

Mountaineering

- Alpinist Magazine #39.** Summer 2012. #26139, \$14.95
- Alpinist Magazine #40.** Autumn 2012. #26191, \$14.95
- American Alpine Journal 2011.** wraps; new. #26133, \$49.95
- Agnolotti, Giuseppe & Giorgio Pettigiani. **Cordigliera: Tra Cielo e Ghiaccio [Cordillera: Between Sky and Ice].** [1979] Stampa Rattero, Torino, 1st, oblong 8vo, pp.126, 64 color & 33 bw photos, map, wraps; fine. #24408, \$75.-
A primarily photographic look at the Andes from the Santa Marta region in Columbia in the north to Sarmiento, Tierra del Fuego, Chile. Agnolotti led a number of expeditions to the Andes with three (1969, 1971 and 1972) to try the west peak of Sarmiento. In Italian, no English translation.
- Ardito, Stefano, ed. **History of the Great Mountaineering Adventures.** 2000 Italy, 1st, folio, pp.320, photo frontis, 424 color & 234 bw photos, 23 color & 34 bw illus, 9 color maps, blue cloth; dj w/ some edge bumps, else fine, cloth fine. #26196, \$48.- \$29.-
Another fabulously rich, large-format book from Ardito. This one describes the most exciting achievements on the summits of the world and includes an extensive chronology. This book weighs six pounds.
- . another copy. 2000 US, 1st, folio, pp.320, photo frontis, 424 color & 234 bw photos, 23 color & 34 bw illus, 9 color maps, blue cloth; dj fine, cloth fine. #20167, \$48.- \$25.-
- [Austrian Alpine Club]. **Members Handbook.** 1951 Austrian Alpine Club, London, small 8vo, pp.152+72, wraps; vg. #26208, \$5.-
A guide to huts and chalets throughout Austria, with a separate section on hotels. In German.
- Bonatti, Walter. **The Great Days.** 1976 Gollancz, London, 3rd imp, 8vo, pp.189, 35 bw photos, blue cloth; signed, dj unclipped, fine, cloth fine. #26151, \$795.-
Bonatti's second autobiographical work covers the Walker Spur, Eiger, Siberia, the Matterhorn, and more. Reprinted several times but the 1st printings are quite hard to find in any condition. A signed rarity. Neate B124.
- . another copy. dj unclipped, near fine, cloth fine. #26002, \$249.-
- . **On The Heights.** 1964 Rupert Hart-Davis, London, 1st, 8vo, pp.248, 19 bw photos, brown cloth; signed Bonatti & name/address of Terry Tullis, dj rubbed, edge tears reinforced, unclipped, good+, cloth vg+. #26153, \$850.-
Bonatti's climbs have taken him all over the world. In this book he gives his account of the 1954 Italian K2 expedition, his first ascent of Gasherbrum IV in 1958, as well as Patagonia, and climbs throughout the Alps. This is a wonderful association copy from the library of Julie and Terry Tullis. Terry's name and address have been neatly penned to the corner of the front free endpaper. One can only speculate how Julie may have been inspired by reading Bonatti's classic work. Scarce. Neate B126, Perret 541, Yak B208.
- . another copy. 1979 Diadem, London, rep, 8vo, pp.248, photo frontis, 16 bw photos, sketch, wraps; signed, slight bump to upper corner, else fine. #26160, \$295.-
- Bonington, Chris. **Annapurna South Face.** 1971 McGraw-Hill, NY, 1st, 8vo, pp.x, 334, 60 color photos, bw fldg photo, 2 maps, appendices, black cloth; signed Bonington & Tom Frost, dj fine, cloth fine. #26222, \$135.-
The 1970 first ascent of the South Face, by Haston and Whillans, ended tragically with the death of Ian Clough. My favorite of all of Chris' books. Neate B127, Yak B212.

