilt ruled and with a red morocco label gilt ruled and lettered. 269-288; 389-438; 557-580; 635-656; 83-102; 173-196; 307-322; 447-468; 544-564; 747-770 pp. collated complete. A very rare survival in quite nice condition, the paper is very well preserved for a periodical and has only a bit of occasion minor spotting and a few trivial stains, the extraction and rebinding expertly accomplished, the gray cloth binding in very fine condition.

A VERY RARE CONFEDERATE ACCOUNT OF THE UNITED STATES CIVIL WAR, even the 1860s issues in book format are rare and this is all the rarer still for being complete in the original monthly magazine parts which preceded the publication of the books. Douglas Southall Freeman called Von Borcke’s MEMOIR “one that no student of Confederate history will forget...swords clash and bugles blow in every page of it.”

The author was a Prussian officer who served for over two years in the Army of Northern Virginia, beginning in June of 1862 as a cavalry captain. He became somewhat famous on the battlefields due to the massive Solingen straight sword he wielded, which earned him the nickname ‘the Giant in Gray’. He was assigned to General J.E.B. Stuart, and the two became close friends. He was quickly promoted to major and rode with Stuart as his adjutant general throughout the Northern Virginia and Maryland campaigns.

In June of 1863 Von Borcke was significantly wounded by a gunshot to his neck and incapacitated for the remainder of that year. In spring of 1864 he was recovered enough to resume duties and was present when General Stuart was killed at the Battle of Yellow Tavern. In December of that year he was promoted to lieutenant-colonel and was sent by President Jefferson Davis on a diplomatic mission to Great Britain. After his time in England, and with Lee’s surrender in April of 1865, Von Borcke returned to Prussia and continued his military career in the Austo-Prussian War. He eventually returned to his home village of Giesenbrügge where he was known to regularly hoist the Confederate flag. Howes B-618. $1850.

First Edition - Rare Large Paper Copy - 1759
The Life of Edward Earl of Clarendon, Lord High Chancellor
Bound in Contemporary Speckled Calf - Crisp and Clean

contemporary speckled calf, the spine with raised bands gilt ruled, red morocco lettering label gilt. [4], iii, 1-133; [2], 1-523, [4 Index to the Life, [7 Index to the Continuation] pp. A very handsome copy, the text-block crisp and quite clean, crisp and fresh, the binding well preserved with a bit of old restoration done to the head of the spine panel, foot of the spine panel shows evidence in one compartment of old damp causing a small portion of the calf to have deteriorated. This can be repaired as one might wish.

RARE LARGE PAPER COPY OF THE TRUE FIRST EDITION. A handsome copy of Clarendon’s LIFE.

Clarendon was the most important of the Royalists, and his HISTORY OF THE REBELLION is a composite work, assembled from material written at various times and in various circumstances, but because it was written with an eye to posterity--for publication when “the passion, rage and fury of this time shall be forgotten”--it remains a classic. It also includes important biographies of important figures such as Lucius Cary Falkland, Sidney Godolphin, William Laud, and Sir Thomas Wentworth Strafford.

Upon his death, Clarendon’s writings were presented by his heirs to Oxford University. The proceeds from the sale of his HISTORY were used to establish a press at the University which still bears his name.

$1250.

Presentation Copy – Limited Edition
Letters and Remains of Arthur Hugh Clough

13 Clough, Arthur Hugh. LETTERS AND REMAINS OF ARTHUR HUGH CLOUGH (London, “For Private Circulation Only”: Spottiswoode and Co., 1865.) First Edition. Only 250 copies printed. Edited by the poet’s widow, Blanche Smith Clough and inscribed by her at the top of the title-page. Contains some previously unpublished poems and a verse play about Venice. 8vo, in the publisher’s handsome original textured green cloth, the upper cover with Clough’s initials in gilt within a panel made from multiple gilt and black ruled lines with crossing corners, the spine gilt lettered and ruled in gilt and black. A fine fresh copy.

LIMITED EDITION PRESENTED AND INSCRIBED BY THE POET’S WIDOW.

Arthur Hugh Clough was an English poet, an educationalist, and the devoted assistant to ground-breaking nurse Florence Nightingale. Clough travelled in 1852 to Cambridge, Massachusetts, encouraged by Ralph Waldo Emerson. There he remained for several months, lecturing and editing Plutarch for the booksellers. While in America he became The poet was friends not only with Emerson, but also with Longfellow, Hawthorne, and others. He traveled to the United States in the same ship as Thackeray and James Russell Lowell.

In 1853 the offer of an examinership in the Education Office brought him home to London once more. He married Miss Shore Smith and pursued a steady official career, diversified only by an appointment in 1856 as secretary to a commission sent to study foreign military education. He devoted enormous energy to working as an unpaid secretarial assistant to his wife’s cousin Florence Nightingale.

$550.

Irving’s History of the Life and Voyages of Columbus
The First Edition - Complete in Four Volumes - 1828

14 (Columbus) Irving, Washington. A HISTORY OF THE LIFE AND VOYAGES OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS (London: John Murray, 1828) 4 volumes. The First Edition, preceding the American edition (and exceeding it in bulk by one volume) With the required folding maps in Volumes I and II. 8vo, bound in three-quarter tan calf over marbled paper covered boards, the spines with gilt bands separating the compartments which are decorated in blind at the borders, contrasting green and red morocco lettering labels gilt. viii, 473; 490; viii, 413; vii, 489 pp. A handsome, attractive and well-preserved set. A little expected rubbing to the edges and extremities, internally very fresh and clean, all very solid.

