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The Japanese Antarctic Expedition, 1910-1912

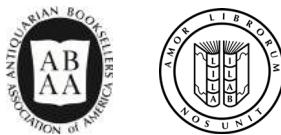
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The Northwest Passage

Being the Record of a Voyage of Exploration of the Ship Gjoa 1903

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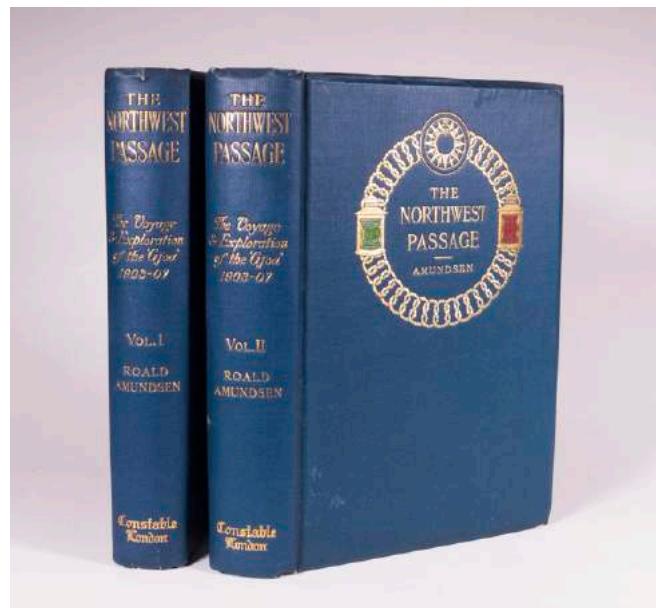
With a Supplement By First Lieutenant Hansen Vice-Commander of

By Amundsen, Roald

London: Constable, 1908. 2 volumes. 1st Edition. 8vo. Vol.I: [xiii], 335pp, frontis with tissue guard of Amundsen plus 69 b/w photographic plates – several full page, plus large fold-out map at rear entitled *The Route of the Gjoa Through the Northwest Passage* – complete. Vol. II: [ix], 397pp, frontis of the *Gjoa meeting its first whaling ship* with tissue guard, plus 70 b/w photographic plates, large fold-out colour map at rear entitled *Map of King Haakon VII Coast and Queen Maud's Sea, and of Lieut. Hansen and Sergt. Ristveldt's Sledge Expedition 1905.* – complete.

Publisher's green cloth with bright gilt lettering, Top page edges bright gilt; pictorial cover and spine not faded which is most typical with this publication, small 5mm closed split on spine top of volume I. Internally very clean with no prior ownership markings, tight un-cracked hinges — an extraordinarily well preserved set inside and out — a complete set in Near Fine condition.

The First English Edition of the first person narrative of the Norwegian Northwest Passage expedition led by Roald Amundsen in the Gjoa. This very famous expedition was the first to successfully navigate the Northwest Passage. Described are the voyage to the Canadian Arctic, wintering at Gjoa Haven on King William Island, Eskimos encountered including Mackenzie Delta Eskimos, numerous boat and sledge journeys, food and hunting.



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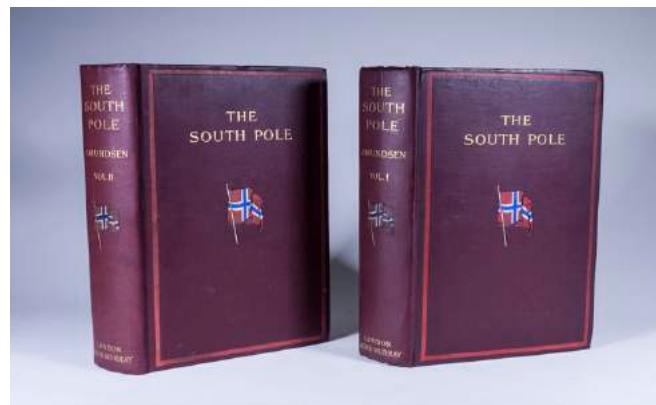
The South Pole

An Account of the Norwegian Antarctic Expedition in the "Fram," 1910 -1912.

By Amundsen, Roald

London: John Murray, 1912. First Edition (First Issue), Large Octavo, 2 vols. xxxv; x, 392; 449 pp. With over a hundred illustrations (many on plates) and maps, many folding maps. Original maroon pictorial gilt cloth; covers are bright and the Norwegian flag is sharp. A very well preserved set inside and out with no prior ownership markings, new end leafs. Scarce in this Near Fine condition. "Published some three months before Scott's death was known to the world" –Taurus 71. Amundsen's "account of his extraordinary South Pole exploit is a classic in the exploration literature" Rosove 9.A1. This unique set is discretely stamped "Compliments of Mr. Murray" at the top of the Volume I title page.

"Amundsen accomplished his task in an efficient and workmanlike manner, the result of his lengthy training and meticulous preparations" (Conrad p. 156). Unlike Scott's party, which favored men and ponies over dogs, Amundsen took many dogs and few men so that the former could, in an emergency, serve as food for the latter. With weather conditions in their favor, Amundsen's party reached the pole just ahead of Scott's. The expedition was well organized and set off from the Bay of Whales using dog sleds and supply depots and reached the pole in 99 days, a distance of 1860 miles. Unlike Scott's party, all in the Amundsen group remained in good health and accomplished the great and perhaps last "extraordinary" polar journey. Amundsen remained totally secretive about his intentions – a policy that became all the more essential after the announcement in September 1909 of the proposed assault on the South Pole by Robert Falcon Scott.., While Scott intended to follow the route pioneered by Shackleton from Ross Island, Amundsen decided to launch his expedition directly from a point on the Ross Ice Barrier itself" –Howgego 1850-1940 Polar Regions, A13.



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The South Pole
An Account of the Norwegian Antarctic Expedition in the 'Fram' 1910 -1912

Signed by Roald Amundsen

By Amundsen, Roald

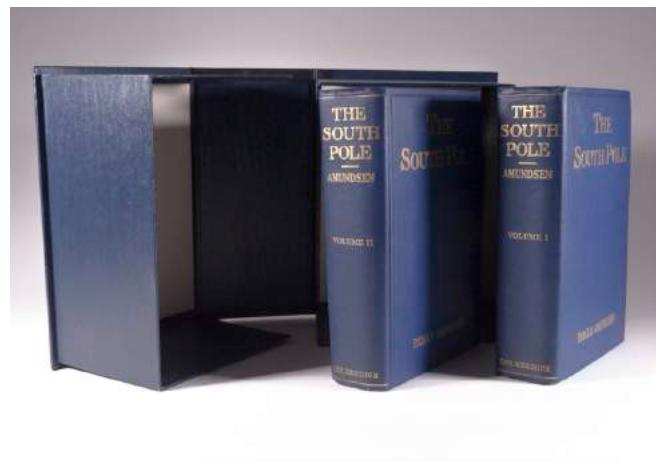
Signed in the year of publication: *Best Wishes, Roald Amundsen, Feb. 1st, 1913, Chicago* in Volume I on the front free endleaf. This set was signed in Chicago during Amundsen's first visit to the United States after returning from his conquest of the South Pole in 1912.

New York: Lee Keedick, 1913, First Edition, 2 volumes complete in Near Fine Condition and in custom clam shell box.

Volume I: [xxxv] 392pp. thick large 8vo with untrimmed pages and gilt tops, original publisher's blue blind ruled cloth with very bright gilt on spine and cover. Frontis of Amundsen with tissue guard, Introduction by Fridtjof Nansen, 82 photographic images (mostly full page), full page map and color fold out map attached at rear. Complete with the folded plan of the 'Fram'.

Volume II: [x] 449pp. thick large 8vo with untrimmed pages and gilt tops, original publisher's blue blind ruled cloth with very bright gilt on spine and cover. Frontis of Amundsen with tissue guard. Appendix I, II, III, IV, & V; Index; 52 photographic illustrations (mostly full page), 20 maps and charts including fold out toward rear. *Spence 18, Renard 20, Conrad p. 113, Rosove 9.B2.a*

The detailed, well-written first person account documenting Roald Amundsen's successful expedition whose primary intention was the conquest of the South Pole – begun on February 10, 1911 and achieving the South Pole on December 14, 1911 at 3:00pm with a temperature of -10°f. Amundsen and his expedition team departed the South Pole on December 17 and arrived at their winter quarters in January 1912, covering a total of approximately 1,750 miles round trip while averaging nearly 15.5 miles per day. Aside from successfully being the first expedition to attain the South Pole, the expedition also achieved significance by determining the extent and character of the Ross Barrier, ...



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Sydpolen: Den Norske Sydpolsfaerd med Fram 1910-1912.
South Pole: The Norwegian South Pole Expedition with Fram 1910–1912.

*Complete as published in 40 parts.
With tipped in Signature of Roald Amundsen*

By Amundsen, Roald

Kristiania: Jacob Dybwads, [May-September] 1912. 40 parts, First Edition, First Printing. 8vo. Collated Complete with: Sepia photographic frontispiece of Amundsen, 47 plate leaves, 4 maps including 3 coloured—two being fold-out, numerous text illustrations, publisher's instructions for private binders at front of Part XXI. Original paper wrappers decorated with circular photograph set within a surround of penguins, the first two parts coloured silver and the remainder light blue-green as called for. All 40 parts complete and in Very Good to Good+ condition; pages untrimmed as issued. RARE original 40 parts First Issue of Amundsen's classic account of his victorious expedition to the South Pole. Rosove 8.A1.1

Very Rare original parts issue of Amundsen's classic account of his victorious expedition to the South Pole. Amundsen disembarked from the Fram at Buenos Aires in May 1912 to meet his sponsor Don Pedro Christoffersen. He was invited to stay on one of Christoffersen's estancias to write up his account of the expedition. The "Fram" returned home without him, leaving Buenos Aires on 7 June 1912, the second anniversary of their departure from Christiania. The sudden contrast was not lost on Amundsen: 'Here I am, sitting in the shade of palms, surrounded by the most wonderful vegetation, enjoying the most magnificent fruits, and writing -- the history of the South Pole. What an infinite distance seems to separate that region from these surroundings! And yet it is only four months since my gallant comrades and I reached the coveted spot ... On December 14, 1911, five men stood at the southern end of our earth's axis, planted the Norwegian flag there, and named the region after the man for whom they would all gladly have offered their lives -- King Haakon VII. Thus the veil was torn aside for all time, and one of the greatest of our earth's secrets had ceased to exist.'

With: the original publisher's decorative boards issued to bind the 40 parts.



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Two Men in the Antarctic
An Expedition to Graham Land, 1920-1922.

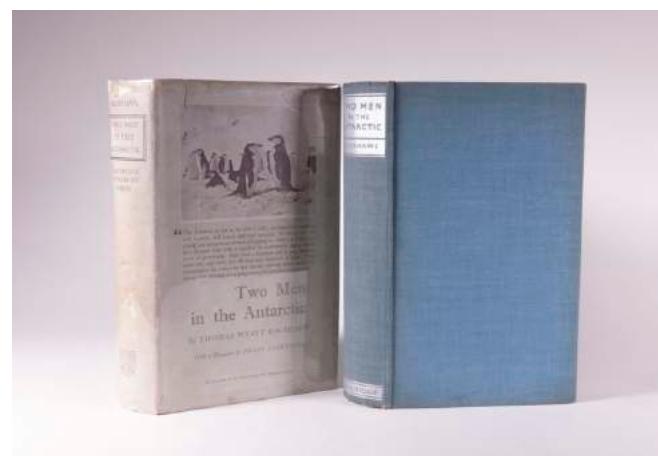
Signed by Bagshawe and with Very Rare Dustjacket

By Bagshawe, Thomas

With a forward by Frank Debenham, O.B.E., M.A. Professor of Geology at the University of Cambridge, and Director of the Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge.

Cambridge: University Press. 1939. First Edition – RARE. 8vo -- 22.3cm; pp. [2], [i-vii], viii-xxi, [1], 292, photographic frontispiece, 32 photographic illustrations on 19 plates, 2 photographic panoramas on 1 folding plate, double-page meteorological table, 3 text sketches (1 full-page), 8pp. index, cartographic end leaves, publisher's light blue Oxford cloth, spine lettered in silver, publisher's photographic printed dust wrappers. Dust jacket is unclipped and showing some wear at extremities -- in very good condition. Book and cloth in Near Fine condition. —Rosove 23.A1.

One of the most elusive Antarctic narrative publications describing the British Imperial Antarctic Expedition of 1920-21. An account of the experiences of Thomas Bagshawe and Maxine Lester of the otherwise failed British Imperial Antarctic Expedition. A well-written narrative by two enthusiast youths who should have known better but did not. Nevertheless, they accomplished important research relative to meteorology, sea ice, and zoological observations.



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The Polar Book

Signed: "L.C. Bernacchi, Physician, Capt. Scott Expedition, 1901-4"

By Bernacchi, Louis

London: E. Allom, & Co Ltd. 1930, First Edition. 8vo – 21.2 cm., 115pp. 2 maps on one large fold-out plate attached to rear cover, publisher's soft paper wrappers with figures of polar bear and penguins on front cover, penguins, seal, walrus and mollusk on back cover and spine lettered with black title. Beginning foxing on title page and preliminaries, no prior ownership name. Foreword by L. C. Bernacchi. Signed “L.C. Bernacchi, Physician, Capt. Scott Expedition, 1901-4” on the title page. A Very Good+ copy of this Scarce publication. This unique copy being signed in graphite by L.C. Bernacchi on the upper main title page. Spence 125, Taurus 134, Renard 113, Rosove 1026.

The Polar Book is an attempt to bring together various aspects of polar work by means of short authoritative articles. Published in conjunction with the British Polar Expedition of 1930, with contributions from some of Britain's most noted polar explorers to include Hugh Mill, Frank Debenham, GC Simpson, CS Wright, JM Wordie, GT Atkinson, Dr. G Murray-Levick, Dr. RH Rudmose Brown, HG Watkins and LC Bernacchi.



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Outpost of the Lost An Arctic Adventure

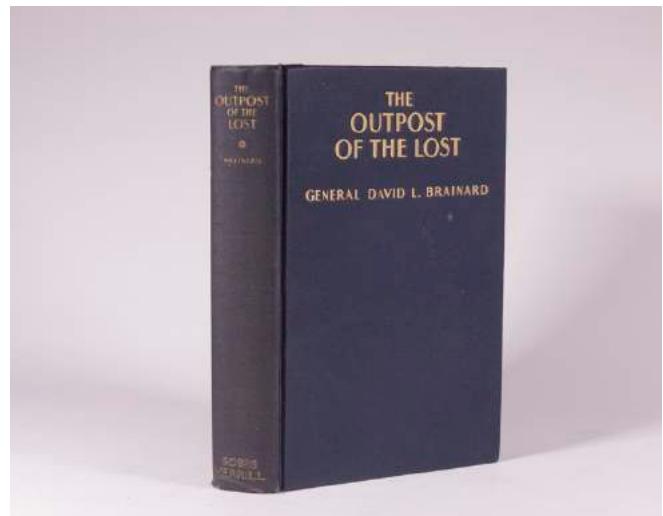
Signed and Inscribed by David Brainard on the half-title page.