- . **Chris Bonington's Everest.** 2002 UK, 1st, 4to, pp.256, photo frontis, 139 color & 4 bw photos, photo eps, blue cloth; signed, dj & cloth new. #22840, \$69.-
To mark the 50th anniversary of the first ascent of Everest, Bonington has drawn upon his original accounts and diaries of his own four Everest expeditions. His writings on these expeditions and reflections on the changes that have taken place in Himalayan climbing make for interesting reading.
- . **The Climbers: A History of Mountaineering.** 1992 Hodder & Stoughton/BBC, London, 1st, 8vo, pp.288, 40 color & 88 bw photos, 6 bw illus, 6 maps, 5 drawings, blue cloth; dj fine, cloth fine. #26199, \$27.95
A very nice book on the history of mountaineering from the ascent of Mont Blanc in 1786, through the Victorian era, the early Himalayan forays, up to today. Contains interesting background information.
- . **Everest: The Hard Way.** 1976 Random House, NY, 1st, 8vo, pp.303, photo frontis, 97 color photos, 14 maps/diagrams, appendices, blue cloth; signed, dj vg+, cloth near fine. #9528, \$45.- \$35.-
The successful 1975 British expedition, first ascent of the Southwest Face. Neate B130, SB B26, Yak B216.
- . **I Chose to Climb.** 1969 Gollancz, London, 3rd, 8vo, pp.207, photo frontis, 43 bw photos, 4 maps/diagrams, blue cloth; signed, dj rubbed, wear spot on front, vg, cloth w/ name stamp on 1/2 title/top edge, near fine. #9532, \$49.-
Chris' first book tracing his roots from Snowdonia, to the Alps, to the Himalaya. Neate B132, Yak B211.
- . **The Next Horizon: Autobiography II.** 1973 Gollancz, London, 1st, 8vo, pp.304, 6 color & 69 bw photos, 15 maps/diagrams, brown cloth; signed, dj chipped, edge tears, unclipped, good, cloth fine. #21958, \$59.-
Chris' second book picks up with an expedition to the Central Tower of Paine, the Eiger Direct, Ecuador, Hunza, and Annapurna. Neate B132, Yak B213.
- . **Quest for Adventure: Remarkable Feats of Exploration and Adventure 1950-2000.** 2000 UK, new ed, 4to, pp.352, photo frontis, 150 color & bw photos, sketches, maps, photo eps, blue cloth; signed, dj fine, cloth fine. #19705, \$39.-
This updated edition covers challenges on the oceans, deserts, rivers, mountains, poles, in air and space, and underwater caving. The climbing chapters are on Annapurna, Everest, Annapurna South Face, Nanga Parbat, El Capitan, and Changabang. See Neate B135, SB B27, Yak B217.
- , Doug Scott, et al. **Changabang.** 1976 Oxford, NY, 1st, 8vo, pp.118, photo frontis, 4 color & 52 bw photos, map, tan cloth; signed Bonington, dj fine, cloth fine. #18907, \$95.-
The first ascent of Changabang (22,520') in 1974. Neate B128, Yak B215.
- Bowley, Graham. **No Way Down: Life and Death on K2.** 2010 US, 1st, 8vo, pp.xxviii, 253, 36 color photos, map, map eps, blue cloth; cloth w/ edge mark, else dj & cloth new. #26197, \$25.99 \$9.99
Bowley re-creates one of the most dramatic tales of death and survival in mountaineering history, vividly taking readers through the tragic 2008 K2 ascent that claimed the lives of eleven climbers, severely injured two others, and made headlines around the world. With its near-perfect pyramid shape, K2 has lured serious climbers for decades. In 2008, near the end of a brief climbing season cut even shorter by bad weather, no fewer than ten international teams — some experienced, others less prepared — crowded the mountain's dangerous slopes with their Sherpas and porters, waiting to ascend. Finally, on August 1, they were able to set off. But hindered by poor judgment, lack of equipment, and overcrowded conditions, the last group did not summit until nearly 8 pm, hours later than planned. Disaster struck when a huge ice chunk from above the

Bottleneck, a deadly 300-foot avalanche-prone gully just below the summit, came loose and destroyed the fixed ropes. More than a dozen climbers and porters still above the Bottleneck — many without oxygen and some with no headlamps — faced the near impossibility of descending in the blackness with no guideline and no protection. Over the course of the chaotic night, some would miraculously make it back. Others would not. This is based on in-depth interviews with surviving climbers and many Sherpas, porters, and family and friends of the deceased. This is one of five books we have relating to the 2008 events on K2. Shortlisted for the 2010 Boardman-Tasker award.

Breashears, David & Audrey Salkeld. **Last Climb: The Legendary Everest Expeditions of Mallory and Irvine.** 1999 US, Deluxe Ed, 4to, pp.240, color frontis, 31 color & 95 bw photos, 4 maps, page-ribbon, aeg, gilt-dec brown-padded cloth w/ photo insert; dj & cloth new. #26145, \$35.- \$24.95
Breashears and Salkeld, experts in historical mountaineering and Everest, examine the story of George Mallory, and his three expeditions to explore and climb Everest, who along with Andrew Irvine disappeared in 1924. This wonderful book includes many vintage photographs, many of which have never been published, as well as images from the 1999 Mallory & Irvine Research Expedition which discovered Mallory's body.

Bruce, Gen. C. G. **The Assault on Mount Everest 1922.** 1924 Longmans, Green, NY, 2nd imp, royal 8vo, pp.xi, 339, photo frontis w/ tissue guard, 35 bw photos, 2 fldg maps back (1 color), blue cloth; xlib Princeton Univ, cloth w/ Univ bookplate to fep, pocket remnant on rear ep, miss 4 photos, hinges starting, maps w/ orig folds & no tears, vg. #21866, \$125.-
The second British expedition, from the north, building upon the reconnaissance of the previous year. Even then the use of oxygen was debated so attempts were made with and without, both going over 8000 meters. Neate B196, SB B44.

Bullock, Nick. **Echoes: One Climber's Hard Road to Freedom.** 2012 UK, 1st, 8vo, pp.xv, 231, 40 color & 26 bw photos, blue cloth; signed, dj & cloth new. #26149, \$39.95
Bullock, one of the UK's most outstanding climbers, presents his debut book. He escaped his life as a prison guard by discovering the mountains of Scotland and Wales. He has since traveled on over 20 expeditions from Pakistan to Peru in search of new routes and a new way of seeing the world. Bullock describes a number of climbs including Teng Kangpoche (Nepal), Meru Shark's Fin (India), Savoia Kangri (Karakoram), Quitaraju Central Buttress (Peru), and Jirishanca SE Face (Peru).