THE IMPORTANT FIRST EDITION OF THIS GREAT TESTAMENT TO IRVING’S OFT’ NEGLECTED
ABILITIES AS A HISTORIAN. This was a scholarly but popular biography based primarily on the work of the Spanish writer 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 had been 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 10123.

$875.

Admiral of the Ocean Sea - 1942 - First Edition
Two Volumes in Dustjackets and Original Slipcase - Rare
Capt. Morison’s Classic History of Christopher Columbus

15 (Columbus) Morison, Samuel Eliot. ADMIRAL OF THE OCEAN SEA: A Life of Christopher Columbus (Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1942) 2 volumes. First edition, first printing. With numerous illustrations, including maps by Erwin Raisz, including a large fold-out map, and drawings by Bertram Greene. 8vo, publisher’s original terracotta polished buckram, the spines lettered in gilt on a blue gilt ruled field, the upper covers with gilt and blue “Compass Rose” at the center, cartographic endpapers, top edges died blue. The volumes still housed in the publisher’s scarce original slipcase and preserved in the scarce dustjackets. xlv, 448; vii, 445. Index. A pristine set of the books, the volumes with text and cloth both still in superb condition, the very scarce dustjackets with some mellowing to the spine panels and a touch of wear, but still essentially as pristine, the very scarce original slipcase still present and still attractive though a bit worn as to be expected.

THE FIRST EDITION OF THIS CORNERSTONE WORK.

According to Morison in the preface, “this book arose out of a desire to know exactly where Columbus sailed on his Four Voyages, and what sort of a seaman he was. No previous work on the Discoverer of America answers these questions in a manner to satisfy even an amateur seafarer.” Whether or not one is in accord with the idea that Columbus “discovered” America, this book constitutes a foundation study of the most famous of Renaissance mariners.

Though the one-volume edition is relatively common, this first edition is becoming more and more difficult to acquire. A set in such a pleasing state of preservation is not so often offered in commerce.

$895.
Oliver Cromwell - An Excellent Biography and History  
Samuel Rawson Gardiner - London and Paris - 1899  
Illustrated Extravagantly - Bound Handsomely

16  [Cromwell] Gardiner, Samuel Rawson. OLIVER CROMWELL (London, Paris, New York, Edinburgh: Goupil & Co., Jean Boussod, Manzi, Joyant & Co., 1899) First Edition, Numbered and Limited to 1475 copies. Illustrated with a portrait frontispiece of Cromwell in colours and 45 other finely engraved full-page plates, head and tail-pieces and illustrations in the text as well as with elaborately decorated grand initials to the chapters, engraved title-page printed in red and black. Folio, handsomely bound and signed by Bickers and Son of England in three-quarter red crushed morocco, the turnovers and corner pieces double gilt ruled, the spine with raised bands gilt ruled, the compartments of the spine with richly gilt panel designs incorporating central gilt devices and elaborate tooling in gilt, two compartments lettered in gilt, marbled end-leaves, the upper cover with elaborate gilt heraldic device at the center, top edge gilt, silk ribbon marker. xii, 260. A very handsome copy with minimal evidence of age or use, some light rubbing to the upper hinge.

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This book established De Quincey's literary reputation. First published serially and anonymously to immediate acclaim (and speculation as to the authorship), Confessions is a cornerstone of late British Romanticism, and through its translations and adaptations by Baudelaire (Les Paradis artificiels, 1860) and Musset an important influence in French literature. The author was writing at a time when opium was a commonly used sedative and painkiller. “The miraculous effects of opium were no more mysterious to De Quincey's contemporaries than the miraculous effects of aspirin are to us today; everyone who had taken opium to sedate a sore tooth knew what De Quincey was describing. The genius of his Confessions, as the cultural historian Mike Jay puts it, is that “De Quincey was not so much breaking a taboo as deliberately creating one by recasting familiar practice as transgressive and culturally threatening. It was a Byronic double game, baiting the moralists and middlebrow public opinion while delighting the elite with the invention of a new vice.” (Wilson, Guilty thing, p. 234).

In 1809, De Quincey moved to the Lake District to develop the literary career that he wanted. He began to write and publish, as well as developing a brief friendship with the Wordsworths. Later, he moved to London and with the help of Charles Lamb, became a contributor to the London Magazine, where Confessions was first published. [Cam GT Eng Lit]