By Brainard, David L., Brigadier General

Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill, 1929. 1st Edition stated. 8vo — 21.2 cm. 317 pp. Publisher's dark green cloth with mustard-yellow colored title lettering on cover and spine. Cartographic end leaves front and rear. A Very Good + copy inside and out -- complete. Signed, inscribed and dated in the year of publication by Brainard on he half-title page. Arctic Bibliography 2011

This book consists of the private journals of Sgt. Brainard on polar exploration in 1888, one of the six survivors of the ill-fated Greely expedition. The U.S. International Polar Year Expedition of 1881-4, aka Lady Franklin Bay Expedition, led by Army Lieutenant Adolphus Greely, reached Lady Franklin Bay in August 1881 and established a scientific research station. Although Greely was without previous Arctic experience, he and his party performed notable feats of exploration; many unknown miles along the coast of NW Greenland were added to the map, Ellesmere Island was crossed from east to west, and Second Lieutenant James B. Lockwood achieved a new northern record of 83°24'.

The expedition ultimately had tragic results. Their fatal mistake was in plunging into the extremely dangerous ice of Smith Sound, without having established, at the mouth of that sound, a depot of provisions and a house upon which they could fall back in case of disaster. The failure of supply ships to reach the expedition in the next 2 years forced Greely to abandon the station and retreat to Cape Sabine. Relief ships were sent over the next 2 years, but failed to reach Greely's party encamped at Cape Sabine, the 'Proteus' being a store ship bringing much needed supplies who was sunk by ice en route. Finally, the third relief vessel arrived in 1884, all but Greely and six others had perished from starvation, drowning, or exposure. The survivors were near death, and one died on the homeward journey.



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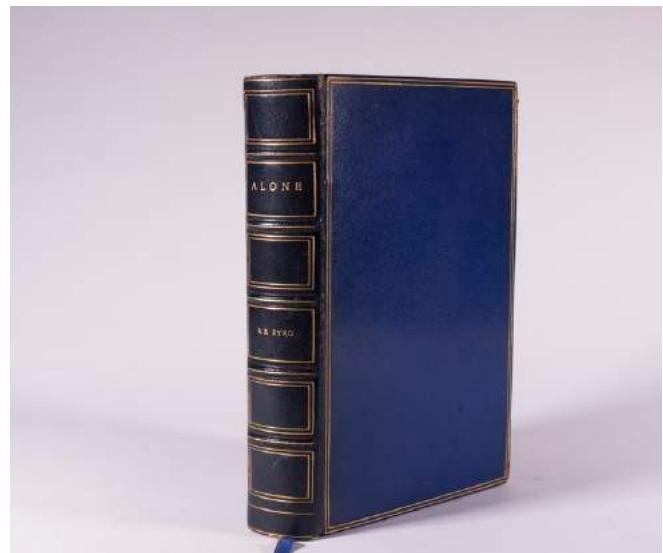
Alone — Deluxe Issue

Signed by Richard Byrd

By Byrd, Richard

New York: G.P. Putnam, 1938. First Edition, First Printing Deluxe Edition. 8vo — 21.4cm. Finely bound by The Chelsea Bindery in full dark-blue morocco, titles and ruling on spine in bright gilt, five raised bands; boarder double ruling to boards in bright gilt, decorative bordering to turn-ins bright gilt, marbled endpapers, original blue silk ribbon marker detached but present, top page edges gilt, text in dark blue ink. Decorations by Richard E. Harrison. Signed by R.E. Byrd. This copy being #95 of 225. A near fine copy. Scarce. Taurus 120

This is arguably Byrd's most important work — an intensely personal account of his isolation and near death through an Antarctic winter in a small hut at Latitude 80° 08' South — located 160km south of Little America on the Ross Ice Shelf.. *Alone* is a first person account of human endurance while experiencing long term isolation under extreme conditions. This is also an elegantly produced publication. A very good and engaging read.



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By Byrd, Richard E.

New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1928. With a foreword by William A. Moffett. Octavo – 25.0 cm., [2], xv, [1, blank], 348 pp. Ten photogravure plates, with descriptive tissue guards, and forty-six photographic plates on twenty-three leaves (58 illustrations total); fold-out map at end. Publisher's $\frac{3}{4}$ blue cloth with bright gilt ruling on boards with spine stamped in bright gilt. Edges untrimmed. A Near Fine copy. Mounted on the front pastedown endpaper is a portion of the fabric (showing both sides) which covered the plane 'Josephine Ford' on her historic flight over the North Pole on May 9th, 1926. Arctic Bibliography 2592

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Little America, Aerial Exploration in the Antarctic, The Flight to the South Pole

*Author's Autographed Deluxe Limited Edition
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By Byrd, Richard E.

New York: Putnam's Sons, 1930. First Deluxe Edition. Sm4to – 25.1cm. [1], Xvi, 436 Pp. With 74 photographic illustrations and maps including two fold-out maps. In publisher's $\frac{3}{4}$ white vellum over blue paper-boards. Taurus 114.

The official account of Byrd's initial Antarctic expedition, the first American expedition of its kind. The book is named for the base camp "Little America" from which Byrd conducted his expedition, setting up radio towers and airstrips, which revolutionized Arctic exploration. Byrd was perhaps the most famous American polar explorer. Many believe Byrd's introduction of aerial, snowmobile and radio technologies marked the end of the "heroic age" of Antarctic explorations, which was replaced by the "mechanical age". A near fine copy.



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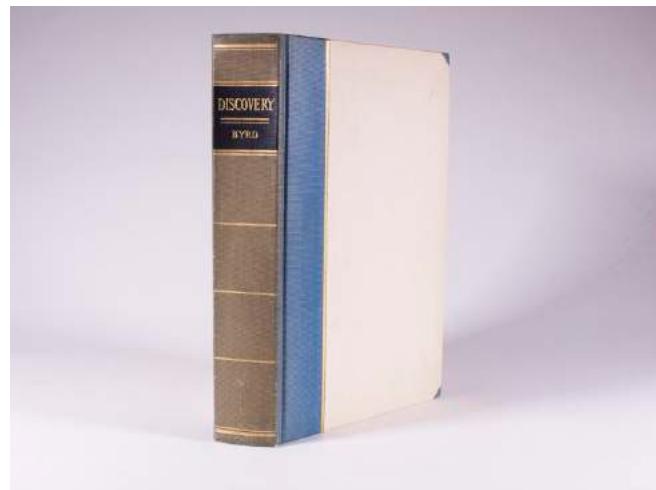
Discovery, The Story of the Second Byrd Antarctic Expedition
Deluxe Limited Edition

Signed by R E Byrd

By Byrd, Richard, Rear Admiral, U.S.N., Ret.,

New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1935, First Edition Deluxe Limited and signed Issue — this being copy #175. 1st printing, 8vo – 25.1cm. [xxii], (1), 405pp – rough cut edges and this copy un-trimmed. Appendix, Indexed, maps and over 100 photographic illustrations, gilt speckled end leaves, publisher's 3/4 blue cloth and vellum boards with bright gilt ruling; bright gilt title and ruling on lightly darkened spine cloth. A Near Fine and complete copy. Conrad p291, Spence 229, Taurus 119.

Combining the most primitive means and the most modern while traveling by ship, dog team and airplane, Admiral Byrd and his men penetrated to the very heart of the Antarctic. In all, twenty two branches of science profited from the discoveries during this expedition. Among the numerous firsts that resulted were: the Antarctic ice cap was tapped by seismic soundings and the depth of the ice determined; on the rim of the polar plateau 180 miles from the South Pole, a slogging party discovered the petrified remnants of semi-tropical vegetation, and on the glacierized slopes of the Edsel Ford Range another party discovered a rare profusion of Antarctic flora hinting of mineral wealth and microscopic life. A well-written and informative first person account.



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A Journey into Siberia

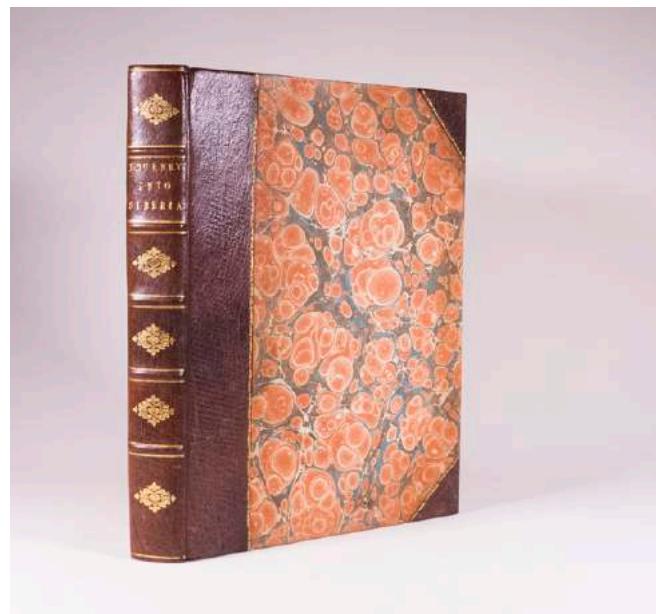
Containing an Account of the Manners and Customs of the Russians, the Present State of Their Empire; with the Natural History, and Geographical Descriptions of Their Country

By Chappe D'Auteroche, Jean Baptiste

London: T. Jeffreys, 1770. First Edition. Quarto. 4to – 27.2cm. [xiii], (6) Contents, (1) Publisher's Advertisements, 355pp., (1) Errata. With partly hand-colored fold-out map front-piece measuring 26.5 x 51.5 cm, and 9 etched plates including 1 fold-out and 8 full-page. Modern 3/4-brown calf with marbled boards with new end leaves, spine with five raised bands with gilt title and gilt decorative motif in compartments; all page edges marbled. Contents very clean with only slight intermittent beginning foxing; The paper used for this production has pleasing tactile and acoustical qualities. Prior owner's attractive script signature in sepia at top of title page. A clean and complete copy of a rare publication in excellent condition.

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Jean Chappe d'Auteroche was a French astronomer who was sent to Siberia for the purpose of observing the transit of Venus. The Transit was due in June 1761 and was considered to have great scientific importance since theoretically it could be used to estimate the size of the solar system. From St Petersburg Chappe d'Auteroche sledged to Tobolosk, where he spent several months, observing the Transit of Venus and carrying out a large number of related scientific measurements. After his return, he published his Voyage en Sibérie (1768). Chappe D'Auteroche describes Siberia's geography, natural history, and the culture of its inhabitants – their manners and customs; He also sharply condemns Russia's political regime. The plates show native inhabitants in their respective dress along with a view with Russian sledges with provisions in a village context.



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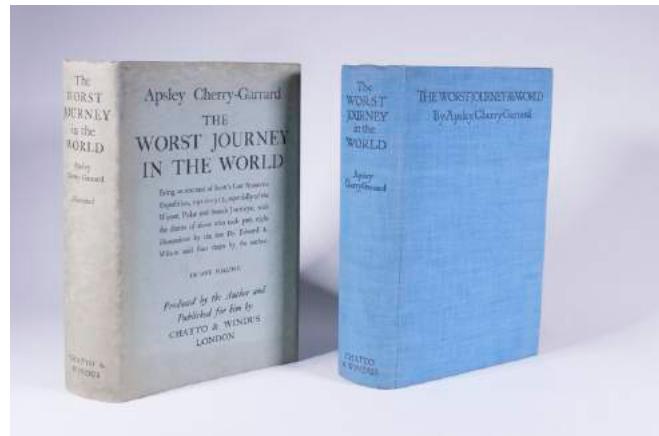
The Worst Journey In The World. Antarctic 1910-1913

Being an account of Scott's Last Antarctic Expedition, 1910-1913, especially of the Winter, Polar and Search Journeys; with the diaries of those who took part, 8 illustrations by the late Dr. Edward A Wilson and 4 maps by the author

By Cherry-Garrard, Apsley

London: Chatto & Windus, 1939. One Volume Edition in dustjacket. Thick 8vo – 22.8cm. pp. [lxiv]; 585. 8 black-and-white plate illustrations and 4 maps including one fold-out. Publisher's blue cloth with black lettering on front cover and spine. A complete copy in excellent condition with its original unclipped dustjacket. Dustjacket shows very little wear and with very slight darkening to spine. Interior with no prior ownership markings, no foxing, folds or tears. An unusually well preserved copy in near fine condition. Scarce. —Rosove 71-E4.

This is only first hand account of Robert Falcon Scott's ultimately doomed second expedition to the South Pole on the Terra Nova. Cherry-Garrard was the assistant zoologist and one of the youngest members of the expedition at age 24. He was responsible for laying depots, and he accompanied the team that made the ultimately tragic attempt on the pole as far as the Beardmore glacier. This is one of the best and most fluently-written accounts of Scott's last expedition and a classic of Antarctic exploration, often described as the "finest polar book ever written" (Rosove).



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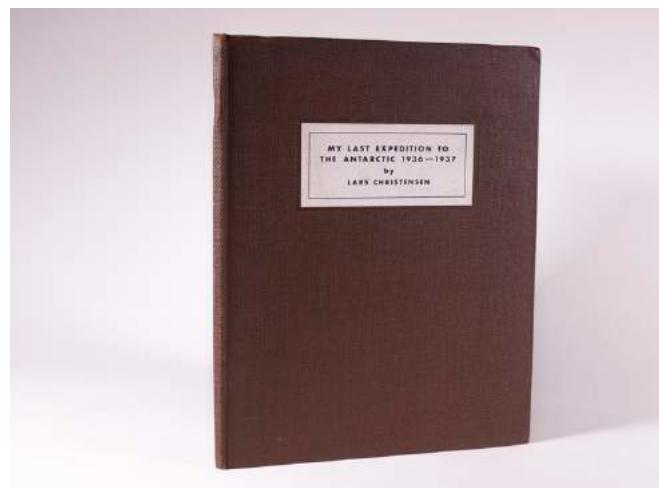
My Last Expedition to the Antarctic 1936-1937

Signed by Lars Christensen

By Christensen, Lars

Oslo, Norway: Johan Grundt Tanum, 1938, First Edition. 4to – 23.5 cm. 18pp including black-and-white frontpiece portrait of Lars Christensen, 25 black-and-white photographic images on 9 plates, two photographic maps, cartographic end leaves. Publisher's textured dark brown paper-covered boards, publisher's printed label to the upper board. No prior ownership markings. A near fine and complete copy in excellent condition. Scarce.