Cassidy, Katy & Earl Wiggins. **Canyon Country Climbs.** 1989 Pruett, Boulder, 1st, 4to, pp.xv, 101, color frontis, 99 color photos, map, black cloth; dj fine, cloth fine. #9575, \$29.-
This large-format book covers southeastern Utah's canyon country which includes Castle Valley, Fisher Towers, Arches National Park, Colorado River Valley, Canyonlands National Park, and Indian Creek.

Cassin, Riccardo. **50 Years of Alpinism.** 1981 Diadem, London, 1st, 8vo, pp.207, 90 bw photos, 6 maps/diagrams, green cloth; signed & dated 1985, dj unclipped, fine, cloth fine. #25864, \$595.-
Autobiography of one of Italy's finest mountaineers. Cassin is synonymous with some of the most important ascents in mountaineering. He made many first ascents in the 1930's, led the team on which Bonatti made the first ascent of Gasherbrum IV (1957), led the first ascent of McKinley's Cassin Ridge (1961), and led the 1975 Lhotse south face attempt with Messner. Also includes the Dolomites, Walker Spur, Peru, and more. Scarce as a signed copy. Neate C21, Yak C47.

—. another copy. 1981 Mountaineers, Seattle, 1st, 8vo, pp.207, 90 bw photos, 6 maps/diagrams, green cloth; dj fine, cloth fine. #11079, \$65.-

Chamoli, S. P. **The Great Himalayan Traverse: Kanchendzonga to Karakoram.** 1993 Vikas, New Delhi, 1st, 8vo, pp.xx, 267, photo frontis, 48 color & 2 bw illus, 12 maps, appendices, map eps, blue cloth; dj near fine, cloth near fine. #13710, \$39.-
Chamoli was a member of the Indo-New Zealand Himalayan Traverse Expedition which made the first traverse of the range in 1981. Expedition members also included Graeme Dingle and Peter Hillary. For another account, see Dingle's "First Across the Roof of the World".

—. another copy. 1994 Vikas, New Delhi, 2nd, 8vo, pp.xx, 267, photo frontis, 48 color & 2 bw illus, 12 maps, appendices, map eps, blue cloth; signed, dj clipped, near fine, cloth spine darkened, vg. #26293, \$95.-

Clyde, Norman. **Close Ups of the High Sierra.** 1976 La Siesta, Glendale, rev ed, 8vo, pp.79, 11 bw photos, 5 maps, wraps; near fine. #25614, \$9.-
Clyde's classic work on the Sierra together with the only authorized biographical sketch, by his friend Walt Wheelock.

Coffey, Maria. **Where the Mountain Casts its Shadow: The Dark Side of Extreme Adventure.** 2003 US, 1st, 8vo, pp.xviii, 234, blue cloth; cloth w/ edge mark, else dj & cloth new. #24698, \$23.95 \$9.95
Climbers who court danger in the world's highest places risk far more than their own skins. When tragedy strikes, what happens to the people who love them? Why would anyone choose to invest in a future with a high-altitude climber? This ground-breaking book violates a central taboo of extreme adventure: discussing the shattered lives and broken hearts of those left behind when climbers die while pursuing their summits. Coffey, partner of Joe Tasker who disappeared on Everest in 1982, recounts climbers' stories of near-death experiences and gives a voice to the families and loved ones of Bonington, Boukreev, Lowe, Viesturs, Wickwire, and others. Winner of the Jon Whyte Award for Mountain Literature at the 2003 Banff Mountain Book Festival.

Conefrey, Mick. **Everest 1953: The Epic Story of the First Ascent.** 2012 UK, 1st, 8vo, pp.xiv, 322, 6 color & 8 bw photos, 2 bw illus, map, illus eps, blue cloth; dj & cloth new. #26238, \$39.95

On the morning of 2 June 1953, the day of Queen Elizabeth's coronation, the first news ebbed through to the British public of a magnificent achievement: Everest had finally been conquered. Drawing on first-hand interviews and unprecedented access to archives, this is a groundbreaking new account of that extraordinary first ascent. In a thrilling tale of adventure and courage, Conefrey reveals that what has gone down in history as a supremely well-planned attempt was actually beset by crisis and controversy, both on and off the mountain. From funding panics to Sherpa rebellions, hostile press to menacing weather, John Hunt and his team had to draw on unimaginable skill and determination to succeed. An intimate insight into the forgotten personalities behind the ascent - including Eric Shipton, the enigmatic "Mr. Everest", and Tom Bourdillon and Charles Evans, who came within 100 metres of being first to the summit - Everest 1953 recounts a bygone age of self-sacrifice and heroism, using letters and personal diaries to reveal the immense stress the climbers often hid from their fellow team members.