Because of physical ailments (a toothache, later a stomach disorder and finally, to calm his nerves), De Quincey began to take opium and eventually increased the dosages, taking it over a period of eight years. In this work, he describes the effects of this addiction as well as his determination and eventual success in ending it. While on the drug, “he suffered from tremendous dreams, in which he sometimes seemed to live through a century in a night. He was haunted by the monstrous figure of a crocodile, or visions of Ann and early acquaintances, especially a certain Malay, whom he had found wandering in the Lakes and presented with a large dose of opium. The Malay was not found dead, but long continued to 'run amuck' through De Quincey's dreams.” [Oxf Compan] “The remarkable intimacy of the Confessions and the rich sensuous prose...
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30 [Iceland, Icelandic History]; Dasent, George Webbe. THE STORY OF BURNT NJAL or Life in Iceland at the End of the Tenth Century. From the Icelandic of the Njals Saga (Edinburgh: Edmonton and Douglas, 1861) 2 volumes. First Edition. Illustrated in both volumes with engraved maps and plans, a number double-page and a number large and multi-folding, collated complete. 8vo, publisher’s original forest-green cloth, the spines lettered and ruled in gilt, the upper cover of each volume with elaborate giltwork in an all-over designs showing crossed swords, axes and other weapons surrounded by two of the most famous of the wise Viking sayings which were passed down from family, elders, oral tradition and later the sagas: “Bare is Back Without Brother Behind It” and “But Short While is Hand Fain Of Blow” xxx, cciv, 256; xiii, 507 pp. An essentially fine copy, bright and clean with very little wear, the green cloth remains in very pleasing condition without fading, the giltwork is strong and very well preserved, the text-blocks and hinges are sound and tight, a very pleasing set with only slight evidence of age or shelving at the extremities.
FIRST EDITION. A VERY HANDSOME COPY OF THIS ICONIC SCANDINAVIAN TREASURE. With a long and scholarly Introduction which explains in great detail the Iceland of the period in which the saga was written. Further to the Introduction is a complete Index allowing for study of many elements presented both in the scholarship and in the saga. Njáls saga, like the other sagas of Icelanders, is anonymous. There are, however, several hypotheses about the saga’s authorship. The oldest idea, attested in the early 17th century, is that Sæmundr fróði wrote the work. Other suggested authors include Sæmundr’s sons, Jón Loftsson, Snorri Sturluson, Einarr Gilsson, Brandr Jónsson and Þorvarðr Þorarinsson.

The saga is now believed to have been composed in the period from 1270 to 1290. Among written sources which the author likely used are Laxdæla saga, Eyrbýggja saga and Ljósvetninga saga as well as the lost sagas Brjáns saga and Gauks saga Trandilssonar. However, the author probably derived the bulk of the material in the saga from oral tradition, which he manipulated for his own artistic purposes. Opinions on the historicity of the saga have varied greatly, ranging from pure fiction to nearly verbatim truth to any number of nuanced views. It can be regarded as certain that Njáll and Gunnarr were real historical people and their fateful deaths are referred to in other sources. Gabriel Turville-Petre said, “It was not the author’s purpose to write a work of history, but rather to use a historical subject for an epic in prose”.

Njáls saga explores the consequences of vengeance as a defence of family honor by dealing with a blood feud spanning some 50 years. The saga shows how even worthy people can destroy themselves by disputes and demonstrates the tensions in the Icelandic Commonwealth which eventually led to its destruction. Any insult to one’s honor had to be revenged: sometimes this includes slights which seem trivial to modern readers.

From THE SLAYING OF THORD FREEDMANSON in Njal’s Saga: Thrain said, “We have won an ill work, and Njal’s sons will take this slaying ill when they hear of it."

They ride home and tell Hallgerda. She was glad to hear of the slaying, but Rannveig, Gunnar’s mother, said, “It is said ‘but a short while is hand fain of blow,’ and so it will be here; but still Gunnar will set thee free from this matter. But if Hallgerda makes thee take another fly in thy mouth, then that will be thy bane.”

Hallgerda sent a man to Bergthorsknoll, to tell the slaying, and another man to the Thing, to tell it to Gunnar. Bergthora said she would not fight against Hallgerda with ill words about such a matter; “That,” quoth she, “would be no revenge for so great a quarrel.” WIKI. Burnt Njal

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and much of their 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).

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33  [Lawrence, D. H.] Lawrence, Frieda. “NOT I, BUT THE WIND...” (Santa Fe: The Rydal Press, 1934) First Edition, one of 1000 copies numbered by hand. This copy a rare presentation copy inscribed to the recipient in the author’s hand. Illustrated with black & white photographs throughout. Large octavo, publisher’s original beige boards, backed in beige polished buckram, the spine with phoenix lettering label printed in red. 311 pp. An essentially fine copy, with some mellowing to the spine panel and some light evidence of shelving.

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Georgia O’Keeffe, who knew her in Taos, said in 1974: “Frieda was very special. I can remember very clearly the first
time I ever saw her, standing in a doorway, with her hair all frizzed out, wearing a cheap red calico dress that looked as though she’d just wiped out the frying pan with it. She was not thin, and not young, but there was something radiant and wonderful about her."

The recipient, “Dale” Warren was an American Editor and Publisher. After interrupting his studies to serve in World War I, in 1919 Warren graduated from Princeton University, where F. Scott Fitzgerald was a classmate. Warren worked as a sales representative for the American Book Co. and Princeton University Press before becoming a publicity agent and then director of advertising for Houghton Mifflin. There he edited A Modern Galaxy: Short Stories (1930), which featured Willa Cather’s “Double Birthday” (1929). Warren also edited What Is a Book: Thoughts About Writing (1935) and wrote The Care and Feeding of a Place in the Country (1941).

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T.E. Lawrence’s Life with the R.A.F. - Bound in Morocco

34 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, limited issue, Number 461 of 2000 copies only. 4to, original half publisher’s morocco and cloth, lettered in gilt on spine, t.e.g., in the printed slipcase. 206. An extremely fine copy, bright and clean, as mint.