This publication is a production of a lecture delivered before the Norwegian Geographical Society on September 22, 1937. Lars Christensen had a deep interest in Antarctica and its animal life. He was particularly interested in making geographical discoveries, and gave his captains wide latitude to do so. He financed several expeditions specifically devoted to the exploration of the Antarctic continent and its waters, and he personally participated in some of these, bringing his wife Ingrid with him in the 1936–1937 expedition. He was among the first to use aerial surveying with seaplanes to map the coast of East Antarctica, which he completed from the Weddell Sea to the Shackleton Ice Shelf, concentrating on Bouvetøya and the region from Enderby Land to Coats Land. From the seaplane brought on the 1936–1937 expedition, members took 2,200 oblique aerial photographs, covering 6,250 square miles (16,200 km²). —Wikipedia



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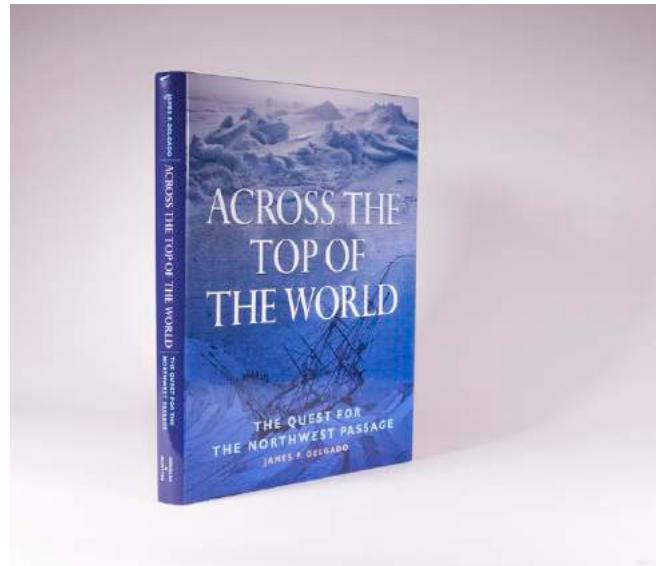
Across the Top of the World -- *The Quest for the Northwest Passage*

Signed by James P. Delgado

By Delgado, James P

New York: Checkmark Books, 1999 – First Edition, First Printing. 4to, [xii], 228pp., Bibliography (extensive), Index. Profusely illustrated with over 100 color and 100 black-and-white illustrations with 9 maps. A fine copy with unclipped dust jacket.

An excellent resource, and a well-written documentation of Arctic exploration and the quest for the Northwest Passage, enhanced by quotations from first-hand accounts and by dramatic images.



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The Songs Of The "Morning"

A most unique copy:

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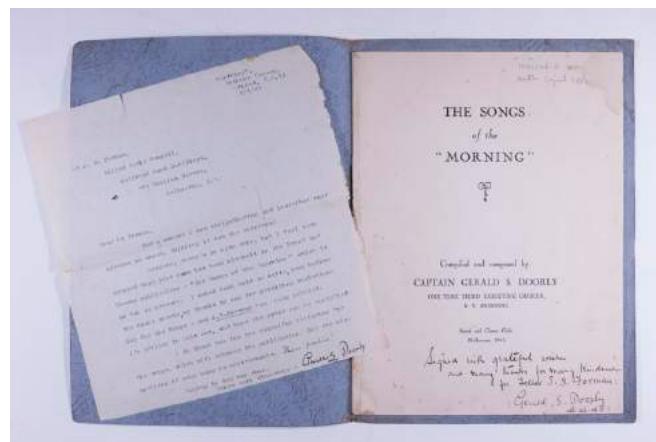
By Doorly, Captain Gerald S.

Melbourne: Bread and Cheese Club. 1943. First Edition; 1943. Sm4to – 25.8cm., 18pp, [14] (music). full-page illustration of the ship 'Morning' in McMurdo Sound National Antarctic Expedition 1901-1904. Original stiff grey leather grain printed wrappers —very good condition with watermark on upper right corner of title page and front cover.

Songs of the 'Morning' was written and composed in the Antarctic on the relief ship to Captain Scott's expedition of 1902-1904, the ship carried a piano, the music was written by Gerald Doorly and the lyrics by John D. Morrison the chief engineer. Scarce. Rosove 98.A1.

This unique copy is signed and inscribed by Gerald S. Doorly and dated 4.4.43 in the year of publication in the lower right corner of the title page. The inscription is to J.S. Forman reading: "Signed with grateful wishes and many thanks for many kindnesses – for Fellow J.S. Forman" Gerald S. Doorly 4.4.43".

With: A typed letter to Mr. J.S. Forman and signed by Gerald S. Doorly. This letter is dated 3/4/43 and is a letter of apology for the misspelling of Forman's name on the Music title page of this publication. Forman was responsible for and credited with the lettering of the song titles throughout.



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The Importance of the Cape of Good Hope,

As a Colony to Great Britain, Independently of the Advantages it Possesses as a Military and Naval Station, and the Key to Our Territory Possession of India.

By Fisher, Richard Barnard

London: T. Cadell and W. Davies, 1816, First hardbound edition. 3rd (and best) edition with additions. 8vo – 22.7cm. [xxiv], 190 pp. Fold-out hand-colored aquatint frontispiece, fold-out hand-colored plan in outline. Original boards re-backed with original spine laid down and original endpapers. A very clean and complete copy with no foxing and pages untrimmed.

"The first two editions of the work were issued in pamphlet form, and the present volume possesses additions to the letterpress of earlier productions. Fisher was of the opinion that the Hottentots had 'no language' and that the few words they pronounced were either Portuguese or Dutch. Fisher complains that there were no taverns, hotels, or even shops in Cape Town, and draws a by no means favorable picture of its inhabitants, who he says, have 'a most inordinate sense of pride' while 'they seem to pride themselves on their dexterity in imposition, and none suffer so much from it as English military and navy. He also quotes Barrow as saying 'that the inanity of their minds and the indolent habit of their bodies are not even surmounted by self-interest,' and reference is made to the extreme brutality displayed by the "Africans" (Afrikaners) to their slaves. There is an article on the wines of the colony, and others having reference to the trade in dried fruits, ostrich feathers, ivory, &c. Under the title 'Further Considerations,' many suggestions are made for the betterment of the government of the colony..." Mendelssohn Volume 1. Pp. 547.



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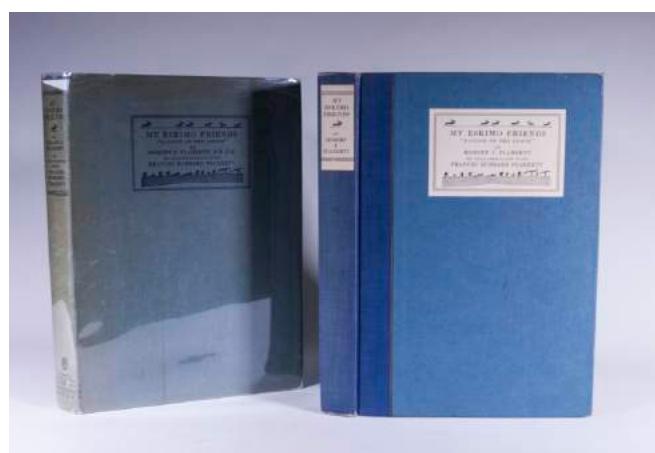
My Eskimo Friends

"Nanook Of The North"

By Flaherty, Robert

New York: Doubleday, Page & Co. 1924. First Edition. Sm4to – 25.8cm, [14], 170pp., three color illustrations, six halftones, nine photogravure plates, and six maps. Publisher's half-cloth and paper boards, printed paper label on front board and spine in very good+ condition showing minimal wear to extremities. Internally very clean and bright with strong hinges and gutters, no prior ownership markings, no foxing, folds or tears. A Near Fine copy in its original rare very good un-clipped dust jacket. —Arctic Bibliography 5057

A well produced work published two years after Flaherty's pioneering documentary of the same name. The text recounts Flaherty's experiences among the Eskimos during the early 1900's. The truly striking feature of the book lies in its illustrations, especially the beautiful photogravures, reminiscent of the work of Edward Curtis. A handsome record of Eskimo life in the early 20th century, by an important photojournalist and filmmaker.



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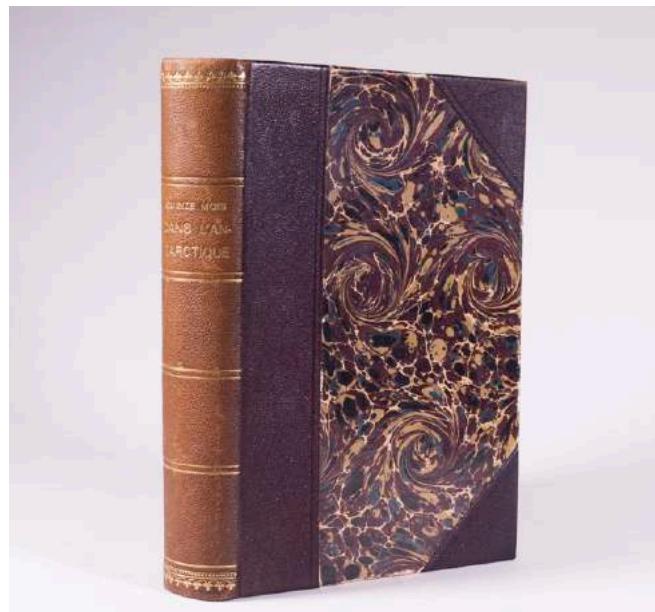
Voyage de la Belgica. Quinze Mois Dans L' Antarctique

Preface by Elisee Reclus

By Gerlache de Gomery, Adrien

Paris and Bruxelles: Hachette Et Cie / G. Lebegue Et Cie. 1902, 2nd Edition -- unstated. (3), l, [iv], [2], 291, [1] pp, large fold-out map. Sm4to - 24.4cm. Bound in three-quarter brown pebbled morocco with blind-stamped and marbled boards, with bright gilt titles on spine, and matching marbled endpapers, title page printed in black and turquoise . Front piece of Gerlache plus numerous plates and illustrations from photographs, large fold-out map at rear. A complete copy in near fine condition. Scarce. Rosove 147.B2.

The narrative of the Belgian Antarctic Expedition of 1897-99, on which both Frederick Cook and Roald Amundsen were members. Scarce.



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In Amundsen's Tracks on the Axel Heiberg Glacier -- *The Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society and Monthly Record of Geography*

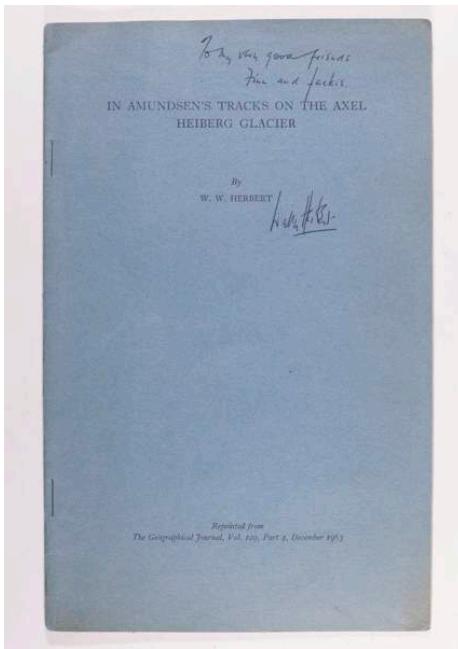
Signed twice and inscribed by Wally Herbert

By Herbert, W.W.

London: Royal Geographic Society, December 1963. Volume 126, Part 4. 8vo - 24.5cm. In Amundsen's Tracks. pp397-411 large fold-out color map. Publisher's blue printed wrappers with black titles on front cover and stapled binding -- complete and in near fine condition.

An informative publication of a presentation by W.W. Herbert to the Royal Geographic Society in December 1963 discussing his impressions of Amundsen's journey along the Axel Heiberg Glacier enroute to his conquest of the South Pole. Herbert followed the tracks of Amundsen and gives this most engaging and informative account while projecting the experience and what it must have been like in the context of Amundsen's time fifty years earlier. With discussion notes by RGS President Sir Raymond Priestly at the rear.

The leader of the British Trans-Arctic expedition was Walter William "Wally" Herbert (1934-2007) who made a 3800-mile surface crossing of the Arctic Ocean. This unique copy is signed and inscribed by Herbert on the front cover and also signed above his printed name on the large fold-out color map mounted at the rear of this publication.



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Rough Weather All Day -- An Account of the "Jeannette" Expedition from Log Kept by Patrick Cahill, Machinist On Board U.S.S. "Rogers"

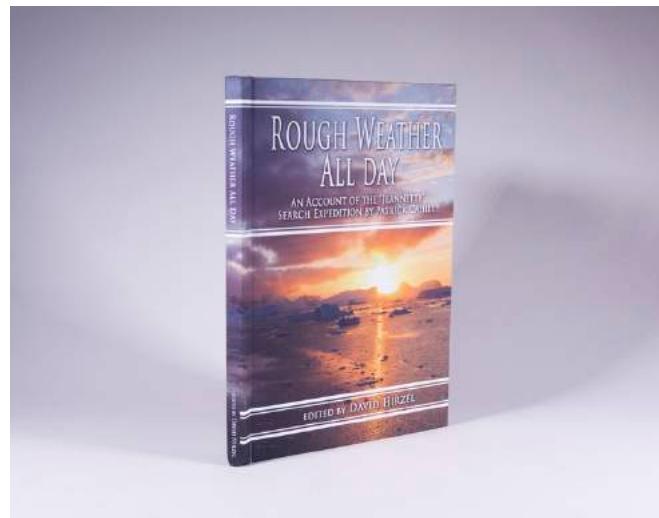
Signed by David Hirzel

By Hirzel, David

Pacifica, CA: Terra Nova Press, 2014, First Edition, First Printing. sm4to – 26.2cm. 173pp., (1). Photographic illustrated hardcover boards with white printed titles. Frontispiece portrait of Patrick Cahill; full page black-and-white image of U.S.S. "Rogers", 3 maps; 8 black-and-white photographic illustrations on 4 pages. A Fine Copy signed and dated in the year of publication by David Hirzel.

