About Dorothy Sloan and her reference library...

Antiquarian bookseller Dorothy Sloan loved her reference books. She built a formidable reference library during a career that spanned over forty-five years. In flush times and lean times, she continually bought reference material. When I worked with Dorothy, I recall her husband Peter shaking his head over an unexpected invoice for another batch of reference books. Peter handled much of the finances and would gently admonish her to rein in spending. “But I need them,” she would say. And that was the end of the discussion.

The books were tools for her, and she was a master craftsman. She drew upon the library to catalogue thousands of rare items, knowing not only what sources to access but also taking time to explore more obscure references. Her ability to utilize her reference material was exceptional. Dorothy was highly regarded for her detailed and accurate catalogue descriptions that remain an important source of information today. These descriptions can be found in her bookseller and auction catalogues as well as on her website, which is now being maintained by the DeGolyer Library at SMU.

I assisted Dorothy as a cataloguer in the early 1990s. We were together day after day at her home in Austin, Texas, cataloguing books and maps - her magnificent garden of roses just in view from a second story window. The experience was rewarding and intense. Dorothy had a sense of humor and could be wickedly funny, but she was all business when cataloguing. Like a hummingbird, she would move quickly between bookcases, stopping for a moment to hover, pulling books to consult. Time was no object. This trait would often put Dorothy behind schedule on catalogues and auctions, sometimes to clients’ and consignors’ consternation. However, the result of her efforts was an in-depth description with a focus on what made the item important, enhancing both the historical and monetary value of many underappreciated gems. I tried to keep up and learned much. But I would grow hungry, and we would be well past traditional lunch hour. Food was a lower priority for Dorothy than for me. “I can make us some rice and beans,” she would say, “that's a quick meal.” I would grumble and eat, but after quite a number of these rice and bean specials I began to bring my own lunch.

Dorothy Sloan will be remembered as one of the foremost booksellers and auctioneers of her generation. She helped build and sell numerous important collections. She handled great books and maps in many fields with a particular focus on Western Americana, Latin Americana, and Texana. In these three areas her knowledge rivaled any bookseller, past or present. Indeed, scattered throughout her reference library are books with the provenance of earlier notable booksellers such as Warren Howell, John H. Jenkins, The Eberstadt’s, and W. Thomas Taylor.
About Dorothy Sloan and her reference library... (continued)

Dorothy began to hold auctions in the early 1990s and this gave her an excuse to expand her already large reference library. She reasoned (correctly) that an auctioneer would deal in a wider variety of material, including literature, fine press, science, medicine, et al. That’s why her reference material covers so many subjects. The internet certainly opened up further avenues of research as time went on, but Dorothy understood that much knowledge was still found only in books and that an expansive reference library was indispensable to her.

Oak Knoll Books and bookseller Michael Laird acquired Dorothy Sloan’s reference library shortly before her death in March 2021. Oak Knoll will be offering a large selection of her books in the coming months and years. Each book will have a laid-in bookplate preserving the provenance. A number have Sloan’s ownership markings / annotations. To own the copy that literally passed through the hands of one of the luminaries of antiquarian bookselling is a rare opportunity.

- Kurt Zimmerman, friend and former employee of Dorothy Sloan

To read a tribute from Dorothy’s daughter and more about Dorothy Sloan Rare Books, see the Dorothy Sloan Rare Books website here.

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THE WORKS OF HUBERT HOWE BANCROFT

San Francisco: A. L. Bancroft & Company, Publishers, 1883; 39 volumes, 8vo., original calf, black leather spine labels, four raised bands, marbled text block edges; variously paginated. $4,000

Descriptions of the works written by Bancroft and published by his company. Complete set of 39 volumes in original leather bindings (not rebound, not ex-library). Nine volumes have been professionally reinforced at the hinges. Some soiling to the covers and spines, with some of the volumes having some minor to fair shelfwear. Toning to the endpapers along the leather turn-ins in all of the volumes. Overall an excellent set.

This set, which was completed in only eight years, covers the history and to some extent the anthropology of Central America, Mexico, and the American West of the United States. Bancroft had formed a large collection of source materials on the history of the American West and decided to write the definitive work on the subject. He employed assistants to prepare statements of the facts for large sections of the proposed history. Originally, he intended to use these statements as the basis of a narrative from his own hand, but as the work progressed that changed. The assistants were capable investigators and there is independent evidence to show that some of them deserved his confidence. Bancroft considered himself the author of the series, albeit he employed collaborators to do the preliminary work, which he edited while writing the important parts himself. According to Howes: “Colossal co-operative undertaking; nothing approaching it has ever been attempted in this country”. Flake/Draper 282, 283, 284, 286, 289, 290, 291, 292. Howes B87. However, “Its faults are obvious, to be sure. It lacks an index; the portions dealing with the gold-rush are exceedingly meager; and Bancroft’s prejudices are apparent in many instances. However, the best evidence of its superiority is the fact that invariably research workers consult it first for information concerning California events.” The Zamorano Eighty, No. 3.

For a full list of volume titles, please see our website listing here. [Book # 136141]
ALCHEMY AND THE OCCULT
A CATALOGUE OF BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPTS FROM THE COLLECTION OF PAUL AND MARY MELLON GIVEN TO YALE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
With Essays by R.P. Multhauf and Aniela Jaffe and Additional Notes by William McGuire by Ian Macphail

New Haven: Yale University Press, 1968; 2 volumes, thick 4to., two-toned cloth, leather spine labels, slipcase; liv,276,(2); lv-lxviii,277-581,(3) pages. $450

First edition, limited to 500 copies. Beautifully printed by the Spiral Press. Excellent bibliographical descriptions and annotations and many facsimiles of title pages, etc. A fine set. [Book # 186]
EUROPEAN AMERICANA
A CHRONOLOGICAL GUIDE TO WORKS PRINTED IN EUROPE RELATING TO THE AMERICAS, 1493-1750
edited by John Alden and Dennis C. Landis

Providence and New York: The John Carter Brown Library and Readex Books, 1980-1997; 6 volumes, 8 x 10 inches, cloth; liii, 467; xlviii, 954; 682; 711; 597; 852 pages. $500