Exploring long enduring controversies - did Tenzing or Hillary reach the top first? Why was Eric Shipton sacked as leader? Conefrey offers a fascinating window onto the media's coverage of the expedition. The Times had an exclusive deal, but other papers used all means necessary to break their monopoly (Ralph Izzard of the Daily Mail even hiked up to base camp alone, only to be met with stony silence and a cup of tea). Charting how the ascent affected the original team in subsequent years and detailing its immense cultural impact today, Everest 1953 is the perfect book to commemorate this remarkable feat of the human will.

Desio, Ardito. **La Conquista del K2 [The Conquest of K2].** 1954 Garzanti, Milano, 1st, 8vo, pp.xiii, 250, (64), fldg photo frontis, 16 color & 80 bw (2 fldg) photos, 3 color maps (1 fldg), blue cloth; inscribed Walter Bonatti 'questo libro contiene solo menzogne' (this book contains only lies), cloth w/ usual SIAE blindstamp on title page, fine. #25887, \$975.-

The official account of the 1954 Italian first ascent of K2. This original Italian edition has more photos than the English language translations. This copy has the blindstamp of the Società Italiana degli Autori ed Editori (SIAE, Italian Authors and Publishers Association) as I have seen in other copies. Bonatti's signature on Desio's book is very rare given the controversial nature of the expedition. His inscription in this copy leaves no doubt as to his feelings! A unique copy.

—. another copy. signed Achille Compagnoni & Lino Lacedelli, cloth worn, fep pasted to fep, good+. #23287, \$395.-

Scans of any item are available upon request.

Devies, Lucien & Lionel Terray. **Joies de la Montagne [Joys of the Mountain]**. 1965 Hachette, 1st, 4to, pp.255, 24 color & 166 bw photos, 18 bw portraits, 1 color & 10 bw illus, map, white cloth; dj corners rubbed, chipped on back, vg, cloth fine. #26212, \$35.-

A large-format celebration, with wonderful photos, of mountains beginning with the early history of Alpine climbing. With contributions from René Desmason, Jean Franco, Roger Frison-Roche, Toni Hiebeler, Georges Livanos, Guido Magnone, Samival, and others. In French, no English translation.

Euser, Barbara J. ed. **A Climber's Climber: On the Trail with Carl Blaurock**. 1984 Cordillera Press, CO, 1st, oblong 8vo, pp.83, 199 bw photos, wraps; fine. #23421, \$9.-

Blaurock started climbing at the age of 15, before nylon rope and factory-made pitons. He was among the most avid American climbers for over 50 years. He was the first to climb all the 14,000-foot peaks in Colorado and in 1924 made first ascents in the Wind River Range with Hermann Buhl. This is a nice book with chapters on Blaurock's expeditions and profusely illustrated with his period photographs.

[Everest]. **Mount Everest Cigarette Cards**. c1924 Player, London, set of 20 original bw cards; fine in original wrapper. #25810, \$275.-

An interesting, and scarce, item depicting the events of the 1924 British expedition. Each card features a black and white photo on the front and has a description on the back. Eighteen of the photos were taken by John Noel and two by T. Howard Somervell. Scarce as a full set.

Farquhar, Francis P. & Mildred P. Ashley. **A List of Publications Relating to the Mountains of Alaska**. 1934 AAC, NY, 1st, 8vo, pp.37, wraps; very fine. #23188, \$95.-

An extensive listing of books, journals, and articles relating to Alaska. Uncommon.

Fraser, Colin. **The Avalanche Enigma**. 1966 McNally, Chicago, 1st, 8vo, pp.301, 48 bw photos, 14 figs, appendix, map eps, green cloth; dj near fine, cloth w/ some speckling to spine, near fine. #21899, \$19.-, \$9.-

Fraser worked for the Swiss Federal Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research and was in Switzerland during the terrifying winter of 1950-51. He describes avalanches and explains the processes that create them in layman's terms and provides many accounts of accidents to illustrate the technical points. Still one of the better avalanche books written.

Gregson, Jim. **Exploring Greenland: Twenty Years of Adventure Mountaineering in the Great Arctic Wilderness**. 2012 UK, 1st, oblong 8vo, pp.xii, 146, photo frontis, 115 color photos, map, appendices, pictorial cloth; issued w/o dj, cloth new. #26239, \$39.95

Gregson shares narratives of adventures and experiences lived in the impressive landscapes of the great Arctic wilderness. This stunning book, beautifully illustrated with over 100 colour photographs, details his many expeditions to Greenland. Gregson has made many first ascents of unclimbed peaks and ranks among Britain's most experienced Arctic mountaineers.

Hamill, Mike. **Climbing the Seven Summits: A Comprehensive Guide to the Continents' Highest Peaks**. 2012 US, 1st, square 4to, pp.317, 108 color photos, 22 maps, tables, wraps; new. #26141, \$29.95

A complete reference to all eight of the Seven Summits (Everest, Kilimanjaro, Denali, Aconcagua, Vinson, Elbrus, Kosciuszko, and Carstenz Pyramid). Hamill has climbed the Seven Summits himself and guided for Alaska Mountaineering School and International Mountain Guides. He provides information for each peak on documentation, immunizations, costs, training, guide options, climbing styles, seasons, gear, itineraries, routes, maps, natural history, culture, post-climb activities, and more. With sidebars by Conrad Anker, Damien Gildea, Eric Simonson, Vern Tejas, and others. A most useful guide to these peaks for anyone planning to go or just interested on what it takes to attempt the mountain.