This is Patrick Cahill's first hand account based on his diary account and an interview with the Oakland Tribune. Cahill served as machinist onboard the U.S.S. "Rogers" during its voyage to rescue George Washington DeLong and the crew of the ill-fated "Jeannette" expedition. The two accounts, both diary and interview, are brought together in this one volume for the first time. "There are no great acts of compelling heroism, just the small acts that comprise the lives of ordinary men who, cast away on desperate shores, want only to come home. They find themselves the uninvited guests of other ordinary people, who in their way do everything they can to help. In the mix of disparate civilizations, moments of humor, generosity, tragedy and terror shine in the unadorned prose of Patrick Cahill". – Author's Introduction.

A true story, told in the words of one who survived shipwreck on the forbidding shores of Siberia in 1880. Patrick Cahill was one of the explorers sent in the U.S.S. "Rodgers" in 1880 to seek out the fate of the lost steamer "Jeannette". That ship was doomed to be wrecked by the ice, while the Rodgers was likewise doomed to never return when she burned to the waterline in St. Lawrence Bay. Cahill's log provides a witty view of the life of the seamen among their unwilling but still generous hosts—a culture shock to both sides of the arrangement.



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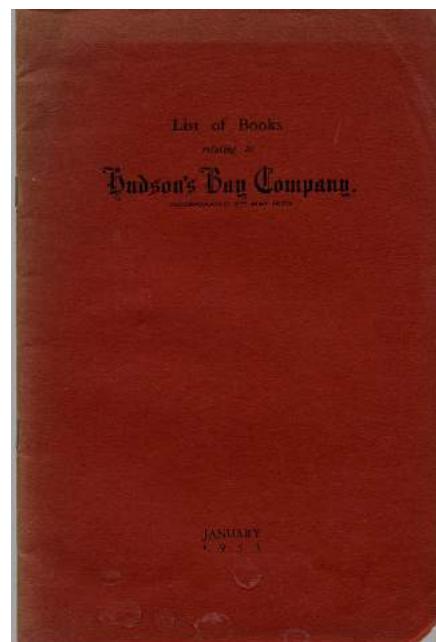


List of Books Relating to Hudson's Bay Company.

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By Hudson's Bay Company

London: Hudson's Bay Company. 1935. (Staplebound) Very good. 8vo – 22.8cm. 13pp. Printed red wrappers with black title lettering; small chip missing on lower right of front cover, otherwise complete and in very good + condition. An annotated bibliography by the Hudson's Bay Company. Previously published in two articles which appeared originally in the Beaver. The list of books listed alphabetically by author with titles, dates and publishers of the more important books related to the Hudson's Bay Company. Peel 3 – 5884; not listed in Arctic Bibliography.



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South with Shackleton

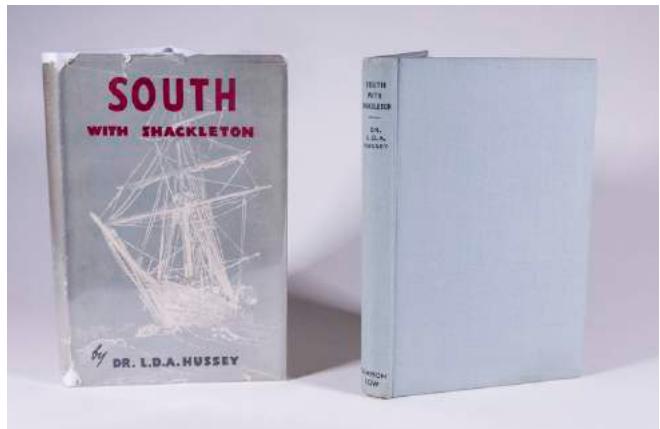
Illustrations by Victor Bertoglio

By Hussey, Dr. Leonard

London: Sampson Low, 1949. 1st Edition, 1st Printing. [ix], (1), 182pp., 17 sketches in text by VJ Bertoglio, cartographic endleaves. A near Fine copy of a Scarce book. No prior ownership markings, foxing, folds or tears — very clean inside and out with very good unclipped dust jacket — Rare with dust jacket and in Fine Condition.

Spence 617, Renard 773, Rosove 179.A1.

Hussey was meteorologist to Shackleton's 1914-16 Antarctic Expedition (*Endurance*) and one of the 22 who remained on Elephant Island, while Shackleton and his 5 companions sailed in the tiny boat "James Caird" for South Georgia. In his equipment he included his banjo, and Shackleton himself records that during times of stress and privation Hussey's music provided essential relief to starving men with frayed nerves. In 1921 Dr. Hussey again accompanied Shackleton on his last expedition and was with him when he died on board the 'Quest' off Grytviken.



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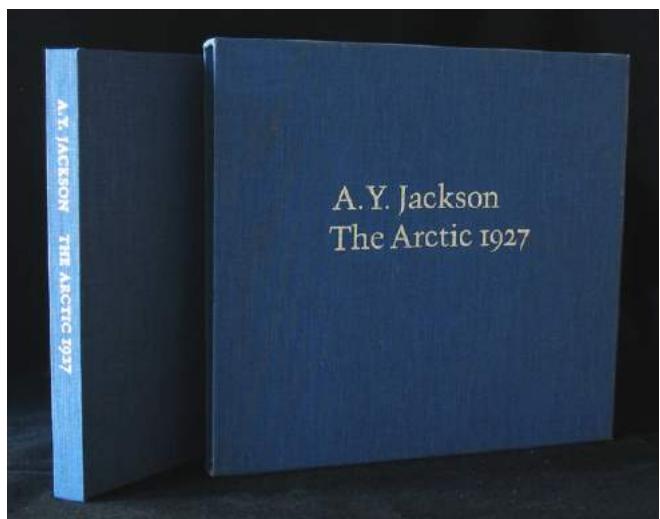


A.Y. Jackson

The Arctic, 1927

By Jackson, A.Y.

Ontario: Penumbra Press, 1982. First Edition, Fine Condition with publisher's blue cloth boards and original publisher's matching cloth slipcase also in Fine condition; square 8vo – 21.0cm, 150pp. Reproductions of 88 drawings by the Canadian artist on the voyage of the "Beothic" to the northeastern Arctic, one illustration and one map – all in black-and-white, prior owner's blind stamp on ffe. Jackson's diary entries from his first and second diaries, July 16 through September 4, 1927. Edited, with an introduction, by Naomi Jackson Groves; with an excerpt by F.G. Banting (from "The Far North").



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Two Polar Maps with Notes on Recent Polar Exploration

Brief History of Polar Exploration Since the Introduction of Flying. To Accompany A Physical Map of the Arctic and A Bathymetric Map of the Antarctic.

By Joerg, W.L.G.

New York: American Geographical Society, 1930. American Geographical Society Special Publication No. 11. Octavo – 25.8 cm (slipcase), 25.2 cm (publication), softcover bound in printed light brown wraps ruled and titled in black. Booklet & 2 large folding color maps housed in a gray cloth covered slipcase titled in gilt within a black rectangle on the front panel. All in excellent condition. Booklet with 50 pages, illustrated with black-and-white maps. The case is very good+, the maps and the booklet are in Fine condition. Arctic Bibliography 8151.

A highly informative presentation in text and with numerous maps that focus into the history and special methods of air navigation in the Polar Regions. The large folding color maps show the major physical features of the Arctic and Antarctic regions.



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Arctic Explorations

The Second Grinnell Expedition in Search of Sir John Franklin, 1853, '54, '55

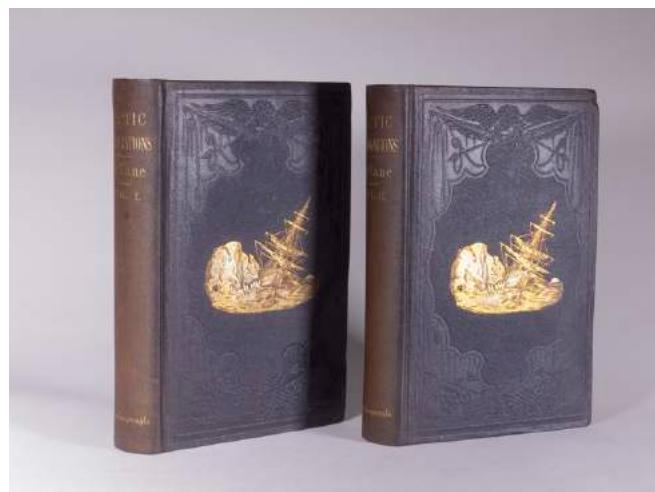
Provenance: "Richard H. Goddard – Shattuck Ob'y [Observatory]

By Kane, Elisha Kent, M.D., U.S.N

Philadelphia: Childs and Peterson, 1856. First Edition in Two Volumes. 8vo – 23cm., 464pp., 467pp. With publisher's advertisements 2pp. bound in the front of Volume I, 2 steel engraved portrait frontispieces with original tissue guards, 3 engraved maps including one large fold-out map **not showing the Kane Sea (rare)**, 1 fold-out chart, 18 engraved plates with original tissue guards, and 300 engravings in text from sketches by the author. Publisher's dark-brown decorative blind-stamped pebbled cloth with bright gilt de-bossed image of the "Advance" frozen in the ice; spine slightly lightened with bright gilt titles; original chocolate-brown clay end leaves, noteable prior ownership name on second blank leaf**, tight hinges, all tissue guards in place. A handsome and well-preserved set of an important work -- Near Fine and complete. Sabin 37001; National Maritime Museum Catalogue, Voyages & Travel, 924; Arctic Bibliography 8373.

Elisha Kane commanded the "Advance" on this expedition that financed by Henry Grinnell. Although Franklin and his men were not found, the searching explorers were able to gather much information about the people, geography, and the natural history of the region. The expedition passed Smith Sound at the head of Baffin Bay, and advanced into the enclosed sea which now bears the name of Kane Basin, thus establishing the Polar route of several future Arctic expeditions. The expedition passed two winters, and attained what was to remain for sixteen years the farthest northern latitude reached by explorers. The "Advance" ultimately became frozen in and was abandoned May 20, 1855. The expedition party reached Upernivik, in eighty-three days carry invalids and after suffering the loss of one member.

**Provenance: The second blank fly-leaf bears the script signature of "Richard H. Goddard – Shattuck Ob'y [Observatory] Dartmouth College". Richard Goddard is the namesake of Nasa's Goddard Space Flight Center.



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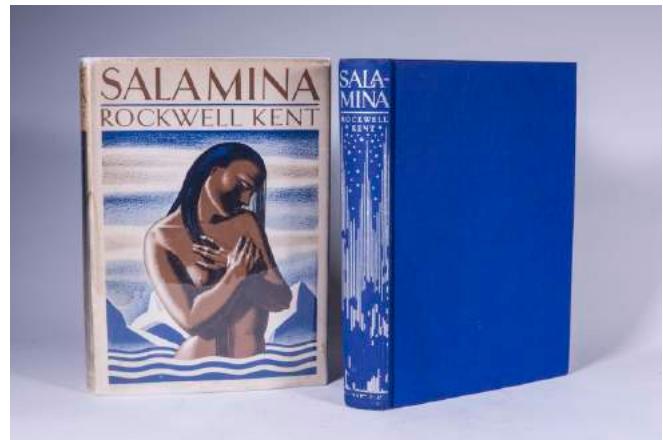
Salamina

Signed by Rockwell Kent

By Kent, Rockwell

New York: Harcourt Brace & Co., 1935. First Edition. 8vo – 22.2cm. 336pp. All images including double-page map, 84 illustrations and 22 full-pages printed in sepia, are pristine. Very minimal shelf wear, some flaking of silver gilt at spine, signed by author on front free end leaf, bright and unmarred. Dust jacket is unclipped with chipping to extremities with no loss.

An autobiographical novel, Salamina was Kent's housekeeper and mistress during his wanderings about Greenland. First state DJ with the original illustration – Salamina, illustrated bare breasted with mountains behind, was deemed too risqué so was replaced in later editions with a Greenland Falcon. A Near Fine copy of this classic work, richly illustrated and signed by Rockwell Kent.



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By Kitson, Arthur

London: John Murray, 1911. First Edition. Large 8vo – 22.8cm. 334pp., Appendix, Index, Publisher's Ads at back; b/w photographic illustrations + fold-out colour map.. ; internally in Very Good condition with only beginning intermittent foxing. An excellent copy of a Scarce publication. Rosove 192.A1

This most unique copy is signed and inscribed by Arthur Kitson on the half-title page. Also included is Kitson's inscribed business card mounted on the front free end leaf.

Kitson presents an accurate chronology of Cook's career on the 'Eagle', 'Pembroke', 'Northumberland', 'Endeavour' and Cook's 2nd and 3rd Pacific voyages. A very well-research book and most difficult to find in the 1st UK Edition.



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Aron of Kangeq, 1822-1869:

The Seal Hunter Who Became Father of Greenland's Art of Painting

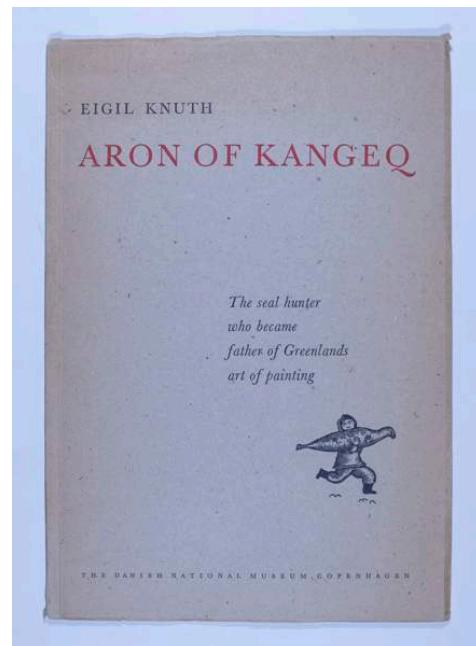
By Knuth, Eigel

Signed and inscribed by Eigel (Knuth)

Copenhagen: Danish National Museum, 1960, First Edition. sm4to – 28.1cm. 24pp. plus 8 color plates on 4 full pages. Publisher's original printed heavy paper stock covers letter in red and black. 4 woodcut engravings in text, 8 color illustrations on four full-page plates. Complete. Very Scarce.

A most fascinating publication discussing and equally fascinating Inuit Greenland artist known as Aron of Kangeq. Aron became an accomplished woodcut and watercolor artist after being encouraged by Danish Inspector and author Hinrich Rink. Rink's only guidance was to send Aron the tools necessary along with visual examples. The body of Aron's work consists of woodcuts and watercolors depicting Inuit legend. In light of that fact, his work becomes one of the first visual documentations of Inuit culture and legends. The woodcuts are often bazaar and graphic but always informative and engaging. This publication is a very good sampling of his work in woodcuts and water colors. The text (in English) portion is well-written and very informative.