Complete set of six volumes. Entirely superseding Joseph Sabin's Bibliotheca Americana, which appeared between 1868 and 1936, European Americana is now, first of all, the most comprehensive bibliographical guide to the entire printed record of European consciousness of the Americas. With more than 30,000 entries. With number of pages and locations of copies. Also gives bibliographical references to each work. Contains a short history of Americana bibliography and indices by printers, booksellers, geographic location, author, title and subject. Volumes one and two are lightly rubbed and worn, else a near fine set. [Book # 135906]
ANNOTATED EBERSTADT CATALOGS OF AMERICANA
IN FOUR VOLUMES INCLUDING INDEX. NUMBERS 103 TO 138, 1935-1956

New York: Argosy-Antiquarian Ltd., 1965; 4 volumes, thick 8vo., half leather, top edges gilt, slipcase; variously paginated. $400

Complete four volume set. Introduction by Archibald Hanna Jr. Index by Karl Brown. With volume one being one of 90 numbered copies signed by both Eberstadts and Archibald Hanna and containing an original leaf from the first edition of the first history of California, VENEGAS - NOTICIA DE LA CALIFORNIA, Madrid, 1757. A virtual mine of information on Americana, with prices, brought together with the use of a lengthy index volume. Thousands of entries given. Some cover rubbing, else a near fine set. [Book # 25174]
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collected by George Brinley, compiled by William Fletcher

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First Edition. Chipping to extremities and partially defective. Along top edges a former owner has written the number of the volume: I, II, III, IIII, IIIII. The paper stock in extremely fresh condition: unmarked, without any blemish whatsoever, and almost completely unopened.

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It is impossible to describe in brief the many fabulous American firsts in the Brinley collection, but more importantly: Brinley did not focus exclusively on high-spots: indeed, he recognized and appreciated “the entire range of material printed in America -- historical works, sermons, chapbooks, textbooks, psalm books of less exalted stature, and pamphlets of every sort” (Reese, George Brinley and His Library” in: Gazette of the Grolier Club, N.S. 32, 1980, p. 156). In doing so, Brinley rescued from paper mills and garbage heaps early American imprints that today exist in less than a handful of copies. Through the present sale catalogues, Brinley drew attention to the historical -- and commercial -- value of otherwise neglected and/or forgotten materials. In doing so, these catalogues transformed our understanding of the history of America in its broadest possible scope.

Of this Large Paper issue we have located only ONE copy on the market in the last 80 years, namely that which appeared in the 1957 “Midland Notes” catalogue, item No. 66, compiled by the formidable Americana specialist Ernest Wessen of Mansfield, Ohio. Neither the Large Paper issue or the ordinary issue was in the Bibliotheca Bibliographica Breslaueriana.

Cataloguer’s note: we have been greatly assisted by Rosenblum’s excellent biography of Brinley in DAB, and interested persons are encouraged to consult it and the many references cited therein. [Book # 136149]
VALENTI ANGELO, AUTHOR, ILLUSTRATOR, PRINTER
A CHECKLIST OF HIS WORK FROM 1926 TO 1970

Bronxville, NY: n.p., 1970; 8vo., quarter vellum, paper-covered boards, title gilt-stamped on spine, fore-edge uncut, slipcase; unpaginated. $850

Limited to 55 numbered copies signed by Angelo on colophon (this copy is not numbered). Table of contents. Foreword by Robert Grabhorn. Also includes an article by Annis Duff, then editor of Viking Junior Books, and a brief autobiographical essay by Angelo. Angelo, born 1897 in Tuscany, attended a monastery school, observed a monk reading a 15th century Book of Hours, and was deeply impressed. That book’s influence was reflected in Angelo’s own work, the books he created for Grabhorn, Peter Pauper, The Limited Editions Club, and his own imprints. Handset, printed, decorated, and illuminated by Angelo. Very minor rubbing to the slipcase, else a fine copy. A magnificent and scarce production. [Book # 118367]
SPARSE GREY HACKLE
HIS LIFE, HIS STORIES, AND HIS ANGLING MEMORIES
by Austin McK. Francis

New York, NY: The Angler’s Club of New York, 1993; 8vo., cloth, slipcase; 170 pages. $200

Privately published. A fine copy. Limited Edition of only 300 copies published. Black and white photo frontispiece of Sparse fishing. Epilogues by Patricia Miller Sherwood and Nick Lyons. Sparse was the author of FISHLESS DAYS and FISHLESS DAYS, ANGLING NIGHTS. Includes chapters on: Who Was Sparse Grey Hackle? - Sparse’s War Stories - Sparse and the Outdoor Columnists - S. G. H. Guest Columnist - Sparse, the Anglers’ Club and its Bulletin - Fishless Stories - Tales of an Older Day - The Midday Rise: Early Years - The Midday Rise: Later Years - A Bucket of Minnows - Coda. Text printed on Mohawk Ticonderoga paper; bound by W. Thomas Taylor. The book is bound in blue cloth with a wraparound paper titling label. Grey paper covered slip case with the title and Anglers’ Club logo on the back panel. “Alfred Miller (Sparse Grey Hackle) was a one-time Wall Street reporter who also contributed to Sports Illustrated and Outdoor Life. His writing has all the precision of a financial reporter, but fortunately for us, it is combined with great charm, and Sparse could write on just about any subject and make it fun to read. Fishless Days is best known for its extended memoir of Theodore Gordon and the Catskill flyfishers who knew him, but there are some great tales to be read here and it is one of those books which should never have been allowed to go out of print. ‘Murder’ is probably the best known story in the book and it has been reprinted countless times in anthologies, but some of best cameos aren’t even about fishing. My favourite bit of Miller’s writing is in the chapter called ‘Chance Meetings.’ I’ve never been able to work out whether the passage is just came naturally to him, or whether he was just showing off what he could do with words that the rest of us find so difficult to tame”. Andrew N. Herd. [Book # 135951]
ARCTIC BIBLIOGRAPHY
edited by Marie Tremaine

(Washington, DC): Department of Defense, 1953-1971; 15 volumes, 8vo., cloth; variously paginated. $400

First edition prepared for and in cooperation with the Department of Defense, Washington, D.C., under the direction of the Arctic Institute of North America. An annotated listing of 101,599 titles, making this by far the most comprehensive bibliography of Arctic books (Besterman 4919). A 16th volume was issued in 1975 - this is not present. Field work in all disciplines and in all sections of the Arctic region are represented, particularly in the 19th and 20th centuries. In selection of material, some priority has been given to narratives and scientific results written by the explorers and scientists themselves. Files of all essentially arctic journals and of major journals in various subject fields have been searched through about 1960 depending on the language. The bibliography is arranged in two sections: (1) an alphabetic register, under the author’s name, of his books, papers, and contributions to works of multiple authorship; (2) a subject-geographic index to these publications. With foldout maps at the end of each volume. Some volumes have hinges that are starting. Minor rubbing to spines. Scarce in this condition. [Book # 107658]
ARQUITECTURA COLONIAL EN LA ARGENTINA
by Juan Kronfuss