Herrligkoffer, Karl. **Nanga Parbat 1953**. 1954 Neues Leben, Berlin, 1st, 4to, pp.256, 8 color & 91 bw photos, 2 maps, blue cloth; cloth vg. #26201, \$19.-
Herrligkoffer's 1953 German-Austrian expedition finally succeeded in making the first ascent of Nanga Parbat, after numerous preceding attempts, when Hermann Buhl made the first ascent solo. This edition has more black and white photos than either English-language edition.

Hiebeler, Toni. **North Face in Winter: The First Winter Climb of the Eiger's North Face March 1961**. 1963 Lippincott, Phil, 1st, 8vo, pp.121, photo frontis, 20 bw photos, white/blue cloth; dj unclipped, fine, cloth w/ some red underlining, else fine. #9748, \$39.-

First winter ascent of the 6000' North Face by Hiebeler and three others over six days. Neate H76.

Howard-Bury, Lt. Col. C. K. **Mount Everest: The Reconnaissance, 1921**. 1922 Arnold, London, 1st, thick 8vo, pp.xi, 356, photo frontis w/ tissue guard, 32 bw photos, 3 color fldg maps back, appendices, uncut, blue cloth; cloth w/ light wear to edges, name of Arthur Butler April 1922 w/ his armorial bookplate & one other bookplate w/ matching receipt from Francis Edwards Booksellers 1956, hinges tight, maps w/o tears, fine. #14371, \$375.-

The first British expedition to Everest designed to pave the way for the following year. Almost one-third of the text is by George Leigh-Mallory describing the actual reconnaissance on the mountain. First in a long line of Everest expeditions, and books! We can include a color facsimile of the dust jacket if desired. Neate H120, SB H27, Yak H247.

One of Twenty Specially Bound Copies

Hunt, John. **The Ascent of Everest**. 1953 Hodder & Stoughton, London, Limited Edition #18/20, 8vo, pp.xx, 300, color frontis, 7 color & 71 bw photos, 6 maps/drawings, appendices, teg, raised bands, gilt-lettered spine, ¾ blue/green morocco and cloth; signed E. P. Hillary & John Hunt, rubbed, some spotting to covers, bookplate, near fine. #26165, \$5500.-

This is a very rare copy of the 1953 first ascent of Everest by Hillary and Tenzing. In addition to the regular trade edition of Hunt's official expedition account, twenty numbered and signed copies were specially bound by the renowned London bookbinding firm of Sangorski & Sutcliffe, considered to be one of the most important bookbinding firms of the 20th century. The limitation page states 'This copy is one of twenty signed by Sir John Hunt and Sir Edmund Hillary, and specially bound by Sangorski & Sutcliffe. This is number 18.' When expedition members were asked about the book at the 1993 reunion they were unaware of its existence. It's quite possible these were created for backers of the expedition. This particular copy bears the sporting bookplate of H(arold) C(harles) Drayton (1901-1966), a British financier and collector. I have been able to track down only three other copies of this special binding. A signature book for any mountaineering library. This is not listed in any of the usual mountaineering bibliographies. Very rare.

— another copy. 1993 Hodder & Stoughton, London, Ltd ed #484/500 40th Anniv ed, 8vo, pp.xvi, 280, color frontis, 7 color & 14 bw photos, 4 maps, text illus, appendices, marbled eps, teg, raised bands, gilt dec half blue morocco & cloth in blue cloth slipcase; signed John Hunt, Charles Evans, Griffith Pugh, Alf Gregory, George Band, George Lowe, Mike Westmacott, Charles Wylie, Michael Ward, & Ed. Hillary, very fine, slipcase very fine. #19012, \$2500.-
The 1953 first ascent of Everest by Hillary and Tenzing, a must for any mountaineering library. This sumptuous edition was done for the 40th Anniversary reunion of the team. UK edition of "Conquest of Everest". Neate H135, SB H31, Yak H269.

— another copy. 2002 UK, 50 Anniversary Ltd ed 1000, 8vo, pp.xviii, 280, color frontis, 7 color & 14 bw photos, text illus, charts, 3 maps, appendices, blue cloth; slipcase, dj & cloth new. #22958, \$115.- \$95.-

This special 50th anniversary edition of Hunt's classic book includes a special facsimile page with the signatures of the 1953 team based on George Band's personal copy of the original edition. Also includes Hunt's preface and Hillary's postscript from the 40th anniversary edition, a new foreword by the Duke of Edinburgh, a new appendix by Charles Clarke, and a slipcase. Several of the photos in this edition were not in the original edition. The dust jacket is of the same heavy paper as the original. Limited to 1000 copies.

Jonas, Rudolph. **Ho, Pasang!: Österreichische Bergsteiger in Westnepal**. 1954 Europa, Wien, 1st, 8vo, pp.176, map frontis, 36 bw photos, sketch, map, tan cloth; dj chipped top spine, vg, cloth fine. #24305, \$35.-

Jonas led the seven-member 1954 Austrian expedition to Saipal (23,096') in western Nepal. They came within 3000' of the summit when one member succumbed to pneumonia. In German, no English translation.