This unique copy is signed by the author and inscribed to Tahoe and Lincoln (Washburn). Lincoln and Tahoe Washburn spent many years in the Arctic and Greenland working with the Inuit as Lincoln was an Arctic research scientist.



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By Lamb, W. Kaye – Editor

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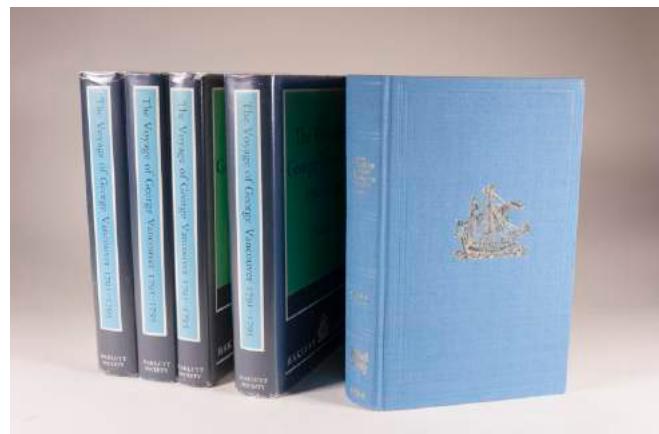
Volume I: xx, 442 + 5 maps, 14 black-and-white plates including large folding chart at rear.

Volume II: ix, 443-786 + 5 maps, 14 black-and-white plates.

Volume III: viii, 787-1230 + 4 maps, 5 black-and-white plates.

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"Vancouver ... surveyed the enormous extent of coast from Lower California to Cook Inlet, and his meticulous survey literally put on the map of the world the intricacies of Puget Sound and the western coast of mainland Canada. It was an achievement that places him with his mentor, [Capt. James] Cook, in the first rank of marine surveyors... This is the first annotated edition of Vancouver's journal as he revised it for publication in 1798. The original manuscript has disappeared, but fortunately no fewer than twenty-five partial or complete logs or journals by other members of the expedition have survived. These supplement Vancouver's narrative at many points." --Dust jacket.



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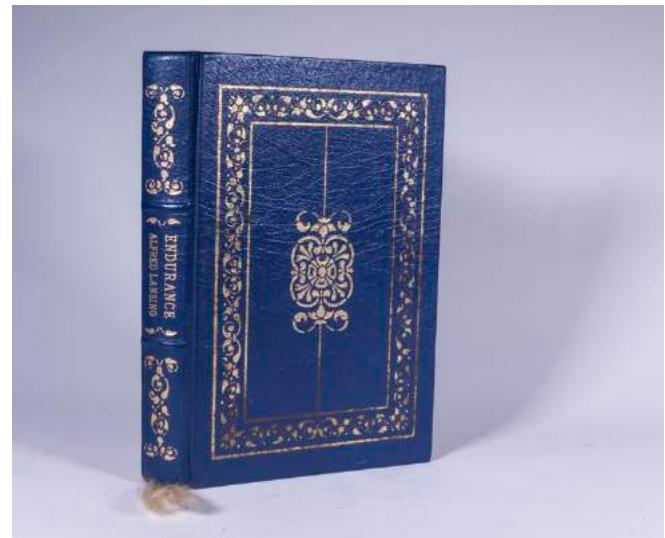
Endurance

Shackleton's Incredible Voyage

By Lansing, Alfred

Connecticut: The Easton Press. 1990. 8vo, [viii], 282pp. Eight pages containing several black-and-white photos from the expedition, salmon colored silk moire cloth end leaves. Publisher's textured blue leather covers with gilt decoration on front and back covers, spine with gilt titles and decoration, all page edges gilt with some flaking. No prior ownership markings; hinges strong an uncracked. A Near Fine copy.

Lansing's classic recount of Shackleton's incredible Endurance expedition. A most fascinating read.



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The Voyage of the 'Fox' in the Arctic Seas -- *A Narrative of the Discovery of the Fate of Sir John Franklin and His Companions.*

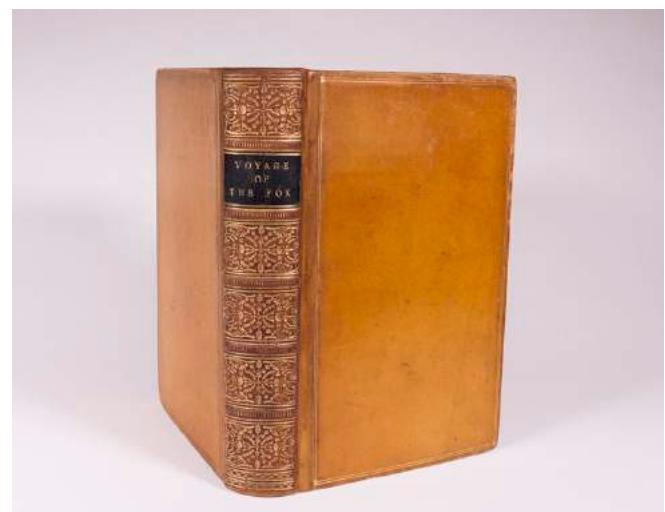
Signed, Inscribed and dated in the year of publication by Lady Franklin

By M'Clintock, Captain F.L.

London: John Murray, 1859. First Edition. 8vo, [xxvii], 403pp., five appendices, publisher's advertisements at rear; four maps including three fold-outs, fold-out facsimile of record found of Franklin's Expedition, two folding maps in rear pocket; 14 wood engraved b/w illustrations including front piece. Large rear fold-out map in rear pocket. Full tan calf with gilt ruling on covers, five raised bands on spine with ornate gilt decorations in five compartments with black morocco and bright gilt titles; all page edges marbled to match front and read end leafs. A very attractive and well preserved copy of this Franklin Search narrative. This rare copy is signed and inscribed in sepia ink with fine tipped fountain pen to read, "The Honorable Henry G. Elliot with Lady Franklin's affect. remembrance. Dec. th26. 1859".

Sabin 43043, Hill p. 483; Arctic Bibliography 10555.

McClintock commanded this private expedition sponsored by Lady Franklin in 1857 to search for her husband, Sir John Franklin, and his crew missing since 1845. This account details his thorough search of the area between the Boothia Peninsula and King William Island, and the final discovery of the Franklin relics, including the sole written record of the ill-fated expedition and second hand accounts from local Eskimo groups. The narrative is a very important part of the Franklin Search puzzle.



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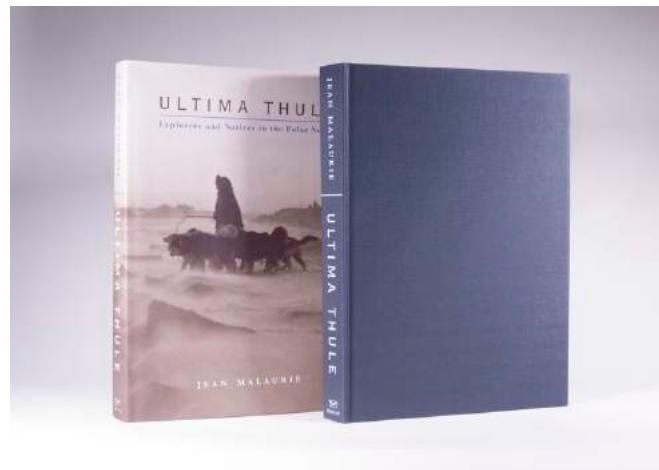
Explorers and Natives of the Polar North

By Malaurie, Jean

New York: W.W. Norton, 2000, First Edition stated. Small Folio – 34.5cm. 399 pp., (1 – illustration credits). History of Exploration of NW Greenland, Chronology of the Polar Eskimos, 1616-2000, Index, Glossary, Bibliography. Translated from the French by Willard Wood and Anthony Roberts. Literally hundreds of high resolution color images, sketches, diagrams, charts and color maps throughout. Publisher's graphite-gray cloth with white title lettering on spine. Cartographic end leaves in the front and Arctic scene for rear end leaves. A beautiful copy of a truly outstanding publication -- Fine condition and complete in Fine dust jacket.

Jean Malaurie was an Arctic Explorer and geographer most of his adult life. He spent a year sharing the daily life of the Inuit in 1950 and published *The Last Kings of Thule* which has been published in 22 languages and remains the best-selling book on the Inuit ever written. He is the author of seven books related to the Polar Regions.

A fascinating publication, *Ultima Thule* is the terrible and fantastic story of European and American exploration in the [North] Polar Regions. Thirteen extraordinary men and expeditions spanning 170 years preceded Jean Malaurie to the North Pole. Based on excerpts from these explorers' logs, counterbalanced by Inuit testimony, this book brings to life both sides of the clash between indigenous people and the white men who arrived in the Far North dreaming of Polar conquest, and believing they brought with them a superior civilization. Using original travel accounts and a stunning array of period photographs, engravings, artifacts, maps and drawings, a richly detailed portrait of an intersection of cultures is presented. – Paraphrased and condensed from the dust jacket.



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The Letters of Amerigo Vespucci

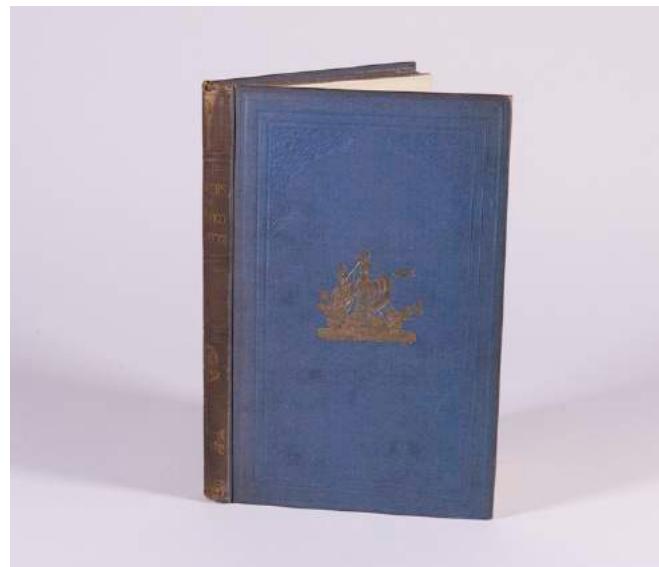
and Other Documents Illustrative of His Career.

By Markham, Clements. C.B., F.R.S. (President of the Hakluyt Society)

London: The Hakluyt Society, 1894. First Edition. 8vo – 22.8cm, (8), [i-xliv], 121pp. including index, plus 16 pages of Hakluyt Society catalogue bound at rear. In the original publisher's blind decorated blue cloth, gilt ship vignette on front cover, gilt lettering to spine, original yellow endpapers. Spine slightly darkened, hinges un-cracked and strong, binding in Near Fine condition. Ex-library copy as normal from Birmingham Library. Interior is otherwise clean and complete.

A significant publication authored by Sir Clements Markham documenting several important, and sometimes controversial, letters including Vespucci's four main voyages of exploration.

Italian explorer Amerigo Vespucci was a navigator and cartographer who first demonstrated that Brazil and the West Indies did not represent Asia's eastern outskirts as initially conjectured from Columbus' voyages, but instead constituted an entirely separate landmass hitherto unknown to people of the Old World. Generally referred to as the "New World", this second super continent came to be termed "Americas", deriving its name from *Americus*, the Latin version of Vespucci's first name.



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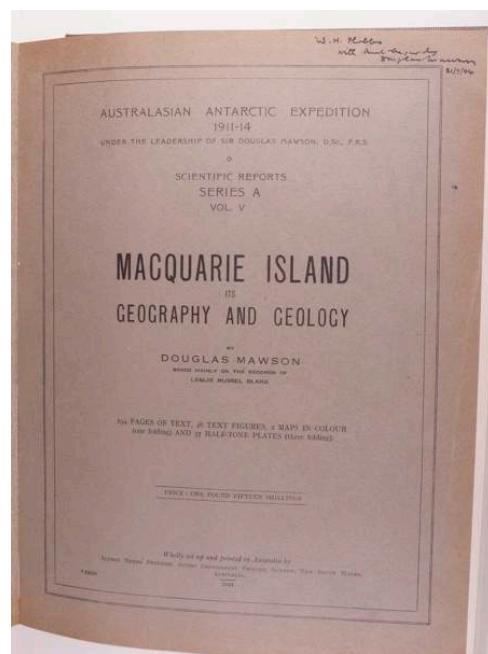
By Mawson, Douglas and Madigan, Cecil

Three Rare and important scientific reports hard bound in olive green cloth with black spine lettering: "Australasian Antarctic Expedition 1911-1914 – Mawson". 4to (12" x 10"). Bearing the private library label of William Herbert Hobbs – all reports in Near Fine condition and complete -- unique association copies.

Report 1: Series B, Vol II. Terrestrial Magnetism and Related Observations, Part I. Records of the Aurora Polaris by Douglas Mawson with six plates and fifteen text-figures. 189pp. introduction by Mawson. Taurus 103, Rosove 218-28.A1.

Report 2: Series B Vol. IV. Meteorology – Tabulated and Reduced Records of the Cape Denison Station, Adelie Land by C.T. Madigan, Chief Meteorologist, Adelie Land Station. This copy is signed and inscribed: "Professor W. H. Hobbs with compliments from C. Madigan". 286pp. plus Appendix A & B; Plus 20 full page photographic plates and 24 figures in text. Taurus 103, Rosove 218-33.A1.

Report 3: Series A Vol. V. Macquarie Island and its Geography and Geology by Douglas Mawson. This copy signed and inscribed: "W.H. Hobbs with best regards Douglas Mawson 21/7/44". 194pp text, 46 text figures, 2 maps in colour (one folding) and 37 half-tone plates (three folding). Taurus 103, Rosove 218-26.A1.