Cordoba: A Biffignandi, (1929); folio, cloth; 213 pages. $150

Profusely illustrated with many tipped-in color reproductions of drawings as well as b/w drawings and plans. Text in Spanish. German C. Sonntag is a well known Argentine born architect who became an American citizen. He specialized in interior design and won numerous awards in his field. Shaken with some shelfwear. Interior near fine. [Book # 135868]
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THE ROYAL OCTAVO EDITION OF THE BIRDS OF AMERICA (WITH: ORIGINAL PLATES FROM THE FIRST AND SECOND EDITIONS OF THE BIRDS OF AMERICA, WITH THE ORIGINAL TEXT DESCRIBING THE BIRD DEPICTED [BROCHURE])

by Ron Tyler

Austin, TX: W. Thomas Taylor, 1993; small 4to., quarter cloth, paper-covered boards, clamshell case (with sewn brochure, tall large 8vo., in stiff paper wrappers); xvii, (iii), 213, (3) pages (brochure: (6) pages, 2 additional leaves of plates). $700

Limited to 225 unnumbered copies. John James Audubon (1785-1851) published the large folio edition of The Birds of America, with engraved plates, in England from 1826 to 1838. This edition met with approval among artists and scientists, but was too expensive to reach a wide audience, nor did Audubon derive much income from it. He, therefore, brought out a royal octavo version with additional materials (1st ed. 1839-1844), published in the U.S. with lithographic plates; this version made Audubon the familiar figure that he is today. Audubon, whose understanding of business and publishing had improved by then, also earned enough to become reasonably well-off. The author gives an account of the publication of the folio, followed by a lengthier account of the production of the octavo from the folio and the publication history of the octavo, covering, among other things, the production of the plates, their characteristics, Audubon’s co-workers, differences from the folio edition and among the various editions of the octavo, along with Audubon’s relations with publishers and his own marketing efforts. A concluding chapter discusses Audubon’s works in the context of Romanticism. The book has 67 illustrations, including 34 showing plates & variants in color. Includes appendix, notes, bibliography, and index. A patterned paper in shades of green covers the boards, and the case is covered in the same fabric used in the binding. A book for those interested in Audubon, American art of the mid-19th century, or 19th-century American publishing. Clamshell faded along the spine, as well as some dampstaining along the bottom edge of the clamshell box. Else fine. [Book # 50381]
DICTIONNAIRE DES OUVRAGES ANONYMES ET PSEUDONYMES
by M. Barbier

Paris: Barrois L’Aine, 1822-1827; 4 volumes, 8vo., full leather, five raised bands, top edge stained black; 504, 548, 684, 522 pages. $180

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DICTIONNAIRE CRITIQUE ET DOCUMENTAIRE DES PEINTRES, SCULPTEURS, DESSINATEURS ET GRAVEURS, DE TOUS LES TEMPS ET DE TOUS LES PAYS ....
by E. Benezit

N.P.: Libraire Grund, (1954); 8 volumes, 8vo., cloth; thousands of pages. $250

New edition, revised and enlarged, with 32 illustrations. An excellent reference tool for the study of artists, engravers, and sculpturers. Light wear to the heads of the spines, some volumes shaken. Volume 8 has the spine along the front hinge loose. [Book # 135528]
THIRTY YEARS OF BIRD & BULL A BIBLIOGRAPHY, 1958-1988
by Howell J. Heaney

Newtown, PA: Bird & Bull Press, 1988; 8vo., three-quarter morocco, Bird & Bull Press paste-paper over boards, morocco spine label. Accompanied by a cloth folder containing various text pages and ephemera; both inserted in a cloth-covered and lined clamshell box with a morocco spine label; 104 pages. $250

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by David C. Driskell

Los Angeles: Los Angeles County Museum of Art, 1976; 4to., paper wrappers; 221 pages. $100

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by Jacob Blanck

New Haven: Yale University Press, 1955-2003; 9 volumes, small 4to., cloth; variously paginated. $150


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ISLAMIC BINDINGS & BOOKMAKING
by Gulnar Bosch, John Carswell, Guy Petherbridge.

Chicago: The Oriental Institute Museum, University of Chicago, 1981; 2 volumes, small 4to., cloth, dust jacket.; xii, 235 pages. $250

The German orientalist and Arabic scholar Bernard Moritz acquired a large number of Islamic manuscripts, books and other items, many of which he sold to the Univ. of Chicago Oriental Institute in the late 1920’s. This exhibition catalogue of Moritz Islamic bindings, mostly resident in the Oriental Inst. collection, lists 95 bindings and 5 manuscript items. Each binding is illustrated, often with additional illustrations of details, and extensively described, often with references. A few illustrations are in color, most are black-and-white. Extensive introductory matter discusses history, materials, techniques and structures of Islamic bindings, with notes, references. Minor rubbing of jacket. Difficult to find book, especially hardbound in jacket. [Book # 106519]
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by Cyril Davenport

London: J. & M.L. Tregaskis, “Caxton Head”, 1894; large 8vo., cloth boards with original wrappers bound in; 25 pages, with 8 leaves of chromolithographic plates. $350

Catalogue of 75 bindings of a Kelmscott book (“King Florus and the Fair Jehane”) from 29 different countries, exhibited at the London bookseller “Caxton Head” in 1894. A number of well-known London binders of the time are represented, but one also finds entries for bindings from Australia, China, Persia and other places. Each binding is described and eight are illustrated with chromolithographic plates. Judging from the descriptions and illustrations, these were bindings partly showing a retrospective, historical style, and partly showing a William Morris-Art Nouveau influence. The introduction by C. Davenport expresses a very conservative view of binding and discusses some of the items. Of interest as a record of non-English and even non-European fine binding at the end of the 19th century. Binding somewhat soiled, with original wrappers lightly chipped around edges. Else a very good copy of a scarce and rare binding catalogue. [Book # 55100]
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London: The British Library, (1978); 4to., quarter red leather over cloth; 352 pages. $200

First edition. Volume I. Covers bindings made in Great Britain, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Spain, Germany and Italy. Highlights of the Gift collection are described in much bibliographical detail followed by long notes on both the binding and the binder. Contains thirty-six full page illustrations. A tantalizing introduction to this fabulous collection. Fine condition. [Book # 36910]