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Lawrence told Garnett that he wrote the book tightly, “because our clothes are so tight, and our lives so tight in the service. There is no freedom of conduct at all.” The typescript, made at Garnett’s order from the actual manuscript, was revised by Lawrence just before his death and it is that text which the present work follows. Lawrence had intended to print a limited edition himself on a hand-press and had already procured enough copies for its frontispiece of a reproduction of a portrait drawing by Augustus John before his untimely death in a motoring accident.

Of this book, which followed Lawrence’s great epic, the Seven Pillars of Wisdom, B.H. Liddell Hart wrote: “After some years, he made a fresh attempt on a large scale, an attempt at supreme realism—in a record of daily life in the Air Force which he christened The Mint. This he himself thought was his best writing—less ‘mannered’ and pretentious than the Seven Pillars. The present limited edition is then, the only one available and most closely followed T.E.L’s wishes according to his brother A.W. Lawrence.

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38 Lawrence, T.E.; Ede, H.S. SHAW-EDE T.E. Lawrence’s Letters to H.S. Ede 1927-1935. Forward and Running Commentary by H.S. Ede (London: The Golden Cockerel Press, 1942) First Edition and One of 500 copies only, printed in Perpetua type on mould-made paper and bound in fine half blue Niger morocco over cloth covered boards. 4to, beautifully bound in green-blue crushed Niger morocco over buckram covered boards by Sangorski and Sutcliffe, the spine with raised bands, two compartments lettered in gilt, t.e.g. [1-bl], 62, [2-bl], pp. A very handsome copy indeed, the binding tight, sharp and in excellent condition, the text-block clean and crisp, a small spot to the front cover and only very minimal evidence of age or use.

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47 (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 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.I. $475.

J.C. Lockhart’s Great Biography of Sir Walter Scott
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48 [Scott, Sir Walter]; Lockhart, J.G., Esq. MEMOIRS OF THE LIFE OF SIR WALTER SCOTT, BART. (Edinburgh: Adam and Charles Black, 1862) 10 volumes. Early Printing of the complete work. A set with fine provenance, bearing the bookplates of Henry Lee, of the historically important New England family. Illustrated with engraved frontispieces and vignette title-pages. Small 8vo, handsomely bound in dark-green three-quarter morocco over marbled paper covered boards, the spines with raised bands gilt stopped and with double gilt fillet rules to the panels, two compartments lettered in gilt, all edges marbled, marbled end-leaves. A fine and handsome set, especially well preserved and in very pleasing condition.

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The Lees exported and imported and wholesaled their goods in America. They had ships at sea and were active in the Calcutta trade and the East Indian affairs. It is Henry Lee’s bookplate that is affixed here.

Lockhart was a Scottish writer and editor. He is best known as the author of the seminal, and much-admired, multi-volume biography of his father-in-law Sir Walter Scott: Memoirs of the Life of Sir Walter Scott, Bart. This biography included the publishing of a great number of Scott’s letters. The Life of Scott has been called, after Boswell’s Life of Samuel Johnson, the most admirable biography in the English language.

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Shakespeare’s England - First Edition
An Account of Elizabethan Life and Manners

49  [Shakespeare]; Onions, Lee, Raleigh, Mssrs., Editor and Arrangers. SHAKESPEARE’S ENGLAND: An Account of the Life and Manners of His Age (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1916) 2 volumes. Scarce First Edition. With pleasing provenance, most probably the copy once owned by Tucker Brooke, the important Shakespearean scholar, see his articles in the Yale Review, Volume VI (6) (1916-1917); Shakespeare’s England; Volume XIII (13) (1923-1924): The Life of Shakespeare, also The Folio of 1623; Volume XVI (16) (1926-1927): Shakespeare’s Queen, and a number of other important books and articles relating to Shakespeare and Marlowe (see below). Well illustrated with 195 plates and two engraved frontispieces from contemporary sources. 8vo, publisher’s original dark blue cloth handsomely lettered and decorated in gilt on spines and upper covers, lower covers decorated in blind. xxiv, 546; x, 610 pp. A very bright and attractive set, the text clean and sturdy with just the lightest hint of mellowing to which the true first edition is prone. The cloth is clean and the books very handsome indeed with essentially no wear and just a touch of age.

SCARCE AND IMPORTANT FIRST EDITION, and a fascinating guide to the Elizabethan world, including essays on heraldry, costume, the home, booksellers, sports, religion, medicine and law. Sir Walter Raleigh outlined the first prospectus for this book in 1905, but was unable to complete it. Successive editors continued the task until its completion in the tercentenary year of Shakespeare’s death. Contributors include Robert Bridges, Sir Walter Raleigh, and many others.

“Elizabethan England is reflected everywhere in Shakespeare’s works; he held the mirror up to nature, but the nature that passed across it was English nature of the time of Elizabeth. He said many things that are true for all time; but if we understand the world that he moved in and the language that he spoke, we are saved from mistaking the accidents of his time for the essentials of his thought.”-Preface

“Here is a complete reconstruction of the most copious and adventurous epoch of our literary history” - Nation.

“... Almost every department of Elizabethan life is dealt with, and in no instance could a better choice of experts be expected.” - New Statesman.

“Here, indeed, is the map of the world in which Shakespeare lived. Here is a museum with his clothes and his furniture and his drinking-glasses and his school books and other ghostly relics to excite the imagination to a vision of a lost age and its lordliest child.”--The Sphere

Now difficult to find in the first printing.