Kapadia, Harish. **A Passage to Himalaya**. 2001 India, 1st, 8vo, pp.xix, 351, ads, 55 bw photos, page ribbon, blue cloth; dj vg, cloth fine. #22030, \$39.-
A wide selection of some of the finest writings from the 'Himalayan Journal' from its inception in 1928 to 2000. Kapadia is the long-standing editor of the Journal which carries a number of articles not included in either the UK or US journals.

King, Clarence. **Mountaineering in the Sierra Nevada**. 1935 Norton, NY, rep, 8vo, pp.320, photo frontis, 7 bw photos, red cloth; cloth w/ inscription, vg+.
#25936, \$15.-
A classic of American mountaineering first published in 1872. Neate K21.

Kirkpatrick, Andy. **Psychovertical**. 2008 UK, 1st, 8vo, pp.277, 35 color photos, 12 bw illus, 14 route drawings, map, blue cloth; signed, dj fine, cloth fine.
#26134, \$95.-

Kirkpatrick is one of the world's most accomplished mountaineers and big-wall climbers. In this, his first book, he describes his 13-day solo ascent of El Capitan's Reticent Wall interwoven with his earlier climbs in Yosemite, the Alps, and Fitzroy. Winner of the 2008 Boardman-Tasker Award for Mountaineering Literature.

Kowalewski, Z. & A. Paczkowski. **Karakoram: Polski Wyprawy Alpinistyczne**. 1986 Sport, Warsaw, 1st, 4to, pp.238, 43 color & 200 bw photos, 15 maps, map ep, blue cloth; dj chipped top/bottom spine, edges rubbed, vg, cloth near fine.
#18432, \$49.-
A great reference source for Polish climbs in the Karakorum focusing on Falchan Kangri, Gasherbrum, K2, Rakaposhi, Masherbrum, and others. This is a companion volume to their work 'Himalaje'. In Polish, no English translation.

Krakauer, Jon. **Into the Wild**. 1996 Villard, NY, 1st prt, 8vo, pp.xi, 207, photo frontis, bw photo, 4 maps, map eps, black/grey cloth; signed, dj very fine, cloth very fine.
#11843, \$395.-
Krakauer's gripping account of disappearance and death in Alaska's wilderness vaulted to the New York Times Bestseller list. This was Jon's first book and first printings, especially signed, are hard to come by. Selected by Outside Magazine as one of the best 25 adventure books of the past 100 years.

Kropp, Göran. **Ultimate High: My Everest Odyssey**. 1999 Discovery Books, London, 1st, 8vo, pp.xii, 227, 21 color photos, 3 maps, sketch, blue/grey cloth; dj unclipped, fine, cloth fine.
#26154, \$125.-
This is the scarce UK edition of Kropp's book, published in the US but with the UK dust jacket. In 2000 the book was banned in the UK when the publisher was successfully sued for libel as Kropp had mistaken one climber for another. Kropp took a new approach to climbing Everest by starting out from Sweden on his bike in October 1995. Seven months later his first solo summit attempt ended 350 feet short of the top. Following the disastrous storm which claimed a number of lives he succeeded on his second attempt, in the company of renowned sherpa climber Ang Rita, and without the use of supplemental oxygen. He then got on his bike to head back home. This also includes an account of his 1993 ascent of K2 via the Abruzzi Ridge. In 1999 he returned to Everest and made his second ascent.

Kukuczka, Jerzy. **My Vertical World: Climbing the 8000-metre Peaks**. 1992 Mountaineers, Seattle, 1st, 8vo, pp.x, 189, 19 color photos, 14 bw illus, map, blue cloth; signed Carlos Carsolio, dj unclipped, fine, cloth fine.
#26155, \$225.-
Kukuczka was the second person to climb all 14 of the 8000m peaks, after Messner. All but one of his climbs were by new routes or were first winter ascents. This has become a hard to find title.

Kurczab, Janusz.. **Polskie Himalaje [The Polish Himalayas]**. 2008 Warszawa, 1st, square 8vo, 6 vols, vol I pp.160, 89 color & 47 bw photos, 6 maps, vol II pp.160, 122 color & 6 bw photos, vol. III pp.160, 129 color & 17 bw photos, vol IV pp.160, 104 color & 20 bw photos, 2 sketches, vol V pp.160, 141 color & 21 bw photos, vol VI pp.160, 157 color & 52 bw photos, map, pictorial cloth; signed Janusz Kurczab & Krzysztof Wielicki in each vol, issued w/o dj's, cloth new + 5 DVDs.
#25886, \$195.-

Vol 1. The First Conquerors w/ 54-min DVD

Vol 2. The Ice Warriors w/ 53-min DVD

Vol 3. The Great Climbing w/ 50-min DVD

Vol 4. Ladies In The Mountains w/ 41-min DVD

Vol 5. The Great Tragedies w/ 66-min DVD

Vol 6. A Lexicon of Polish Himalayan Mountaineering.