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Cretté grew out of the Art Nouveau floral esthetic to a more geometric style. (see Duncan and De Bartha Art Nouveau and Art Deco Bookbinding p.189). [Book # 71447]
TRAITÉ DE LA RELIEURE DES LIVRES
by Jean-Vincent Capronnier De Gauffecourt

Austin: W. Thomas Taylor, 1987; tall 8vo., quarter cloth over boards, paper spine label; 130, (4) pages. $150


HENRI CREUZEVAULT 1905-1971

(Paris): Colette Creuzevault, (1983); folio, paper wrappers; (xiii), 14 plates. $200

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TWELVE CENTURIES OF BOOKBINDINGS
400-1600
by Paul Needham

New York, NY: The Pierpont Morgan Library, 1979; 4to., cloth, dust jacket; xxvii, 338 pages. $150


BLIND PANELS OF ENGLISH BINDERS
by J. Basil Oldham

Cambridge: University Press, 1958; folio, blue cloth, red leather spine label; xv, 56 pages of text followed by 67 plates. $150

First edition. (S-K 4230, Brenni no.824). Companion volume to the author’s 1952 book, English Blind-Stamped Bindings. Together the two volumes present an exhaustive study of this decorative element in English bookbinding from the mid-15th to mid-17th centuries. In the present work, the author defines “panels,” indicates inclusive dates when they were used in England, and gives his criteria of “Englishness.” In addition to discussing artists and binders, such as Wynkyn de Worde, Jacobus Illuminator, and Richard Faques, among others, he reproduces all the different types of panels that are known and gives them an intelligent system of classification: Acorn; Animal; Biblical; Heraldic and Rose are just a few. Sixty-seven handsomely produced black and white plates depict some 250 panels. Spine slightly faded, else near fine. [Book # 5871]
ENGLISH BLIND-STAMPED BINDINGS
by J. Basil Oldham
Cambridge: University Press, 1952; folio, cloth, dust jacket; 73 pages followed by 61 plates. $150

PIERRE LEGRAIN, RELIEUR
REPERTOIRE DESCRIPTIF ET BIBLIOGRAPHIQUE DE MILLE DEUX TREnte-SIX RELIURES
Paris: Libraire Auguste Blaizot, 1965; 4to., signatures loosely inserted in a white stiff paper wrapper, brown cloth slipcase.; xxxiii, 205 pages with 7 plates in full color and 243 reproductions in collotype. $750

Text in French. Printed in an edition limited to 600 numbered copies. (S-K 6509, Brenni no.657). Magnificent book covering the bindings of this modern French bookbinder. A near-fine copy. [Book # 75055]
THE DOVES BINDERY
by Marianne Tidcombe


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FAMILY RECORDS
by Ashworth P. Burke

London, United Kingdom: Harrison and Sons, 1897; 4to., Red gilt decorative bevelled boards, original brown endpapers; 709 pages. $200

THE LAWRENCE LANDE COLLECTION OF CANADIANA IN THE REDPATH LIBRARY OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY
A BIBLIOGRAPHY
by Lawrence Lande

Montreal: The Lawrence Lande Foundation, 1965; folio, leather spine, cloth over boards, slipcase; xxxvi, 303 pages, 113 pages of plates. $120

First edition, signed by Lande and limited to 950 copies. Printed on handmade paper and has many illustrations including facsimiles and foldout maps. Leather spine lightly faded, else near fine in near fine slipcase. [Book # 33710]

LES LIVRES DE L’ENFANCE DU XVE AU XIXE SIÈCLE

Paris: Gumuchian & Cie., n.d. (1930); 2 volumes 4to., later cloth; xxiv, 446, (4); (ii); 16 pages followed by plates containing 336 illustrations. $150

First edition, limited to 1000 copies. Preface by Paul Gavault. Two volumes. The introduction is in English and French. A landmark bookseller’s catalogue devoted to children’s books; a total of 6251 are described. The entries are not restricted to French titles. Both volumes have some wear to the spines, with some loss to the spine labels, in particular volume one. Gutters cracked on volume one. [Book # 6210]
PRESTATEHOOD LEGAL MATERIALS
A FIFTY STATE RESEARCH GUIDE
by Michael Chiorazzi & Marguerite Most

New York: Haworth Information Press, 2006; 2 volumes, 8vo., paper covered boards; 660, 661-1500 pages. $150

Front hinge of volume one starting. Spines and corners bumped, else fine condition. Prestatehood Legal Materials is your one-stop guide to the history and development of law in the U.S. and the change from territory to statehood. Unprecedented in its coverage of territorial government, this book identifies a wide range of available resources - from early municipal documents and county records to the latest journals and Web sites. [Book # 136031]

VERÖFFENTLICHUNGEN DER GESELLSCHAFT FÜR TYPENKUNDE DES XV. JAHRHUNDERTS
by Isak Collijn

Leipzig: Schriftenverteilung für die Gesellschaft durch R. Haupt, 1907; atlas folio, loose as issued. $200

Title-page printed in red and black (small ink mark) + 30 full-page plates. Excellent condition.

Vol. 1, Fascicle 1, containing the first 30 plates from one of the great facsimiles of specimen pages of incunabula. Of great interest to students of incunabula and their teachers.

Herein are reproductions of 15th century printed pages, each one depicted in full (not reduced); below appear their respective ALPHABETS in the original fonts of type, all identified and classified. The work was issued to illustrate Haebler’s 5-volume “Typenrepertorium” (1904-1925) as well as the emerging “Gesamtkatalog der Wiegedrucke.” Our Fascicle 1 contains 30 such plates, with reproductions of pages from the presses well-known and little-known, such as Anton Sorg and Johann Schonsperger (Augsburg), Cornelis van Zierikzee and also the Printer of the 1487 Elegant. XX paeceupta (Cologne), Wolfgang Schenck, Paul von Hachenburg, and Heidericus & Marcus Ayrer (Erfurt), Friedrich Misch and Heinrich Knoblochzter (Heidelberg), and others. [Book # 136147]
THE JOURNALS OF CAPTAIN JAMES COOK
CHARTS & VIEWS
edited by R.A. Skelton

Cambridge, United Kingdom: Cambridge University Press, 1955; folio, cloth, paper sleeve; 8 pages, followed by 58 charts. **$100**