About the provenance: Tucker Brooke was an author, literary scholar, and educator, teaching in Yale University’s English Department from 1909-1946. Brooke studied at Oxford University (B.A. 1906, B.Litt. 1907) as a Rhodes Scholar. He published works on English literature and drama, including studies of Marlowe and Shakespeare and others. His works include: The Apocryphal Shakespeare (1908), English Drama 1580-1642 (1933) Tudor Drama: A History of English National Drama to the Retirement of Shakespeare (1911) The Works of Christopher Marlowe (1910), The Authorship of the Second and Third Parts of King Henry VI, Shakespeare’s Plutarch, (1909) The Life of Marlowe and the Tragedy of Dido, Queen of Carthage (1930) and The Yale Shakespeare, with Wilbur L. Cross.

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

50  [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”–Lowe, (Arnott & Robinson) 3506 This copy is presented to some Earl and is signed in full by Smyth. CBEL. II, 821.

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51 Sherman, General W[illiam] T[ecumseh]. MEMOIRS...WRITTEN BY HIMSELF (New York: D. Appleton, 1875) 2 volumes. First Edition, in the RARE DELUXE PUBLISHER’S BINDING OF MOROCCO OVER BOARDS and a copy WITH FINE PROVENANCE, HAVING COME FROM THE COLLECTION OF FREDERIC REMINGTON THE FAMOUS AMERICAN WRITER AND ARTIST, with his bookplate in each volume. With a very large folding map showing the marches of the U.S. Forces under Sherman’s command. 8vo, publisher’s original three-quarter royal blue morocco over blue marbled paper covered boards, the spines with raised bands, two compartments lettered and numbered in gilt. 405, [2] ads; 409, [6] ads pp. A fine and handsome set, a slight bit of rubbing from shelving, the bindings in excellent condition, strong and tight, the text-block in fine order, just a touch mellowed by age, the folding map separated at three folds but complete and in original condition without repairs.

SCARCE FIRST EDITION IN THE PUBLISHER’S DELUXE BINDING, AND A COPY WITH FINE PROVENANCE, OF THIS CORE WORK IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY. A contemporary reviewer in the Atlantic Monthly said of this work, “His book is such as our knowledge of him prepared us to expect, and it is a treat....His style is characteristic of the man. It is absolutely free from rhetorical ornament, and it does not hesitate to be colloquial in the extreme, but it is admirable in its clearness and directness.....he appends a concluding chapter on the military lessons of the war, which is full of knowledge, wisdom, and sound sense.” A very readable record of inestimable historical importance.

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52 Smith, Clare Sydney. THE GOLDEN REIGN. The story of my friendship with ‘Lawrence of Arabia.’ With a Forward by Mrs. S. Lawrence, and New Introduction by Malcolm Brown (Upper Denby: The Fleece Press, 2004) LIMITED EDITION, one of only 500 copies based on Ms. Smith’s 1940 edition. Newly illustrated with vintage photographs, including those of the author which only appeared in the first edition and no later reprints prior to this. The author’s photos are here produced in much higher quality and larger than in the 1940 edition, and with a number of additional photos and illustrations not included in that first printing. Oblong 4to, publisher’s original navy blue cloth by Smith Settle with ‘T.E.S.’ embossed on the upper cover in blind, the spine with a printed paper label, and in the original slipcase of matching blue cloth. 183, [1] pp. An essentially mint copy of this seldom seen title in the Lawrence oeuvre, the text-block still in pristine condition, the binding and box also in very fine condition.

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53 Stanhope, Philip Dormer [Earl of Chesterfield]. LETTERS WRITTEN BY THE LATE RIGHT HONOURABLE PHILIP DORMER STANHOPE, EARL OF CHESTERFIELD, TO HIS SON, Philip Stanhope, Esq; Late Envoy Extraordinary at the Court of Dresden: Together with Several Other Pieces on Various Subjects. Published by Mrs. Eugenia Stanhope From the Originals... [With,] MISCELLANEOUS WORKS OF THE LATE PHILIP DORMER STANHOPE, EARL OF CHESTERFIELD: Consisting of Letters to his Friends, Never Before Printed, and Various Other Articles. To Which are Prefixed, Memoirs of His Life... [With,] MISCELLANEOUS WORKS OF THE LATE PHILIP DORMER STANHOPE, EARL OF CHESTERFIELD; Consisting of Letters, Political Tracts, and Poems. Volume the Third; completing The Edition of his Lordship’s Works, began by Dr. Maty. Collected, arranged, and revised, With a preface, and Notes, By B.W. of the Inner-Temple” (London: fPrinted for J. Dodsley; Printed for Edward and Charles Dilley; Printed by and for T. Sherlock, 1774; 1777; 1778) 5 volumes. The First Edition of All Five Volumes. Presentation Copy From Mrs. Stanhope, the Publisher, with the inscription of the recipient and initials. Complete with all half-titles called for. Engraved portrait frontispiece in the first volume. 4to, very handsomely bound at the time in fine straight-grain red morocco over original gray paper covered boards, with elaborate gilt rules separating the compartments, two of which are lettered in gilt, the covers with gilt rules at the turnovers and joins. [4], vii, 568; [4], 606, [2 errata]; vii, [1], 342, [2 Errata], 293, [1], [1]; [4], [1], [588]; [xi], 204 pp. A very handsome set of these iconic writings and including the very rare third volume of the Miscellanies, beautifully preserved with some very occasional foxing or browning.