The Polish assault on the Himalaya began in July 1939, when a team of four climbers put the white-and-red Polish flag on the virgin summit of Nanda Devi East (7434m). From that beginning the Poles began their bold charge on the seven and eight-thousanders. In 1980 Leszek Cichy and Krzysztof Wielicki achieved the summit of Everest in winter, the first 8000er to receive a winter ascent. For the next 25 years the 8000ers belonged to the Poles in winter, seeing success on six more peaks. In 2002 Wielicki issued his Winter Manifesto to the younger Polish 'Ice Warriors' to take up the challenge on the remaining peaks. The first four volumes of this terrific set present an overview of Polish Himalayan expeditions. The fifth volume touches on the difficult aspect of death in the mountains while the sixth volume is a helpful reference book of terms, biographies of more than 100 Polish and foreign Himalayan climbers and basic statistics. In this set are all the great names of Polish mountaineers - Adam Bilczewski, Wojciech Branski, Leszek Cichy, Anna Czerwińska, Jerzy Hajdukiewicz, Artur Hajzer, Janusz Klarnet, Zbigniew Kowalewski, Jerzy Kukuczka, Wojciech Kurtyka, Aleksander Lwow, Andrzej Machnik, Piotr Morawski, Andrzej Paczkowski, Tadeusz Piotrowski, Piotr Pustelnik, Wanda Rutkiewicz, Adam Skoczylas, Krzysztof Wielicki, Wojciech Wróz, Andrzej Zawada, and many more. This is a great set to accompany Bernadette McDonald's book 'Freedom Climbers'. Text in Polish, PAL DVDs in Polish with English subtitles (these will play in either a computer or multi-region DVD player).

—another copy. issued w/o dj's, cloth new + 5 DVDs. #25880, \$159.-

Lunn, Arnold. **The Mountains of Youth**. 1925 Oxford Univ Press, London, 1st, 8vo, pp.192, ads, 20 blue-toned photos, uncut, green cloth; inscribed by Lunn Nov 25th, 1935, dj heavily chipped, taped, good, cloth fine. #26204, \$95.-
Lunn, a prolific writer, gives his account of his early days spent climbing in the Alps and his pioneer ski mountaineering. A classic work. Neate L76.

Maduschka, Leo. **Die Technik Schwerster Eisfahrten**. [c1942] Rother, München, small 8vo, pp.55, bw illus, wraps; vg.
#15805, \$9.-
Maduschka was one of the best German rock climbers of his time and, despite his early death at age 24, became an icon for young German climbers. He produced several booklets on rock climbing technique. In German, no English translation.

— **Neuzeitliche Felstechnik [Modern Rock Art]**. [c1942] Rother, München, small 8vo, pp.55, bw illus, wraps; stamped Robert Underhill, vg. #15806, \$9.-
In German, no English translation.

Maix, Kurt. **Berge-ewiges Abenteuer [Mountains – Eternal Adventure]**. 1966 Nymphenburger, München, 1st, 8vo, pp.543, 65 bw photos, grey cloth; cloth fine.
#26214, \$15.-
A history of mountaineering beginning with Babylonians, Romans, and Vikings. In German, no English translation.

Maraini, Fosco. **Karakoram: The Ascent of Gasherbrum IV**. 1961 Hutchinson, London, 1st, 8vo, pp.320, 58 color & 50 bw photos, 20 maps/drawings, appendices, map eps, tan cloth; signed Walter Bonatti & Riccardo Cassin, dj w/ general edge wear, vg, cloth fine.
#26152, \$995.-
Account of the 1958 Italian first ascent of Gasherbrum IV (K3), with excellent photos throughout. GIV, while barely under the 8000m mark at 7925m, is more difficult than some higher peaks and has seen few ascents. One of my favorites. This copy is signed by two of the most famous mountaineers in history – Walter Bonatti who, along with Carlo Mauri, made the first ascent and Riccardo Cassin, who led the expedition. Neate M47, Yak M80.

— 1961 Viking, NY, 1st, 8vo, pp.320, 58 color & 50 bw photos, 20 maps/drawings, appendices, map eps, tan cloth; signed Walter Bonatti & Riccardo Cassin, dj w/ several edge tears, vg, cloth fine.
#9887, \$895.-

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Marwah, Rita Gombu. **Nawang Gombu: His Life and Times through Media Clippings.** 2007 New Delhi, 1st, 4to, pp.184, 348 bw photos, wraps; signed Rita Gombu Marwah & Nawang Gombu, corners bumped in shipping, else new. #25499, \$125.-

This is a unique compilation of newspaper and magazine articles written about Nawang Gombu through various phases of his climbing career. This extensive collection consists of photocopies of the original articles, essentially a scrapbook of his career. Gombu, a nephew of Tenzing Norgay, had an amazing career with expeditions to Everest (youngest Sherpa to reach 26,000' (1953), 1960, 1963, first to reach summit twice (1965), and 1982), Makalu (1954), Saser Kangri (1956), Nanda Devi (1957 and 3rd person to reach summit (1964)), and Cho Oyu (1959). This collection has been compiled by his daughter Rita who climbed Nanda Devi (1982) and was the first Indian woman to reach the South Col during the Indian Everest Expedition of 1984, eventually reaching the South Summit. Uncommon.