Printed for The Hakluyt Society. Very Good, in a VG DJ. Complete with 58 charts. Charts are mostly folding and held in the original navy blue full cloth portfolio, portrait of Cook in gilt on cover, gilt spine, with ties. Corners are bumped and there is an abrasion to the rear cover. All charts are clean and unmarked. With the original printed dust-jacket sleeve which is moderately chipped and worn at edges. Some damp-staining to lower edge of sleeve. [Book # 135787]

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DANIEL PRESS
MEMORIALS OF C.H.O. DANIEL WITH A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE PRESS, 1845-1919
by Falconer Madan

Oxford: Daniel Press, 1921; square 8vo., cloth-backed boards; viii, 200 pages and 15 full-page plates. **$200**

First edition, limited to 550 copies and 100 copies respectively, this being one of 550. The first 36 pages contain a memorial of Dr. Daniel, followed by the bibliography of the press. Each book is thoroughly described with notes. Very light soiling to the covers and spine. Front gutter tender. Includes some newspaper clippings and auction records loosely inserted of Daniel Press titles and ephemera. Scarce in this condition. [Book # 114671]
CAPTAIN PHILLIP DIMMITT’S COMMANDANCY OF GOLIAD
1835 - 1836
by Hobart Huson

Austin, TX: Von Boeckmann-Jones, 1974; 8vo., original tan cloth; xxix, [1], 299, [2] pages. $300

HISTORY OF EGYPT, CHALDEA, SYRIA, BABYLONIA, AND ASSYRIA
by G. Maspero and S. Rappoport

London, United Kingdom: The Grolier Society, (1903-1904); 23 volumes, small 4to., quarter leather over marbled paper boards, four raised bands, gilt and leather inlays on spine, top edge gilt, fore-edge and bottom edge untrimmed; variously paginated. $400

Limited to 1,000 numbered sets. This set is complete, but is lacking a supplementary volume, published separately in 1906. Illustrated, with over 1,000 plates, some in color.

A beautiful set of this very well-known work. Volumes 1-3 of this edition correspond to vol. 1 of the French original (Les origines, Egypte et Chaldee) and are based on the text of the 4th revised French edition of 1901, but with many notes omitted or abridged. Volumes 4-6 of this edition correspond to vol. 2 of the French original (Les premières mœurs des peuples); volumes 7-9 of this edition correspond to vol. 3 of the French original (Les empires). In continuation and uniform with the above-mentioned 9 volumes, the Grolier society issued “History of Egypt from 330 B.C. to the present time, by S. Rappoport” (1904). Very light wear to the spines and hinges of all volumes, with Vol XI and XII having just slightly more wear than the others. A near-fine set. [Book # 135361]
REPORT ON THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICAN BOUNDARY SURVEY
by William Emory

Austin, TX: Texas State Historical Assn, 1987; 3 volumes, 4to., cloth; variously paginated. $200

First edition. Three volume set, with volume two having two parts. Hard cover published by Texas State Historical Association in 1987. Original editions were published from 1857-1859. No dust jackets, come in a slipcase, which has slight scuffing and is in very good condition. All three volumes have orange covers with blue binding, and gilt lettering on spine. Near fine. Fred H. and Ella Mae Moore Texas History Reprint Series/Volume 1 and Volume 2 Part I and II. [Book # 135369]
THE ENGLISH WRITING-MASTERS AND THEIR COPY-BOOKS, 1570-1800
A BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY & A BIBLIOGRAPHY.
WITH AN INTRODUCTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF HANDWRITING BY STANLEY MORISON
by Ambrose Heal

Cambridge: University Press, 1931; large 4to., original light-brown quarter cloth over decorated (“marbled”) cloth boards, Top edges gilt, others untrimmed; xl, 226 pages, 82 plates (i.e. frontis. + 23 portraits, 93 collotypes on 58 plates). $850

First Edition limited to 300 copies signed by the author. Engraved frontispiece (“La belle ecriture demande un esprit gai”). A very small abrasion at tail of spine. Dust-wrapper soiled and defective, inside lined with brown paper. Text, plates, and binding are in splendid state; a lovely copy. Very good.

An essential reference work on the history of English writing manuals -- still unsurpassed. Ours is copy 146 and is preserved in very fresh, unmarked condition.

This original edition is a fine specimen of Cambridge bookmaking and is much preferred over the ugly facsimile reprint (Olms, 1962) which disgraced the beauty of the 23 portraits of the writing-masters and the 58 plates of their copy-books and trade-cards (some of the plates present more than one example). The value of the present volume lies not only in the extensive biographies of the writing-masters, and the extremely detailed bibliographical descriptions of their work, but in Heal’s long and insightful Preface, and Stanley Morison’s discourse into “The Development of Handwriting.”

“Mr. Heal has, in this scholarly and important book, proved his contention that his subject [English Writing-Masters] is of deep interest. Moreover, his admirable work is arranged in a manner very convenient for reference. It should prove of great value to students, and have some influence in increasing their number.” (Review in “The Burlington Magazine for Connoisseurs,” Vol. 61, No. 356 [Nov., 1932], pp. 239-240).

This original edition is uncommon on the market; the last copy to appear at auction was Graham Pollard’s which sold in 2013 at Bonham’s London.
[Book # 136148]
DICTIONARY OF SCIENTIFIC BIOGRAPHY
Editor in Chief, Charles Coulston Gillispie

New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1981; 8 volumes, small 4to., green cloth stamped in black and gilt; xiv,624, xii,628; xvi,624, xvi,622; xvi,624, xvi,619; xiv,625, xiv,624; xvi,620, xiv,622; xvi,618, xvi,620; xvi,623, xvi,640; xiv,818, xviii,503 pages. $400

First edition of this 16 volume set bound in 8. The last volume is the Supplement and Index volume. Spines lightly faded and minor shelfwear. Else very good. [Book # 105559]

CATALOGO DE LA COLECCION DE CODICES
by John B. Glass

Mexico: Museo Nacional de Antropologia, 1964; small 4to., cloth; 237, (3) pages followed by 139 plates (some folding). $110

Catalogue of the codices held by the National Museum of Anthropology in Mexico. Includes an extensive section of illustrations printed on glossy paper. Front hinge broken, else near fine. [Book # 107165]
(With a Check-List 1916-1956 and a Complete Specimen of Types)
edited by Robert D. Harlan

San Francisco: John Howell Books, 1977; folio, quarter green leather with
decorated cloth-covered boards as issued; xxix, 117, (5) pages. $300