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the friendship of Robert Walpole. While a British envoy in the Hague, he helped negotiate the second Treaty of Vienna (1731), which signaled the collapse of the Anglo-French Alliance, and the beginning of the Anglo-Austrian Alliance. In 1732, Madelina Elizabeth du Bouchet, a French governess, gave birth to his illegitimate son, Philip for whose advice on life Chesterfield wrote the Letters to his Son. The letters, over 400 of them are elegant in their style and instructive in the methodology. The Earl of Chesterfield is remembered to this day for his evocative and sensitive words, his fine manners and his cosmopolitan life.

Upon the death of the Earl, Eugenia Stanhope, the impoverished widow of Chesterfield’s illegitimate son, Philip Stanhope, published the book of Letters to His Son on the Art of Becoming a Man of the World and a Gentleman (1774). It is comprised of a thirty-year correspondence in more than 400 letters. Begun in 1737 and continued until the death of his son in 1768, Chesterfield wrote mostly instructive communications about geography, history, and classical literature, with later letters focusing on politics and diplomacy, and the letters themselves were written in French, English and Latin to refine his son’s grasp of the languages.

As a handbook for worldly success in the 18th century, the Letters to His Son give perceptive and nuanced advice for how a gentleman should interpret the social codes.


The Autobiography of Henry M. Stanley
Early Edition - Original Cloth - A Fine Copy

54 [Stanley, Henry] Dorothy Stanley, editor. THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF SIR HENRY MORTON STANLEY, G.C.B (London: Sampson Low, Marston and Co., 1909) First Edition Portrait frontispiece, 16 illustrations from photos, color folding map at rear. Thick 8vo, publisher’s original blue cloth lettered and pictorially decorated in gilt on the spine and upper cover, t.e.g. xviii, 551, 1 page of ads. A fine and bright copy, the text block clean and sound, the plates in good order, the map a bit age-mellowed and with wear at the center and at the edge, closed tear from old poor fold, one of two front blanks is not present.

STANLEY’S CLASSIC AUTOBIOGRAPHY. The first nine chapters are from Stanley’s own pen, though he died before the autobiography was finished. His wife, Dorothy Stanley, finished the book from his journals and notebooks, and some personal letters he sent to her. “I should like to write out a rough draft, as it were, of my life. The polishing could take care of itself, or you could do it, when the time comes. Were I suddenly to be called away, how little, after all, the world would know of me!...But, granted that I know little of my real self, still, I am the best evidence for myself.” - from a letter to his wife.

$695.

The Early Years of Henry M. Stanley
The Birth, Boyhood and Younger Days - London - 1895
By His “Childhood Playmate“ - A Fine First Edition

55 [Stanley, Henry M.; Africana] George, Thomas. THE BIRTH, BOYHOOD AND YOUNGER DAYS OF HENRY M. STANLEY, The Celebrated Explorer; A South Wales Hero (London: Roxburghe Press, 1895) First edition. Illustrated with two half-tone plates, one which is a frontispiece of Stanley, three manuscript reproductions. 8vo, in the original blue cloth with gilt lettering on the spine, an image of Stanley blocked in gilt and gilt lettering on the upper cover, black endpapers. xiii, 124, 34 ads. A fine copy with very minor bumping to the spine.

SCARCE IN FIRST EDITION FORMAT. This book describes the early days of Henry M. Stanley, the explorer who “found Livingstone” and carried on his work of exploration and abolition of the slave trade. The author claims to be a childhood playmate of Stanley, who he says was actually a native of Ysgar South Wales named Howell Jones. Despite the fact that it is now widely accepted that Stanley was born John Rowlands in Denbigh, North Wales, this fascinating little volume depicts a tale of what might have been, purportedly written with “the kind permission of Henry M. Stanley”
This is one of the many early “speculations” on the Stanley’s formative years, arising out of the hero-worship which surrounded him. Whether fiction or fact, this book is both an interesting and amusing commentary on Stanley’s life.

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One of the Great Native American Leaders of His Time

The Life of Joseph Brant - Thayendanegea - 1838 - Rare
First Edition - “The Best Biography of an American Indian”

56 Stone, William L. LIFE OF JOSEPH BRANT - THAYENDANEGEA: Including the Border Wars of the American Revolution, and Sketches of the Indian Campaigns of Generals Harmer, St. Clair, and Wayne. And Other Matters Connected with the Indian Relations of the United States and Great Britain, from the Peace of 1783 to the Indian Peace of 1795 (New York: George Dearborn and Company, 1838) 2 volumes. First Edition, First Binding with “New York 1838”. Illustrated with engraved title-pages, a number of engraved illustrations, portraits, plans and folding plates, complete. Tall 8vo, publisher’s original blue floral cloth, the spines decorated and lettered in gilt. xxxi, 425, lvi; viii, 537, lxiv pp. complete with half-titles. A very pleasing set, handsome and unusually well preserved, especially for such a rare cloth binding of the period

FIRST EDITION AND A BOOK WHICH WAS CALLED “THE BEST BIOGRAPHY OF AN AMERICAN INDIAN”. 'Thayendanegea or Joseph Brant was a Mohawk military and political leader, based in present day New York, who was closely associated with Great Britain during and after the American Revolution. Perhaps the Native American of his generation best known to the Americans and British, he met many of the most significant Anglo-American people of the age, including both George Washington and King George III.