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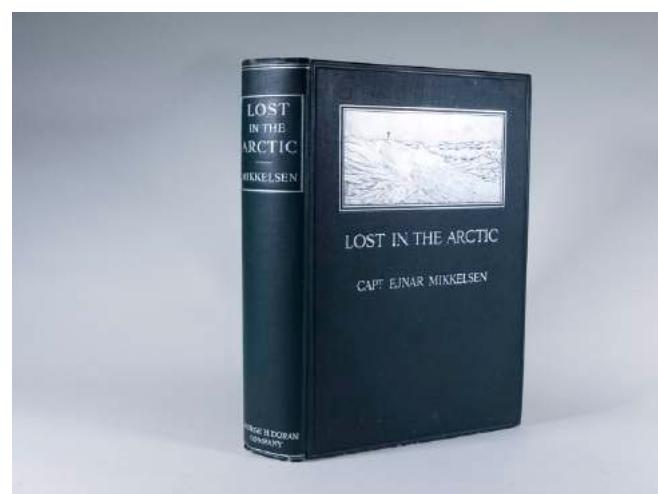
Lost in the Arctic

Being the Story of the 'Alabama' Expedition, 1909 – 1912

By Mikkelsen, Captain Ejnar

New York: George H. Doran, Printing in Great Britian. 1913. First Edition. Sm4to – 25.1 cm. (xviii), 400 pp., Index. Illustrated with 111 photographic images and large fold-out map "Showing the Route of Capt. Ejnar Mikkelsen's Expedition 1909-1912". Publisher's green cloth with ruled border, stamped in bright silver foil with title and Arctic scene on front board, minimal beginning wear at extremities of cloth, title in bright silver on spine, publisher's colophon embossed on rear board, frontis piece of Mikkelsen with tissue guard. A Near Fine copy with no inscriptions and strong hinges; a clean and complete copy. Arctic Bibliography 11428.

The first person account of the 'Alabama' Expedition, 1909-1912 lead by Captain Ejnar Mikkelsen. The principle objective of this expedition was to trace two of the lost members, Mylius-Erichsen and Hoeg Hagen, of the 'Danmark' expedition, 1906-1908, or if possible, to recover their records and collections. Observations, surveys and sledge journeys were to be made while a few members undertook the search. The expedition was financed largely through the Danish government and traveled aboard the motor sloop 'Alabama'. This is a well-written and extensively illustrated account of a three-year long expedition responsible for charting much of the east coast of Arctic Greenland. The crew was small and the 'Alabama', a small ship would eventually be broken down for its wood. Mikkelsen set out on this grueling three-year journey which ultimately proved to be a testament to human survival and endurance. The book is a very good read and a compelling account of endurance, survival, Eskimo culture and Arctic geology in Greenland.



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Frozen Justice

A Story of Alaska

By Mikkelsen, Ejnar

Signed and inscribed by Ejnar Mikkelsen

Copenhagen: Gyldendal, First Edition, 1922. This is the English translation of Mikkelsen's Danish book entitled "Norden For Lov og Ret" published in 1920. sm8vo (18.9 cm), pp. (6) 309, (1), fold-out map of northern Alaska bound in, 4 pp. publisher's advertisements at rear. Publisher's dark blue textured cloth with de-bossed ruling and titles on front cover, bright gilt titles on spine. A Very Good and complete. Scarce signed copy with fair but unclipped dust jacket. This copy that has been signed, inscribed and dated by Ejnar Mikkelsen on the front free end page. —Arctic Bibliography 11426.

A very interesting and easy to read book providing detailed information with regard to the lives and culture of the Eskimos of Nuwuk, also known as Point Barrow, Alaska. *Frozen Justice* was first published in English in 1922 and was originally published in Danish under the title "Norden For Lov og Ret" in 1920. *Frozen Justice* was also made into one of the first sound motion pictures in 1929. The dramatic sound film produced and distributed by the Fox Film Corporation and directed by Allan Dwan. The picture starred Lenore Ulric in her first sound film and is based on the book Norden for lov og ret by Ejnar Mikkelsen. The film also had a silent version.



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The Life of Sir Ernest Shackleton

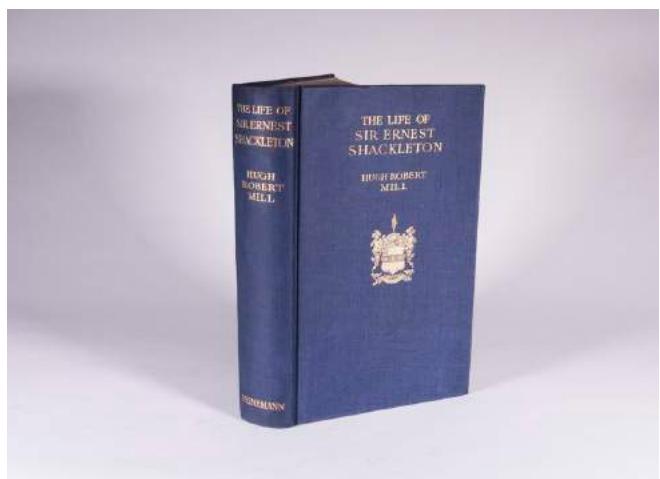
By Mill, Hugh Robert

London: Heinemann, 1923, First Edition, First printing. Large 8vo, [xv]. 321pp., 20 black-and-white photographic plates, 4 maps, Appendix (List of Distinctions, compiled by Lady Shackleton), Index. Publisher's dark blue cloth with bright gilt lettering on cover and spine. Shackleton's family crest in bright gilt on front board. Publisher's colophon de-bossed on rear cover, endleaves restored. A Fine and complete copy with no prior ownership markings, no fading to cloth. A lovely copy of Rosove 227.A1.

The first comprehensive biography of Sir Ernest Shackleton written by the renown Antarctic Historian Hugh Robert Mill, former librarian of the Royal Geographic Society. Mill was asked by Lady Shackleton to write the biography three months after Shackleton's death. This is a well-written, detailed and insightful biography of Sir Ernest Shackleton. *'His nature impelled him always to be doing things, especially difficult things, preferably dangerous things, above all big things, and to be doing them with all his might; the greater the obstacles the happier the endeavor. No one ever exemplified better the pure romance of exploration . . .'*—Hugh Robert Mill, Epilogue.

From the title page:
Do your best, whether winning or losing it,
If you choose to play! – is my principle.
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For his life's set prize, be it what it will!

— Robert Browning



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The World's Great Adventure

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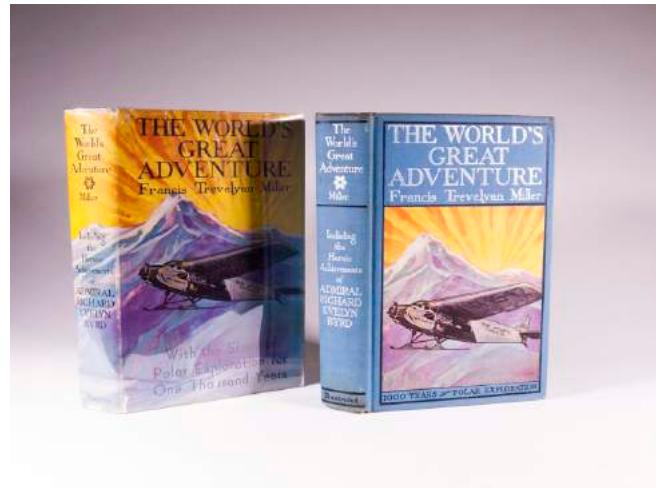
1000 Years of Polar Exploration - Including the Achievements of Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd. With Forewords by General A.W. Greely and Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn

By Miller, Francis Trevelyan

Philadelphia, Chicago and Toronto: The John C. Winston Company, 1930. 1st Edition. 8vo - 22.4cm. 384pp. Flights for the Top of the World and detailed Chronology of Explorations at the rear; illustrated with a colored frontispiece and black-and-white photographs and drawings. Publisher's blue cloth with colored cartographic end leaves of the north and south polar regions. Silver tiles and color image on front cover are bright, spine silver also bright; very light wear to extremities. A Near Fine and complete copy in a lovely unclipped dust jacket in Very Good condition.

This unique copy is signed twice. On page 63, the full-page black-and-white photographic plate of Lawrence Gould is signed by him. Gould was second in command of Byrd's expedition and served as expedition geologist. On page 76, the full-page photographic plate of John O'Brien is signed by O'Brien. He served as chief surveyor and Assistant to Admiral Byrd on the Byrd Antarctic Expedition.

The book presents a well-researched history of polar expeditions, by Admiral Byrd and many others.



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The First Crossing of Greenland

Complete in Two Volumes

By Nansen, Fridtjof

London: Longmans, Green & Co. 1890 - First Edition. 2 volumes, 8vo - 22.7cm. Vol. I: [xxii], 510pp. frontispiece of Nansen with tissue guard plus five full-page plates, numerous woodcuts, 3 fold-out maps; 24 pages ads at end. Vol II: [x], 509pp, frontispiece with tissue guard plus three full-page photographic plates, Appendix, Index, numerous woodcut illustrations. Publisher's original green cloth with bright silver titles and images on front cover and spine, some consistent sun lightening to spines, some scattered foxing, publisher's green cloth with silver lettering and silver pictorial vignettes to covers and spines, some maps with earlier professional close-separation repairs. In Very Good and complete condition. Scarce. Arctic Bibliography 11985

Narrative of the expedition of Fridtjof Nansen and Otto Sverdrup with four companions to East Greenland with the objective of crossing the Greenland ice -- a feat never before achieved. The book contains descriptions of the equipment, the voyage from Norway via Iceland to Umiavik, the East Greenland coast and its ice belt, previous attempts to penetrate the ice belt and this expedition's drift there, a detailed account of the expedition's crossing of the inland ice, Umiavik-Godthaab, on skis, Aug.-Sept. 1888; the wintering at Godthaab 1888-89, with observations on Eskimo life, and a chapter on skiing. The numerous illustrations of the expedition's activities, personnel, equipment, the natives, landscape, etc. are based on photographs and sketches by Nansen.

Nansen succeeded in traversing the previously unchartered interior of Greenland forcing a passage through the floe-belt, land on the desolate and ice-bound east coast and thence cross over to the inhabited west coast. A feat he aptly summed up as "death or the west coast of Greenland." This first-person narrative is a very well documented account.



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Our Lost Explorers

The Narrative of the Jeannette Arctic Expedition as Related by the Survivors and in the Records and Last Journals of Lieutenant (George W.) DeLong

By Newcomb, Raymond Lee

Hartford, Connecticut: American Publishing Company, 1882. 1st Edition, 8vo, [xvi], 479pp. Front piece with tissue guard, with seven maps & plans along with 114 engravings. In publisher's brown cloth with bright silver and black embossed pictorials on front board and spine, exterior in excellent condition with the exception of rounding to top right corner of front cover. Internally with no prior ownership markings, tight un-cracked hinges, no foxing, folds or tears. A Near Fine copy of the very Scarce First Edition published by subscription only. Not in Arctic Bibliography.

Raymond Newcomb was naturalist of the expedition and provides an account of the Jeannette search expeditions, their discoveries, the burning of the Rodgers, etc. A very informative book for anyone interested in the tragic Jeannette Expedition under the command of Lt. George DeLong - a complete copy in Very Good + condition.



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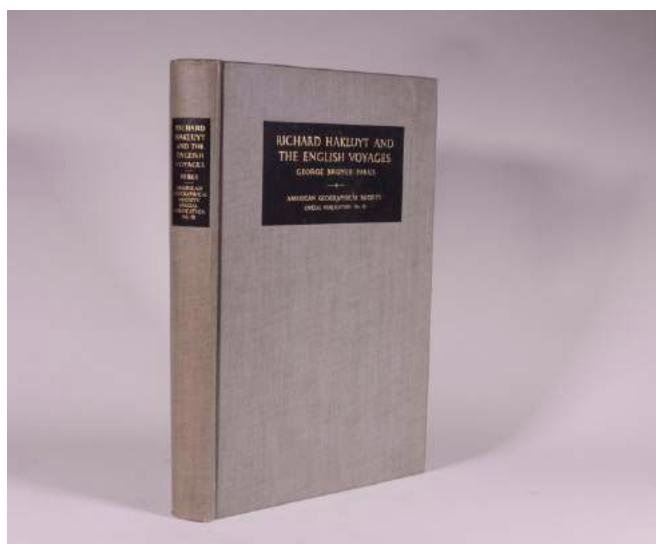


Richard Hakluyt and the English Voyages

By Parks, George B.

New York: American Geographical Society, Special Publication No. 10, 1928. Tall 8vo, [xvii], 289pp., 32 b/w plates, 3 fold-out maps, 4 appendices, Index. Publisher's gray cloth boards with bright gilt lettering on cover and spine against a black rectangular field — as issued. Internally with prior owner's brief and attractive script inscription dated Sept., 28, 1931; a very well preserved book with no foxing, folds or tears — a Near Fine Copy.

Drawn from a series of lectures at Amherst College in 1919 are topics related to English exploration from 1485 to 1616, with extensive notes on Hakluyt's life and legacy.



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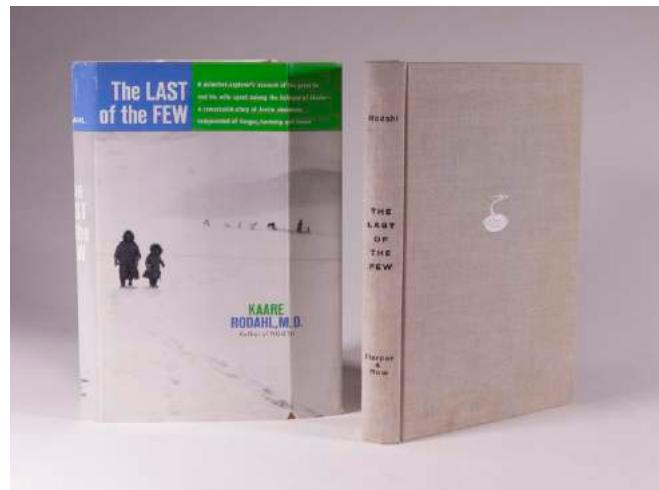


The Last of the Few

By Rodahl, Kaare

New York: Harper & Row. 1963 , First Edition. 8vo – 21.7cm. [x], (1), fold out map of Alaska, 208pp., (1). Index. Publisher's light gray cloth with white image on cover and black titles on spine. Cartographic end leaves, line drawing Illustrations in text by Dorothy Robinson, 16 pages of gloss black-and-white plates containing 35 photographic images. Dust jacket is unclipped and in Very Good condition. A Near Fine and complete copy.

Kaare Rodahl, a Norwegian scientist-explorer, spent many years in the North Polar Regions. This book covers the period when Rodahl was director of research for the Arctic Aeromedical Laboratory of the US Air Force in Alaska. Rodahl and his wife Joan spent most of their time with the Inuit in an effort to find out what has given their race its extraordinary ability to survive under conditions that appear impossibly difficult. This is an engaging and sometimes humorous overview, analysis and view of the Eskimos of Alaska. Rodahl provides a colorful and interesting, sometimes pessimistic, picture of the decay of the Eskimo's racial individuality as a result of his contact with the white man.