Limited to 225 copies printed by Andrew Hoeym with the help of Lage Carlson,
Polly Christensen, Leigh McLellan, George Shakespear and Glenn Todd (Not in
Leaf Book - Chalmers). The third and final volume of the Grabhorn bibliography. With original leaves from Grabhorn Press books bound-in. Leather spine has some light staining and only the slightest hint of shelfwear to spine ends. One small insect hole on spine, else a near fine copy. [Book # 18951]
HAWAIIAN NATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY 1780-1900
by David W. Forbes

Honolulu, HI: University of Hawaii Press, 1999; 4 volumes, small 4to., cloth with paper cover label; xxiv, 527+(1), xvi, 599+(1), xvi, 735+(1), xxiv, 527+(1) pages. $150

Complete set of the first edition. Volume 1, 1780-1830, Volume 2, 1831-1850, Volume 3, 1851-1880, Volume 4, 1780-1830. A valuable resource for anyone interested in the study of the Hawaiian Islands. This set is intended as a comprehensive, annotated listing of works related to all aspects of the history of the islands from 1780 to 1900. Items arranged in alphabetical order by author/title under individual years. Contains numerous black and white illustrations from the listed works plus frontispieces. Bound in green cloth with title in gold on spine and yellow paper cover label. Years, authors/titles, and reference numbers are printed in red. Indexed. [Book # 136019]
PRINTING, SELLING AND READING, 1450-1550
by Rudolf Hirsch

Wiesbaden, Germany: Otto Harrassowitz, 1974; 8vo., cloth wrappers; 165 pages. $250

Second printing to the 1967 first edition. Contains a supplemental annotated bibliographical introduction. Spine lightly faded. Two small marks on the front cover. A very scarce title. Loosely inserted is the commemorative bookplate stating this book was from the reference library of antiquarian bookdealer and auctioner Dorothy Sloan. [Book # 135390]

THE WRITINGS OF SAM HOUSTON
1821-1847
edited by Amelia Williams and Eugene C. Barker

Austin, TX: Pemberton Press, Jenkins Publishing Co, 1970; 8 volumes, 8vo., cloth; variously paginated. $800

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HUTH LIBRARY
A CATALOGUE OF THE PRINTED BOOKS, MANUSCRIPTS, AUTOGRAPH LETTERS, AND ENGRAVINGS, COLLECTED BY HENRY HUTH, WITH COLLATIONS AND BIBLIOGRAPHICAL DESCRIPTIONS (1880) together with A CATALOGUE OF THE WOODCUTS AND ENGRAVINGS IN THE HUTH LIBRARY (1910) catalogued by Alfred Huth, W.C. Hazlitt and F.S. Ellis

London: Ellis and White, 1880; 6 volumes, 4to., quarter leather over cloth boards; vii, [1], 1830 pages. $2,000

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TOGETHER WITH: “Catalogue of the Woodcuts and Engravings” (Chiswick Press, 1910), which was limited to 150 copies. A 32-page list of the Huth woodcuts and engravings appeared in vol. 5 and featured 2 double-page plates of early xylography. The present volume is no mere list, but a catalogue in its own right and features 12 illustrations of high quality on 9 plates.

Not in the Bibliotheca Bibliographica Breslaueriana. [Book # 136150]
THE JANUS PRESS
1981-90
by Ruth E. Fine

Vermont: The University of Vermont Libraries, 1992; square 8vo., paper covered boards with sewn spine; 47+(1) pages. $100

An exhibition catalogue which covers 1981 to 1990 marked a major phase in the evolution of the Janus Press. This is one of 100 copies that have been specially bound by Stephanie Westnedge for friends of the press and bears a presentation from Van Vliet and Westnedge to Judy and W. Thomas Taylor, publisher, printer and bookseller. Claire Van Vliet’s binding and book structures became much more complex which brought a three dimensional quality to her work. Illustrated. [Book # 120848]

THE ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF TYPE FACES
by W. Pincus Jaspert, W. Turner Berry and .. Johnson

New York: Barnes & Noble, (1970); 4to., cloth, dust jacket; xvi, 420 pages. $150


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KINO ESCRIBE A LA DUQUESA
CORRESPONDENCIA DEL P. EUSEBIO FRANCISCO KINO CON LA DUQUESA DE AVEIRO Y OTROS DOCUMENTOS
by Ernest J. Burrus

Madrid, Spain: Ediciones Jose Porrua Turanzas, 1964; 8vo., paper wrappers; 336 pages, 1 sheet, with 9 folding cards in the appendix. $200

First edition limited to 200 numbered copies. A very scarce work. Black and white illustrations throughout, including facsimiles of letters and beautiful calligraphic manuscripts. Near fine.

Eusebio Francisco Kino (Eusebio Francesco Chini, 1645 - 1711) was a Tyrolean Jesuit who carried out research as a missionary, astronomer and cartographer in what is now northwestern Mexico and the southwestern United States. On an expedition through California he discovered that the lower part of California was not an island, as previously assumed, but a peninsula. [Book # 135380]
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BIBLIOGRAPHY OF TERRESTRIAL, MARITIME AND CELESTIAL ATLASES AND PILOT BOOKS, PUBLISHED IN THE NETHERLANDS UP TO 1880
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Amsterdam: Theatrum Orbis Terrarum, (1967-1971); 5 volumes, (1967-1971), cloth, author and title stamped on spine, title stamped on front board; variously paginated. $400

Complete five volume set, includes van der AA-Blaeu. Preface by H. de la Fontaine Verwey, introduction by the author, acknowledgments, and list of atlases. 24 black and white plates showing frontispieces. Entries include biographical information about publisher, printed catalogues, atlases published with detailed description of maps included in each atlas. Descriptions in language in which atlas was published. Additions and Corrections loosely inserted into volume 1. Boards lightly soiled and faded. Hinges cracked in volume II and volume IV. A well preserved set. [Book # 135888]
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VOLUMES I-IVA
by P. van der Krogt

’t Goy-Houten: Hes & de Graaf, 1997-2012; 9 volumes, 9 x 12.5 inches, bound in the publisher’s decorated green cloth with gilt lettering; 4082 pages. $5,000

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The Atlantes Neerlandici is a bibliography of terrestrial, maritime and celestial atlases, and pilot books, published in the Netherlands from 1570 up to the 20th century, in nine volumes, each describing a coherent group of atlases and supplied with indexes. The work is fully illustrated with all engraved title-pages, all maps of the folio-atlases, and a selection of the other maps. The first edition of Atlantes Neerlandici was compiled and edited by professor C. Koeman and published in six volumes by Theatrum Orbis Terrarum from 1967-1985. Koeman’s magistral work was the first work in the field of atlas-bibliography. This completely revised edition has new bibliographical descriptions of the atlases and maps according to the latest standards and based upon an inquiry to about 1500 libraries all over the world.