While not born into a hereditary leadership role within the Iroquois League, Brant rose to prominence due to his education, abilities, and connections to British officials. His sister, Molly Brant, was the consort of Sir William Johnson, the influential British Superintendent of Indian Affairs in the province of New York. During the American Revolutionary War, Brant led Mohawk and colonial Loyalists known as “Brant’s Volunteers” against the rebels in a bitter partisan war on the New York frontier. He was accused by the Americans of committing atrocities and given the name “Monster Brant”, but the accusations were argued by later historians to have been false.

Starting at about age 15 during the French and Indian War (part of the Seven Years’ War), Brant took part with Mohawk and other Iroquois allies in a number of British actions against the French in Canada: James Abercrombie’s 1758 expedition via Lake George that ended in utter defeat at Fort Carillon; Johnson’s 1759 Battle of Fort Niagara; and Jeffery Amherst’s 1760 expedition to Montreal via the St. Lawrence River. He was one of 182 Native American warriors awarded a silver medal from the British for his service.

In 1775, he was appointed departmental secretary with the rank of Captain for the new British Superintendent’s Mohawk warriors from Canajoharie. In April 1775, the American Revolution began with fighting breaking out in Massachusetts, and in May 1775, Brant traveled to a meeting at German Flatts to discuss the crisis. He participated with Howe’s forces as they prepared to retake New York. Although the details of his service that summer and fall were not officially recorded, Brant was said to have distinguished himself for bravery. He was thought to be with Clinton, Cornwallis, and Percy in the flanking movement at Jamaica Pass in the Battle of Long Island in August 1776. He became lifelong friends with Lord Percy, later Duke of Northumberland, in what was his only lasting friendship with a white man.

Brant was a war chief, and not a hereditary Mohawk sachem. His decisions could be and sometimes were overruled by the sachems and clan matrons. However, his natural ability, his early education, and the connections he was able to form made
him one of the great leaders of his people and of his time. The situation of the Six Nations on the Grand River was better than that of the Iroquois who remained in New York. His lifelong mission was to help the Indian to survive the transition from one culture to another, transcending the political, social and economic challenges of one of the most volatile, dynamic periods of American history. He put his loyalty to the Six Nations before loyalty to the British. His life cannot be summed up in terms of success or failure, although he had known both. His attempt to create pan-tribal unity proved unsuccessful, though his efforts would be taken up a generation later by the Shawnee leader Tecumseh.’ Wiki Howes S-1040; New Howes S-1047

The First Edition and First Translation into English
Cornelius Tacitus - The Histories, Life of Agricola, End of Nero...
Translated By Savile for the Earl of Essex - 1591

57 Tacitus, Cornelius. THE ENDE OF NERO AND BEGINNING OF GALBA. FOWER BOOKES OF THE HISTORIES OF CORNELIUS TACTITUS. THE LIFE OF IVLIVS AGRICOLA. [with] Annotations Upon the First Booke of Tacitus; Annotations on the Life of Agricola; A View of Certaine Militar Matters for the Better Understanding of the Ancient Roman Stories and The Eplication of a Place in Polybius with a Defence of the Common copie against the opinion of certaine great learned men, wherein also the reason of the militar stipend is declared. (Oxford: By Joseph Barnes for Richard Wright [But London: R. Robinson], 1591) All works printed separately and bound together as issued. FIRST EDITION IN ENGLISH, Translated by Henry Savile, and the earliest edition of works by Tacitus in English, the Annales not being published until 1598. With fine engraved decorated large initials throughout, marginal notes printed in Greek type, engraved military plan. Folio [275 x 190 mm], handsomely bound in antique paneled calf covered boards ruled in blind with a large central panel in blind, the spine restored in style with blind-ruled raised bands, a single red morocco label lettered and ruled in gilt and additional gilt central tooling to the compartments which are paneled in blind. [vi], 1-17; 1-267; 1-80 pp. A very handsome copy of this important first English edition, the text quite fresh and clean and a crisp impression, only very minor and occasional mellowing or evidence of use, the prelims a bit more mellowed then the main text, the title-page a bit more worn and now backed for protection, the antique binding sturdy, sound and in a pleasing state and condition.

THE FIRST EDITION OF THESE HISTORIES OF TACITUS INTO ENGLISH here translated by mathematician and historian Henry Savile. Savile did the translation for the Earl of Essex and concluded the work with an analysis of the Roman army which was most likely written to assist the Earl in his attempts to reform the English army in the 1590s. The translation would run into five editions, the second of which coincided with the first edition of the ‘Annales’.

Cornelius Tacitus (56 - 117 A.D.?) was a noted public figure who won great acclaim during his lifetime as a contemporary historian. He also had a long career in the Senate, was Praetor in 88, Consul Suffectus in 97 and was Governor of Asia in 113. He served under several Emperors, some good, some bad, and was a foremost supporter of Republican government. It was for his writings and orations that he was best known however. Pliny the Younger considered Tacitus to be his better and was proud to be compared to him.

Tacitus’ body of work is believed to have been enormous but sadly only a small amount managed to survive the fall of Rome and the Middle Ages and reach the age of printing. Among his best known works is the LIFE OF AGRICOLA, concerning a personage Tacitus held in great esteem. His HISTORIES and ANNALES show him to be among the greatest of all historians particularly because of the insights he rendered on the coming collapse of the entire Roman system. The modern age’s greatest historian, Edward Gibbon, called Tacitus the greatest of all the classical historians. BMC; Cambridge English Literature; David R. Lawrence, The Complete Soldier Military Books and Military Culture in Stuart England.