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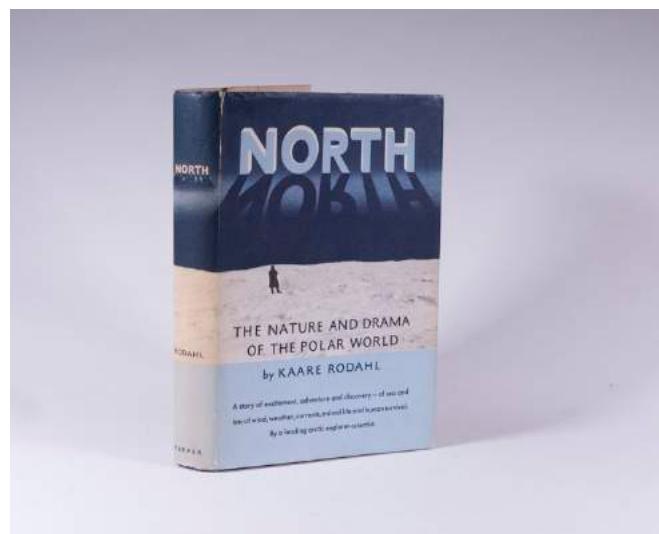
North : The Nature and Drama of the Polar World

Signed by Kaare Rodahl on the half-title page.

By Rodahl, Kaare, MD

New York: Harper & Brothers, 1953. First Edition. 8vo – 20.9cm. [xiv], (1), 237pp., (1). Bibliography, Index. Publisher's dark-blue cloth with white spine lettering. Cartographic end leaves, 16 pages of gloss black-and-white plates containing 26 photographic images. A Very Good copy in Near Fine unclipped dust jacket.

Kaare Rodahl was a leading Arctic explorer-scientist. He writes about the early heroes who risked their lives and often died in search of the absolute North. A well-written account based on his personal research and experiences detailing several important aspects of Arctic Greenland to include Ellesmere Island, the Polar Basin, wildlife (seals, walrus, polar bears and narwhales), Eskimo people and their culture, Island T-3, and more.



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The Japanese Antarctic Expedition of 1910-1912 – A Bibliography

Lieutenant Nobu Shirase [白瀬臺]

Signed by Chet Ross

By Ross, Chet

Santa Monica, CA: Adélie Books, 2010, First Edition, First Printing. 8vo, pp. (1), [xxviii], 122, (2). Illustrated end leaves front and back, frontis rendering of the "Kainan Maru" with textured tissue guard. Over 160 high-resolution images in color and black-and-white including 9 maps in text and 2 fold-out entries. Quarter navy-blue leather with silver ruling and dark blue linen covered boards, front cover with debossed image of the Southern Cross constellation in silver foil, spine titles lettered in silver, back cover with Japanese kanji characters 白瀬臺 (translation: Nobu Shirase) debossed in silver.

This First Edition is strictly limited to 290 numbered copies for sale.

Encompassing over five years of research, this is the first bibliography of works by and about Lt. Nobu Shirase and the Japanese Antarctic Expedition of 1910 -1912, and it contains over 50 publication entries from different countries to include Japan, Australia, France, Germany, Scotland and the United States. This is also the first book written in English about Nobu Shirase and the JAE in the 100 years since the expedition departed from Tokyo Bay enroute to Antarctica.



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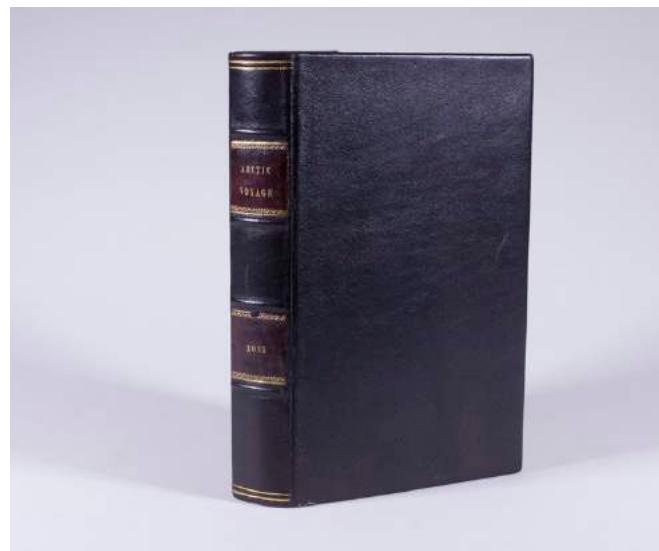
Narrative Of A Second Voyage In Search Of A North-West Passage

And Of A Residence In The Arctic Regions During The Years 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833; Including the Reports of Capt. J.C. Ross and the Discovery of the Northern Magnetic Pole

By Ross, Sir John, and Ross, James Clark

Paris: Baudry's European Library, 1835. 8vo – 21.8 cm., pp: (2), front-piece, title, [vi], 1 blank-leaf, [xvi], (17) – 475; Addenda and Appendix. 2 engraved plates including front piece and large fold-out engraved map bound at rear. Recent handsome full dark-brown calf with gilt ruling and burgundy morocco spine labels with bright gilt titles. Mild foxing throughout although stronger on preliminaries and engraved map. Text in English. Sabin 73381 (calling for 1 map and 1 plate); Arctic Bibliography 14866.

Because of his mistaken contention after his first voyage in 1818, that Lancaster Sound was landlocked, John Ross was not offered command of another Arctic expedition until 1829. Although this expedition failed in its primary objective, it resulted in the discovery of King William Island and the extensive survey of Boothia Peninsula, as well as the discovery of the magnetic pole by James Clark Ross, Ross' nephew. A large collection of minerals was gathered and the dietary importance of fresh meat and oil in the arctic climate was ascertained. All but three men managed to survive four arctic winters and the loss of their ship. Upon their return to England, Ross was knighted and awarded gold medals by the Geographical Societies of London and Paris.



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Southern Lights

The Official Account of the British Graham Land Expedition 1934-1937

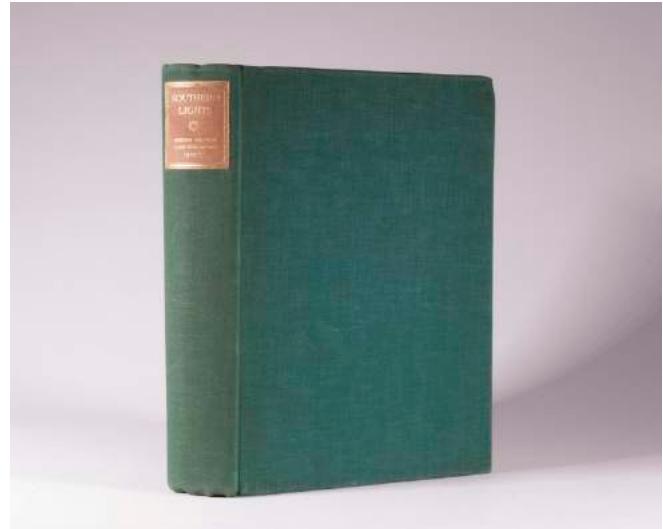
Signed by John Rymill

By Rymill, John

London: Chatto and Windus, 1938. First Edition. 4to – 25.8cm. [xv], 296pp., frontispiece plus 121 excellent sepia toned photographs, three fold-out maps with color, several full-page maps -- some in color, one large fold-out color map at rear -- complete. A Near Fine copy in publisher's green cloth covered boards with bright gilt title label on spine. Internally in Fine condition with tight un-cracked hinges and no prior ownership markings; no foxing, inscriptions, folds or tears. Exterior is Near Fine with no wear to edges or corners of original green cloth. A well-preserved complete copy in Near Fine condition. This unique copy is signed and inscribed by John Rymill on the front free end leaf.

Conrad 296; Spence 1016. Rosove 226.A1.c

Southern Lights is a well-written first person narrative of an important expedition establishing that Graham Land, in the Weddell Sea, was part of the Antarctic Continent and not an archipelago. Containing two chapters by A. Stephenson and a historical introduction by Hugh Robert Mill. The British Graham Land Expedition's objectives were simple: "experience the adventure of polar living, matching danger and daring while exploring Graham Land by ship, sledge and airplane". This book is an interesting and good read with excellent sepia images and maps.



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Voyage of "Discovery"

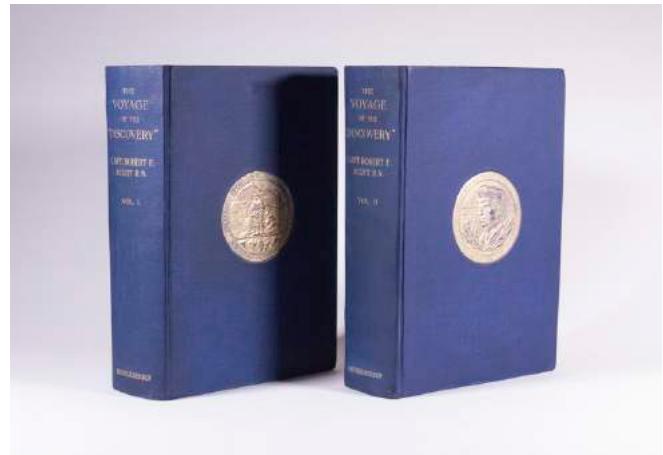
*Signed, dated and Inscribed by Scott in Volume I
With two eight-line poetic verses penned in Volume II*

By Scott, Captain Robert Falcon

London: Smith Elder & Co 12 October 1905, 1st Edition, 1st Impression. 8vo – 24.6cm. Volume I pp. [I-vii], viii-xx, 556, photogravure frontispiece, title printed in red and black. 3 maps (1 double-page, 1 full-page, 1 folding in end-pocket), 7 color plates, 2 photographic panoramic views on 1 double-page plate, 119 mostly photographic illustrations on 84 plates, 1 full-page plan in text, 16 text vignettes; Volume II pp. [i-v], vi-xii, 508, photogravure portrait frontispiece, 2 maps (1 full-page, 1 folding in end pocket) 5 color plates, 8 panoramic views on 4 double-page plates, 124 mostly photographic illustration on 82 plates, 13pp., index; With 260 full-page and smaller illustrations by Dr. E.A. Wilson and other members of the expedition, photogravure frontispieces, 12 colored plates in facsimile from Dr. Wilson's sketches, panoramas and maps. In two volumes and collated complete. Publisher's ribbed dark blue cloth, covers with raised bright gilt medallions, spines lettered in gilt. A Near Fine set with prior bookplate inside front covers. Also with original publisher's notice bound inside front cover of Volume I. Very clean internally with tight hinges. Volume I is signed and inscribed on the half-title page: "To Lady Brownrigg with the Author's compliments, Oct. 12, 1905, Rob. F. Scott". Very Rare being signed by Scott. Conrad p. 121; Spence 1050, Renard 1372, Rosove 286.A1a (with errata).

"A classic of expedition literature as Scott mixes geographical, scientific and metaphysical observations with the sure hand of an Edwardian gentleman." —Conrad 121

Additionally, two lengthily inscriptions/poems have been penned on the rear end-page of Volume II. The second eight-line verse appears to be penned by Scott due to similarities in the script style of Scott's inscription and signature on the half-title page.



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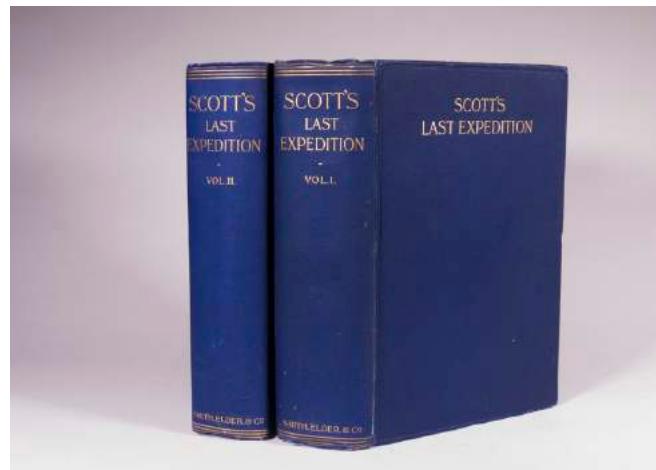
Scott's Last Expedition

Being the Journals of Captain R.F. Scott and the Reports of the Journeys and the Scientific Work Undertaken by Dr. E.A. Wilson and the Surviving Members of the Expedition

By Scott, R.F. ~ Huxley, Leonard and Markham, Sir Clement

London: Smith, Elder and Co. 1913. 2 volumes. First Edition, First Printing, thick royal 8vo. Vol. I: [xxvi] 627pp., Advertisements; Vol II: [xiv] 500pp., Appendix, Index. Top page edges in gilt with sides and bottom untrimmed. Extensively illustrated with 8 photogravures including frontis of Scott (Vol. I) and Wilson (Vol. II) with tissue guards, 18 color plates with tissue guards (16 from Drawings by Dr. Wilson), 5 fold-out panoramas, 8 folding maps (several in color), 260 full-page and smaller illustrations from photographs taken by Herbert G. Ponting and other members of the expedition. Publisher's blue ribbed cloth lettered with cover and upper covers titles in gilt. Spine with normal slight darkening, hinges strong and un-cracked, tissue guards in place, prior ownership name written lightly with soft graphite on each front free end leaf. A complete matched set of the scarce first printing — A very well preserved set and in Near Fine condition. Scarce. —Conrad p.188, Spence 1056, Renard 1386, Taurus 77, Rosove 290.A1

The Journals of Captain Robert Falcon Scott, which comprise Volume I, are a detailed, concise and moving record of one of the great tragedies in the history of polar exploration conveyed in first person narrative supplemented with extensive photographs, drawings and diagrams. The last entry was made while Scott was dying in the midst of a storm during his return from the South Pole. Volume II contains the accounts of Wilson and Atkinson and several of the scientific reports generated during the expedition. Scott never returned from this expedition, dying on the ice with several of his party. He did manage to preserve his notes where others would find them, protected from the Antarctic winds by his own corpse, and in so doing left the world this vivid record of endurance and tragedy.



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"Terra Nova" Expedition

Post Card Signed by 17 Crew Members

By Scott, RF ~ Terra Nova: 17 Crew Members of the "Terra Nova"

Because of the presence of the signature of H.R.Bowers, it is clear this card was signed shortly before departure of the "Terra Nova" to begin what turned out to be Scott's Last Expedition. The 17 signatures of "Terra Nova" expedition members include:

H. R. Bowers	Pole Party Member
H.G. Ponting	Camera Artist
G. Murray Levick	Northern Party
H. Rennick	Ship's Party, Lieutenant
C. S. Wright	Scientist
D.G. Lillie	Ship's Party, Biologist
H.L.L.Pennell	Ship's Party, Commander
F. Debenham	Scientist
E.W. Nelson	Scientist
George C. Simpson	Scientist
Trygge Gran	Ski Expert
Victor Campbell	Northern Party
Raymond Priestley	Northern Party
E.R,G,R, Evans	Officer
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British National Antarctic Expedition, 1901-04 Discovery Expedition

Natural History — Six Volume Set – Complete

By Scott, Robert Falcon, et.al.