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Vol. IV (in three parts): TOWN ATLASES.
Vol. IVa (in two parts): THE “GALÉRIE AGRÉABLE DU MONDE” [Book # 104242]
THE WORK & PLAY OF ADRIAN WILSON
A BIBLIOGRAPHY WITH COMMENTARY

Austin, TX: W. Thomas Taylor, 1983; folio, quarter bound in oasis morocco dyed to match the Tuscany Red ink used in the text, Dutch linen sides stamped with Wilson's type-jugger device; 158, (2) pages. $350

Limited to 325 numbered copies (though the bibliography states 350 copies). Edited by Joyce Lancaster Wilson. Spine lightly faded unevenly, else a pristine copy. Adrian Wilson (1923-1988) was internationally known as a designer and printer of fine books. This beautifully produced bibliography contains a biographical introduction and illustrates 196 items produced by Wilson, each accompanied by lengthy comments by Wilson himself concerning the printing of each book and other pertinent facts. Printed by hand on handmade paper by Adrian Wilson and containing many tipped-in specimens of his work, some of the specimens are actual pages, often in color, from these books. A beautifully produced book. [Book # 4966]
THE ROWFANT LIBRARY, A CATALOGUE OF THE PRINTED BOOKS, MANUSCRIPTS, AUTOGRAPH LETTERS, DRAWINGS AND PICTURES, COLLECTED BY FREDERICK LOCKER-LAMPSON
(TOGETHER WITH) AN APPENDIX VOLUME COLLECTED SINCE THE PRINTING OF THE FIRST CATALOGUE

London: n.p., 1886, 1900; 2 volumes, large 8vo., original quarter morocco over cloth boards, gilt tops; xii,(iv),232,(2) pages; xvi,(iv),181+(1) pages. $400

The 1,247 original volumes of the Rowfant Library were collected by Frederick Locker (1821-1895), who added his wife's family name to his in 1885, were the inspiration for the Rowfant Club in Cleveland, Ohio, named after his estate at Rowfant Hall. The first volume of Locker-Lampson’s collection, printed by Bernard Quaritch in an edition of 250 copies (this being one of 150 copies printed for sale), forms the core of his collection, and is divided into two sections, 1480-1700, and 1700-1880. Illustrated with an etching by Cruikshank, 1868, Fairy Connoisseurs Inspecting Mr. Frederick Locker's Collection of Drawings & and a portrait engraving of Locker by George Du Maurier. Vol. I. is edited by Alfred W. Pollard and R.H. Lister, with a preface by Locker, and two poems by Andrew Lang that describe the nature of this unique collection. Vol. II, published posthumously by Locker’s son, Godfrey, and printed by Charles Whittingham at The Chiswick Press, 1900, is limited to 350 copies, of which 100 were intended for the Rowfant Club. Preface by Augustine Birrell, and photograph of Rowfant as frontispiece. The collection was purchased en bloc by Dodd, Mead, & Co. in 1904, who soon issued a catalogue of 100 titles. Frederick Locker was a well-regarded poet and man of letters, a friend of Dickens, Thackeray, Lord Houghton, George Eliot, and Tennyson’s brother-in-law. The focus of his library was largely on English literature from the 16th to the 19th centuries, the books often chosen because of a specific association with a significant owner or event. Locker prized associations of “persons, provenance, and passion above those of topic, content, and completeness,” establishing the technique of “Cabinet-Collecting” in England. John Carter in a 1948 essay describes the Rowfant Library, as not the most important, but “possibly the most revolutionary in its influence upon following generations that the whole century produced.” Rubbed along hinges and spine ends of both volumes. Wear at head of spine of volume one. Very scarce. [Book # 73401]
A HISTORY OF MAGIC AND EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCE
by Lynn Thorndike

New York: Columbia University Press, 1923-1958; 8 volumes (complete set), 8vo., cloth; variously paginated. $550

Later printings. The best guide to the literature, full of bibliographical and biographical information. Volumes 1 and 2 cover the first 13 centuries; 3 and 4 cover the 14th and 15th centuries; 5 and 6 cover the 16th century; and 7 and 8 cover the 17th century. Well indexed. A beautiful set. [Book # 122263]

CARTOGRAFIA DE LA AMERICA CENTRAL
Publicaciones de la Comision de Limites

Guatemala: Publisher, Tipografia Nacional; oblong folio, paper wrappers; (iv), followed by 125 maps. $250

Very scarce catographical reference for Central America. Some tears to the pages. Crease down the center of the entire text block. Very slight uneven sunning to the covers. Spine has been repaired. [Book # 135742]
CATALOGUE OF PRINTED MAPS, CHARTS AND PLANS
PHOTOLITHOGRAPHIC EDITION COMPLETE TO 1964

London: The Trustees of the British Museum, 1967; 16 volumes, folio, cloth, gilt on spine; variously paginated. $400

DÉCOUVERTE ET ÉVOLUTION CARTOGRAPHIQUE DE TERRE-NEUVE ET DES PAYS CIRCONVOISINS
1497-1501-1769
by Henry Harrisse

Amsterdam: N. Israel, 1968; 4to., cloth; (vi), lxxii, 413, (3) pages. $150

Reprint of the first edition originally published in London and Paris in 1900. This book traces the origin and evolution of cartography in the new world. The author discusses the many different maps drawn of the new world between the early sixteenth century and the late eighteenth century. Illustrated with reproductions of the maps discussed. With a historical introduction, a chronological list of events, an author index, and a general index. All in French. Some toning to the boards and spine, else a very good copy. [Book # 135938]

WILLIAM BROWNLOW MCCLELLAN EARLY TEXAS NEWSPAPERMAN HIS LIFE & HIS DESCENDANTS
by Aubrey L. McClellan

El Ceritto, CA: Rahara Enterprises, 1990; 8vo., cloth; 546 pages. $100


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by Garrison & Morton

(Aldershot): Scholar Press, (1991); thick 8vo., cloth, dust jacket;
xxiv, 1223 pages. $200

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Morton has provided an introduction to this 5th edition. Expanded
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HISTORIA CARTOGRÁFICA DE LA PENÍNSULA DE YUCATÁN
by Michel Antochiw