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The Life of Charles James Mathews
A Fascinating Glimpse at 19th Century Theatre
Edited by Charles Dickens the Younger

58 [Theatre]; Dickens, Charles (the younger), editor. THE LIFE OF CHARLES JAMES MATHEWS Chiefly Autobiographical with Selections From His Correspondence and Speeches (London: Macmillan and Co., 1879) 2 volumes. First Edition. With a portrait frontispiece in each volume and three other engravings. Tall 8vo, publisher’s original dark-green polished cloth, the spine lettered and ruled in gilt, the covers blocked in black and blind. ix, 324; viii, 336 pp. A superlative copy, unopened and pristine.

FIRST EDITION, AND AN ESPECIALLY FINE, UNOPENED COPY. A SCARCE WORK ON THIS POPULAR ACTOR AND DRAMATIST. A son of the actor Charles Mathews, he achieved a greater reputation than his father in the same profession and also excelled at light comedy. He toured three times in the United States, and met and married his second wife there. As an actor in England, Mathews held an unrivaled place in his unique vein of light eccentric comedy. He had an easy grace combined with “imperturbable solemnity”, a combination which amused people; his humour was never broad, but always measured and restrained. It was as the leading character in such plays as the Game of Speculation, My Awful Dad, Cool as a Cucumber, Patter versus Clatter, and Little Toddlekins, that he especially excelled.

Mathews was one of the few English actors who successfully played French-speaking roles. In 1863 he appeared in Paris in a French version of his play Cool as a Cucumber, and was received with praise. He played there again in 1865 as Sir Charles Coldcream in the original play L’Homme blâmé

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The First Book Written on Henry David Thoreau
By an Iconic American Figure - First Edition - 1873
William Ellery Channing and the American Renaissance

59 [Thoreau] Channing, William Ellery. THOREAU: THE POET-NATURALIST. With Memorial Verses (Boston: Roberts Brothers, 1873) First Edition. 8vo, publisher’s original brick red cloth, the spine panel lettered and decorated in gilt, the upper cover pictorially decorated and lettered in gilt. xii, 357 pp. A very well preserved copy, the hinges tight and strong, the text-block with virtually none of the spotting which sometimes occurs with the first edition, some age evidence or rubbing to the upper cover, still the gilt remains bright and the book a handsome copy.

SCARCE FIRST EDITION AND ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMENTARIES ON THOREAU BY ONE OF NEW ENGLAND’S ICONIC FIGURES. This was the first book to be devoted entirely to Thoreau and to include significant biographical information. It includes extracts from Thoreau’s unpublished journal published here for the first time, together with conversations with Thoreau which Channing recorded. Fifteen-hundred copies only were printed.

‘William Ellery Channing was the foremost Unitarian preacher in the United States in the early nineteenth century and, along with Andrews Norton (1786–1853), one of Unitarianism’s leading theologians. Channing was known for his articulate and impassioned sermons and public speeches, and as a prominent thinker in the liberal theology of the day. His religion and thought were among the chief influences on the New England Transcendentalists although he never countenanced their views, which he saw as extreme. His espousal of the developing philosophy and theology of Unitarianism was displayed especially in his “Baltimore Sermon” of May 5, 1819, given at the ordination of the theologian and educator Jared Sparks (1789–1866) as the first minister of the newly organized First Independent Church of Baltimore.

A bronze statue of Channing by Herbert Adams was erected in 1903 on the edge of the Boston Public Garden, at Arlington St. and Boylston St. It stands across the street from the Arlington Street Church that he served. Channing had a profound impact on the Transcendentalism movement though he never officially subscribed to its views. However, two of Channing’s nephews, Ellery Channing (1818–1901) and William Henry Channing (1810–1884), became prominent members of the movement. Borst C6.

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60  Truman, Harry S.  MEMOIRS OF HARRY S. TRUMAN. Volume One Year of Decisions  (Garden City: Doubleday & Company, 1955)  INSCRIBED COPY SIGNED AND DATED BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN. An early Book Club issue of the First Edition. Thick 8vo, in the publisher’s original black cloth, the upper board emblazoned with Truman’s facsimile signature in silver, the spine lettered in silver and blue and with blue labeling field, in the publisher’s original dustjacket. viii, 596pp. A fine copy of this inscribed book, the jacket in very nice condition with just a bit of age or evidence of use.

A HANDSOME COPY OF THIS EARLY ISSUE OF HIS BIOGRAPHY, SIGNED BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN IN 1966, and a pleasing copy of this important memoir of 1945, the year Truman was thrust into the White House amid the background of tumultuous international events. The President also gives insights into his days in Missouri and his rise through local and national politics, culminating after Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s death, in leading the Free World into a new and no less dangerous era.

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61  Twain, Mark.  LIFE ON THE MISSISSIPPI.  (Boston: James R. Osgood, 1883)  First Edition, Early State. Blanck’s intermediate B, with the tailpiece of Twain in flames on p.441 not present, and with caption on p.443 reading “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., protected in a fine slipcase 624 pp. A very fine copy, uncommonly fresh and well preserved, the cloth is a rich brown with bright gilt and only the lightest evidence of age, internally sound and very clean. A superior copy.

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