London: British Museum, 1907 to 1912. Quarto (12 1/2" x 9 3/4" ~ 32cm x 25cm) , **six volumes** - total contents amounting to approximately 1500 pages with 173 illustrations plus 228 plates (40 in colour), six fold-out panoramic black-and-white photographic plates, one fold-out panoramic illustration and 2 folding maps in the end pocket to the first volume. Original gilt-decorated quarter buckram and burgundy cloth; spines somewhat faded (typical) and a little marked; extremities slightly rubbed; cloth in very good condition; leading edges of the covers of the first volume bumped in one spot; a very good set with the contents in fine condition. —*Spence 837; Taurus 49; Rosove 288-1.A1 to 288-6.A1 inclusive.*

Association Set:

This set bears the unique distinction of having been used by Sir Douglas Mawson's Second Antarctic expedition —**BANZARE** (Property of the British / Australian and New Zealand / Antarctic Research Expedition / of 1929-30'), with a four-line rubber stamp to that effect on the recto of the first blank leaf in each volume. The later (much smaller) ownership stamp of Adelaide University Zoology Department is at the head of these pages and the title pages, as well as across the BANZARE stamp in all but the second volume. Mawson became a lecturer in petrology and mineralogy at the University of Adelaide in 1905. There are no other internal markings — the interiors are in fine condition throughout.



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南極記 / Nankyoku-ki

Records of Antarctica

By Shirase, Lt. Nobu

Tokyo: Hakubunka, 1913 First Edition, First Printing. Thick large 8vo, 22.8 cm. pp. I, (I), 496 text, [I]. 39 plate leaves including 4 in color and 33 in black-and-white, title page with original tissue guard; 104 photographs, 48 drawings in text, large fold-out color map bound at rear containing three maps on one. One thick paper page mounted with card and signature of General Maresuke Nogi — famous general and Japanese hero from the Russian Japanese war — with inscription stating “congratulations on heroic attempt”. Publisher’s dark blue-cloth boards with de-bossed Antarctic mountain scene and dog sledge in foreground, front cover image ruled in silver and title in silver; spine lettering in silver showing normal fading to silver lettering. Scientific related notation in kanji at the top of page 425, else a Near Fine and complete copy. Rare. —Conrad p.166, Rosove 309.A1.a, Ross 1.5.1

Often called the “official account” of the Japanese Antarctic Expedition 1910-1912, this narrative was composed by the Antarctic Expedition Support Committee and based on the journals and logs of Lt. Nobu Shirase and expedition members. The scientific finds were published as appendices in this publication.



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探検ものがたり：南極と北極

Tanken Monogatari: Nankyoku to Hokkyoku

Exploration to the North Pole and South Pole

By Shirase, Nobu

Tokyo: Shunkichi Endo, Echigoya Shobo, January 1944, First Edition. 18.3 cm. pp. 1, (4), 190 text, [1], 3. Color title page using blue and red ink with illustration, one full-page with 2 black-and-white photographs, one full-page with two maps illustrating north polar and south polar regions, 10 full-page drawing illustrations, 15 drawing illustrations in text. Stiff paper cover with dustjacket. Front cover and spine with lettering in black and color images. Image on front cover of sledge with dog team in a mountainous polar scene. Spine image appears to be of an Arctic carabou. Dustjacket is a fold-out panoramic image of the Kainan-Maru in ice filled waters. Ross 2.5.1

One of only three books written by Nobu Shirase and this written two years before his death. This book is written for a juvenile audience and presents an overview of exploration encompassing both the North Polar and South Polar regions. Shirase was one of the few explorers during the Heroic Era of exploration of the polar regions to have ventured both into the Arctic during the Chishima Expedition and into the Antarctic regions during the Japanese Antarctic Expedition. Scarce.



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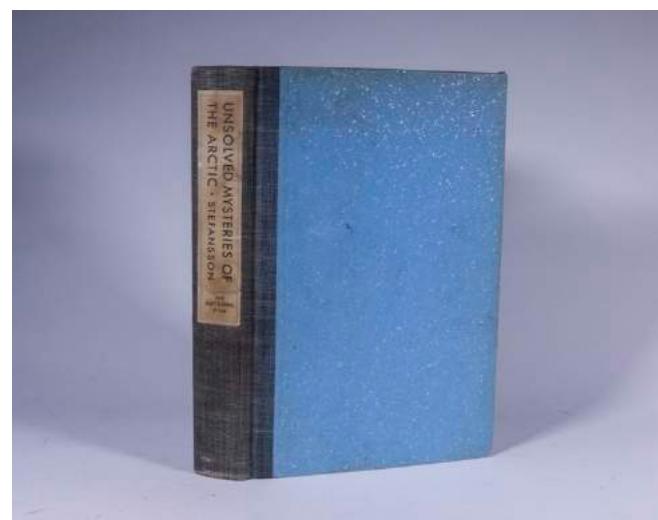
Unsolved Mysteries of the Arctic

This copy signed by Vilhjalmur Stefansson (Author), Rockwell Kent (Illustrator) and Stephen Leacock (Introduction)

By Stefansson, Vilhjalmur

New York: Macmillan Company 1938. Special Limited edition 200 copies – this being copy #134 / 200. 8vo – 22.4cm.; 381pp., frontis illustration with tissue guard by and signed Rockwell Kent, five maps, Bibliography. Publisher's blue with silver speckled cloth, black spine with darkened paper title label. Good + copy with slight wear to boards, damp stain along inner hinges, ffe and half-title page, otherwise clean and tight. Signed by Rockwell Kent beneath the frontis; signed by Stephen Leacock after Introduction, signed twice and inscribed by Vilhjalmur Stefansson on the dedication leaf.

One of the leading authorities on the Arctic discusses unexplained tragedies in the area including: The Disappearance of the Greenland Colony (the disappearance of 9000 Norse settlers in the Middle Ages); The Strange Fate of Thomas Simpson, Canadian explorer; The Lost Franklin Expedition; How Did Andréé Die (balloon voyage, 1897); The Missing Soviet Flyers.



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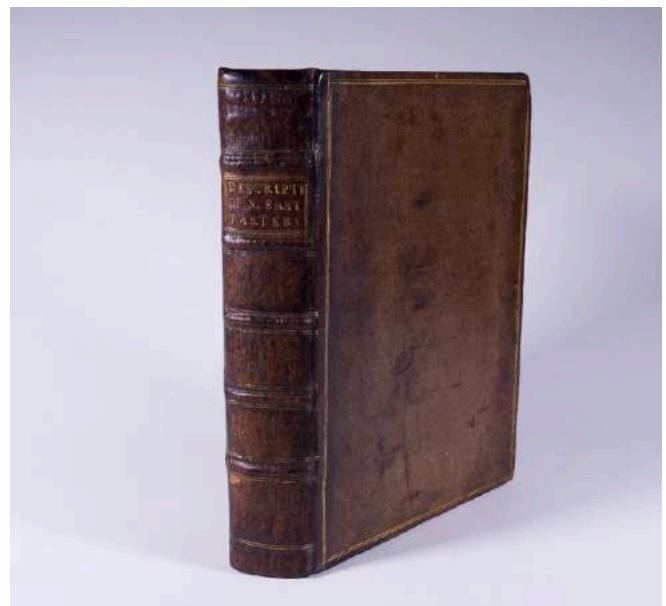
An Historico-Geographical description of the north and eastern parts of Europe and Asia;

but more particularly of Russia, Siberia, and Great Tartary

By Strahlenberg, Philipp Johann von

London: Innys and R. Manby at the West End of St. Paul's and L. Gilliver, at Homer's Head against St Dunstan's Church in Fleet Street, 1738, Second English Edition. Large 8vo — Quarto — 23.4 cm. [ix], (3), 463pp. (11), with important large folding map by R.W. Seale, fold-out woodcut map, fold-out table, 10 engraved plates (3 fold-outs including 1 map), woodcut tables and illustrations in text. Contemporary calf, gilt ruled front and rear covers, spine with five raised bands, gilt lettering on brown morocco tab in second compartment, gilt ruling to the others. Attractive armorial bookplate named "Rolle" inside front cover. An excellent, complete and Rare copy of a very important early travel narrative related to Russia and Siberia.

A complete copy of the celebrated study of Russia, Siberia and Mongolia. The author spent 10 years in Siberian captivity between 1711-1722 after the defeat of Charles XII. During his stay in Russia he collected information and material on the languages and people of Uralic and Altaic stock, which became the basis for this work. The text is highly significant by offering much first-hand information related to the geographical, historical, and ethnographic character of Siberia and Great Tartary. Also included is early descriptions of the linguistics of the region, with a Kalmyk vocabulary including the translations of Mongolian words. Arguably the most important aspect of this publication is Strahlenberg's rare and important map representing the Russian realm and Great Tartary, which contains extensive information regarding Siberia. Cox I, 194; Crowther 2034.



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Erebus

Signed by Jane Summer

By Summer, Jane

Little Rock, Arkansas: Sibling Rivalry Press, LLC, 2015, First Edition. 8vo — 22.7 cm. 185 pp. 3 maps, several color and black-and-white photographic images and charts in text. Publisher's illustrated wraps. This unique copy signed by Jane Summer on the title page.

An informative and engaging polar related book written with a creative poetic hybrid structure. Summer recounts the November 1979 crash of Air New Zealand Flight TE901, a sightseeing flight carrying 257 people that took off from Auckland to view the wonders of Antarctica, but ended in tragedy. Each page is individually composed with its content and the elegant use of a white void. The book is easy to follow and difficult to set down once started. This is an insightful, informative and captivating read that is beautifully conceived and equally well-written.



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Shirase Chui Tanken-ki

Account of Shirase's Expedition to the South Pole

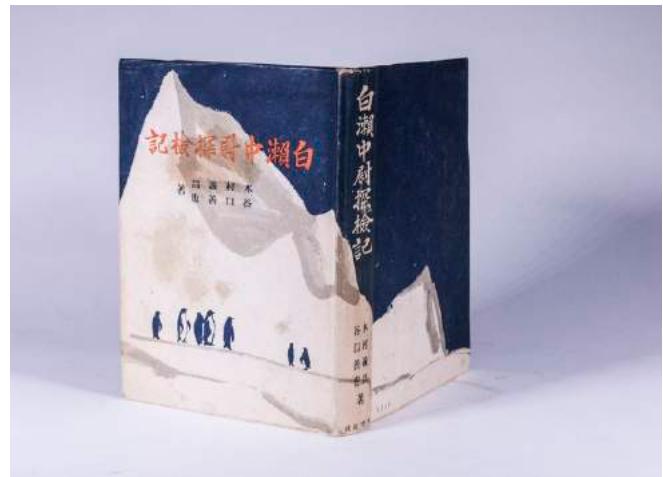
Signed by Zenya Taniguchi

By Taniguchi, Zenya and Kimura, Yoshimasa

Tokyo: Daichi-sha. First Trade Edition, Second Edition of Shirase's biography. 18.5 cm. pp. 2, 414 text, [1], 1 advertisement. 2 full-page maps, 4 full-page black-and-white photographic plates. Thin pictorial boards with penguins in a polar landscape, dark blue sky with white and gray ice and blue penguins matching blue sky. Taurus 76; Ross 2.4.2.

The text of this 2nd Edition is the same as the 1940 1st edition (Ross 2.4.1) which was limited to only 15 printed copies. The maps are different, some images have been added, and the book has a smaller format and different covers. Scarce.

This lovely copy is signed by the late Zenya Taniguchi making it Very Rare indeed. Zenya Taniguchi was the last living person to have worked directly with Nobu Shirase and is the co-author of the first biography of Nobu Shirase.. The first edition of the Shirase biography was produced in 1940 and limited to only 15 manuscript copies — see Ross 2.4.1.



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Adventure & A Visit to Nansen

Essays by Ernest Shackleton & Fridtjof Nansen

Signed by J.H. Whitehouse

By Whitehouse, J. H.

London: Oxford University Press, 1928. 1st Edition. Adventure by Ernest Shackleton & A Visit to Nansen. 8vo, – 22.7cm, [2], 23pp [5]. In Near Fine publisher's green cloth backed boards with green cloth back strip, upper cover and spine with publisher's paper labels lettered in black, two portrait front pieces. Uncut page edges. Near Fine condition internally with tight un-cracked hinges and no prior ownership markings. Scarce. This unique copy is signed by Whitehouse on a private library label inside the front cover.
—Spence 1255; Taurus 132; Renard 1691; Rosove 1343.

The significance and importance of this publication to Antarctic exploration lies in the article by Ernest Shackleton entitled "Adventure" where he describes the spirit that moved him to explore. A well-written and interesting pair of essays by two of the most notable and accomplished polar explorers in the 19th and 20th centuries.



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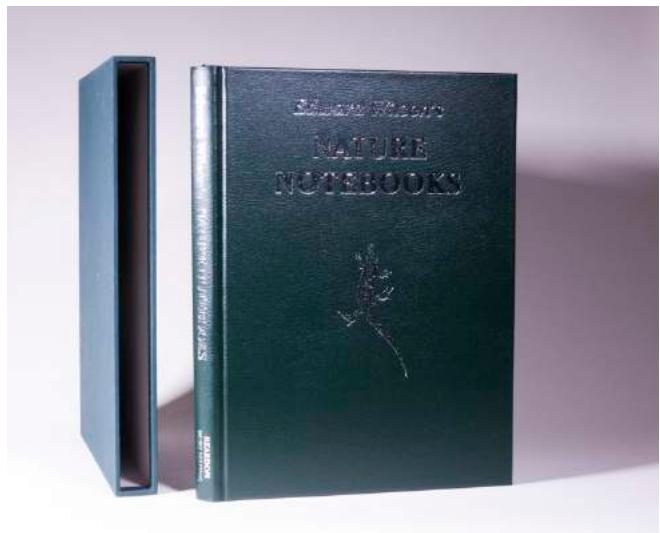
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After his death, Wilson's wife Oriana, arranged the notebooks and distributed many of them amongst the family. Two books – the "Nature Notebooks" were given to his nephew, Michael Wilson, whose sons have edited this volume. It contains the bulk of Edward Wilson's non-Antarctic work – from Notebooks and other sources – reproduced here in chronological order, showing his development as an artist. There is also a selection of quotations from the Notebook's observations and annotations, in keeping with the scrapbook flavor of many of the pages. There is a short biography at the start of each chapter concentrating on Wilson's scientific and artistic progress, and a selection of the Antarctic work so the reader can see the continuous artistic and scientific development.



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