Campeche: Grupo Tribasa, 1994;
large 4to., paper covered boards,
dust jacket; 308 pages. $100

First edition. Spine is sunned, else near fine. Numerous plates and folded color
maps. More than one hundred maps of the Yucatan province, many of which
are in color. [Book # 135493]
ALBUM MEJICANO TRIBUTO DE GRATITUD AL CIVISMO NACIONAL
by Jose Ignacio Conde and Rubin Diaz

Mexico City, Mexico: Contabilidad Ruf Mexicana, 1974; large 4to., quarter leather over cloth boards, gilt on covers and spine, marbled pastedowns and endpapers; unpaginated. $180

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IMPRESIÓN DE LAS MADERAS ORIGINALES DE LA COLECCIÓN DE MANUEL PORRÚA, SELECCIÓN DE TEXTOS POR ALICIA DE LA PEÑA DE ZENDEJAS
edited by Erasto Cortés Juárez

Mexico: Librería de Manuel Porrúa, 1971; 8vo., paper wrappers; 283 pages. $250

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ENCICLOPEDIA YUCATANENSE

n.p.: Edicion Oficial Del Gobierno De Yucatan, Ciudad De Mexico, 1977; 10 volumes, 8vo., faux leather; variously paginated. $300

Second edition. Fully illustrated. A very clean and tight set of the second, and more sought after, edition of this rare bibliography. [Book # 135367]

IMPRESOS NOVOHISPANOS, 1808-1821
TOMO I / ... TOMO II
by Amaya Garritz

Ciudad Universitaria: Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, 1990; 2 volumes, small 4to., cloth, dust jacket; xvi,652, (2); xii,653-1347,(3) pages. $150

First edition, limited to 1,000 copies in boards and 1,000 in paperback. A bibliography of imprints (books, pamphlets, periodicals, etc.) related to the struggle for Mexican Independence, 1808-1821. With 5,505 numbered, relatively brief entries. The second volume has a bibliography for the period, partly of other bibliographies, and an index for both volumes. No. 9 of the “Series Bibliográfica” from the “Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas” of the National University. [Book # 53248]
MEXICO EN EL SIGLO XX
UNA BIBLIOGRAFIA SOCIAL Y POLITICA DE
PUBLICACIONES EXTRANJERAS, 1900-1969
by C.W. Johnson

Mexico: (Biblioteca Nacional de Mexico), 1969;
oblong 8vo., paper wrappers; 435 pages. $100

Mexican art historian Manuel Toussaint naz-
rates the introduction and development of
lithography in Mexico. With all 60 plates of
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This title is the first in a series of facsimile editions celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the National Library of Mexico foundation. Wrappers chipped and worn around the edges and spine. Rear cover separated from binding. [Book # 135871]

THE EPIC OF AMERICA
AN INTRODUCTION TO RAFAEL LANDIVAR AND THE
RUSTICATIO MEXICANA
by Andrew Laird

London, United Kingdom: Duckworth, 2006; 8vo., cloth, dust jacket; 312 pages. $100

First Edition. A lively introduction to the
rich and complex tradition of Latin literature
from colonial Spanish America, and to its
best known author, the poet Rafael Landivar.
Rafael Landivar is the best known of all the
poets from the Americas to write in Latin.
In the 15 books of his Rusticatio Mexicana
(1782), he described - in vivid epic verse - the
lakes, volcanoes, and wildlife of Mexico and
his native Guatemala, as well as the liveli-
hoods and recreations of the people of the
region. This panorama of nature, culture and
production in colonial New Spain took clas-
sical didactic poetry into a new world of political conflict. But Landivar also
writes with a strongly personal voice: elegiac and pastoral modes convey the pathos of displacement and the poet’s over-
whelming nostalgia for his American homeland. Andrew Laird’s introduction provides information about Landivar’s life
and exile to Italy, explains his diverse intellectual heritage, and collects his shorter works (translated into English here
for the first time). Very small tear at the head of the jacket, else fine. [Book # 135384]
LA LITOGRAFIA EN MEXICO EN EL SIGLO XIX
by Manuel Toussaint

Mexico: (Biblioteca Nacional de Mexico), 1934; oblong 4to., paper wrappers, paper cover label; unpaginated. $100

Mexican art historian Manuel Toussaint narrates the introduction and development of lithography in Mexico. With all 60 plates of facsimiles of major works portraying famous buildings, places, and people of Mexico. This title is the first in a series of facsimile editions celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the National Library of Mexico foundation. Wrappers chipped and worn around the edges and spine. Textblock separating from binding. [Book # 135504]

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A JOURNAL OF TYPOGRAPHY
edited by Stanley Morison

Westport: Greenwood Reprint Corporation, 1979; 5 volumes, 4to., cloth; 127,(37); (viii),114,(24); (viii),135,(17); (viii),164,(18); xvi,205,(21); xiii,264,(4); xiv,252,(2),25,(3) pages. $285

Reprint of the first edition of this periodical. 7 volumes bound in 5 as issued, complete. The most important English language periodical devoted to typography. Filled with important articles, tipped-in plates and other illustrations. The first four volumes were edited by Oliver Simon and the last three by Stanley Morison. This reprint is an impressive work as Greenwood even duplicated the tipped-in plates. Only the slightest hint of soiling to the covers, else very fine. [Book # 37464]
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A HISTORY OF THE NONESUCH PRESS
by John Dreyfus

London: The Nonesuch Press, 1981; 4to., cloth, dust jacket; xv, 319, (3) pages. $150

CYNTHIA ANN PARKER
by Grace Jackson

San Antonio, TX: Naylor Co, 1959; 8vo., cloth, dust jacket; 138 pages. $100

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Garden City, NY: Doubleday, Doran & Co., Inc., 1929-1931; 2 volumes, 4to., cloth, dust jacket; 331; 404 pages. $300

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(London, United Kingdom): The Camberwell Press, 1993; folio, leather spine, decorated paper covered boards, dust jacket; 87 pages. $1,500

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WINDOWS ON THE WEST
THE ART OF FRANK REAUGH
edited by Peter F. Mears

Austin, TX: Harry Ransom Center, 2015; oblong 4to, cloth, dust jacket; 167 pages. $150

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edited by B. De. Roquefort

Paris, France: Chasseriau, 1820; 2 volumes, 8vo., quarter leather over marbled paper covered boards; 581, 504 pages. $200

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