Mateu, Manuel. **Everest: El Repte D'un Somni [Everest: Challenge in a Dream].** 1984 Editorial RM, Barcelona, 1st, 4to, pp.213, 117 color photos, chart, 9 maps, photo eps, blue cloth; dj fine, cloth fine. #22877, \$95.-
This 1982 Spanish Catalan Expedition made a strong attempt on Everest's West Ridge. They established a winch system and managed to reach 27,900' before being stopped by high winds. Nicely illustrated. In Catalan, no English translation.

McDonald, Bernadette. **Brotherhood of the Rope: The Biography of Charles Houston.** 2007 US, 1st, Special Edition Hardcover, 8vo, pp.250, photo frontis, 54 bw photos, pictorial cloth; signed Houston & McDonald, issued w/o dj, cloth new plus 43 minute DVD. #24635, \$159.-

This was a long-overdue book on one of America's great mountain heroes. Charlie Houston led an amazingly full life - mountaineer, high-altitude physiologist, family doctor, educator, mentor, and more. Through extensive interviews and research, McDonald traces Houston's life and career. His early climbs in the Alps, on Mount Crillon, Foraker, and Nanda Devi were the basis for his ground-breaking attempts on K2 in 1938 and 1953. The expedition's decision-making in 1953 has set the standard for 'brotherhood' in the mountains and is itself a classic story. Houston's groundbreaking medical experiments on altitude and the human body helped calibrate the nation's WWII air-assault strategy and shorten the war. This is the man personally recruited by Sergeant Shriver to lead the first Peace Corps programs in India; the friend who Bill Moyers credits with saving his life; the physician who built some of the first artificial-heart prototypes in his garage. With an introduction by Tom Hornbein. Included with this Special Edition hardcover is a DVD documentary with historical footage of the 1953 expedition to K2.

— **I'll Call You in Kathmandu: The Elizabeth Hawley Story.** 2005 US, 1st, 8vo, pp.254, 31 bw photos, map, red cloth; signed McDonald, dj & cloth new. #24792, \$34.95

Hawley is one of the most important figures in Himalayan climbing, although not herself a climber. For more than four decades she has been inextricably linked to all expeditions coming into Nepal and is the keeper of record for all expedition statistics. Despite her sharp tongue and rigorous interview style, she commands the respect of climbers from around the world. McDonald's book follows Hawley's life, the development of Himalayan mountaineering, and Nepal's entry into the 20th century. It is based on extensive interviews with Hawley, celebrated mountaineers, and Kathmandu intimates, and full access to Hawley's meticulous records and correspondence.

— **Tomaz Humar.** 2008 UK, 1st, 8vo, pp.xiv, 258, 28 color & 15 bw photos, map, blue cloth; signed McDonald, dj & cloth new. #24978, \$47.95

In August, 2005, Toma• Humar was trapped on a narrow ledge at 5900m on the Rupal Face of Nanga Parbat. He had been attempting a new route, directly up the middle of the highest mountain face in the world – solo. After six days he was out of food, almost out of fuel and frequently buried by avalanches. Three helicopters were poised for a brief break in the weather to pluck him off the mountain. Because of the audacity of the climb, the fame of the climber, the high risk associated with the rescue, and the hourly reports posted on his base-camp website, the world was watching. Would this be the most spectacular rescue in climbing history? Or a tragic – and very public – death in the mountains?

Years before, as communism was collapsing and Yugoslavia slid into chaos, Humar was unceremoniously conscripted into a dirty war that he despised, where he observed brutal and inhumane atrocities that disgusted him. Finally he did the unthinkable; he left and finally arrived home in what had become a new country – Slovenia.

He returned to climbing, and within very few years he was one of the best climbers in the world. Reinhold Messner, among others, called him the most remarkable mountain climber of his generation. His routes are seldom repeated; most considered them to be suicidal; yet he often climbs them solo and as this book was being written, he achieved the first ever solo ascent of the east summit of Annapurna. Toma• climbs have taken him to other great peaks such as Ganesh V, Ama Dablam, Bobaye, Nuptse, El Capitan, and Dhaulagiri.

Merkel, Willy & Karl Herrligkoffer. **Vom Karwendel zum Nanga Parbat [From Karwendel to Nanga Parbat].** 1961 Jugendschriften, Hannover, 1st, 8vo, pp.80, frontis, 15 bw illus, map, pictorial cloth; cloth lower spine splitting, vg. #22689, \$15.-

Merkel, who died on Nanga Parbat in 1934, led two expeditions to this difficult peak. For younger readers. In German, no English translation.

Messner, Reinhold. **The Challenge.** 1977 Oxford, NY, 1st, 8vo, pp.205, 31 color & 28 bw photos, 2 maps, 3 sketches, blue cloth; dj fine, cloth fine. #9899, \$95.- \$75.-

Messner describes two climbs - an unsuccessful 1975 expedition to Lhotse's south face, with Cassin, and his amazing alpine-style ascent of Hidden Peak with Habeler. Neate M87, Yak M167.

— **Der Nackte Berg: Nanga Parbat - Bruder, Tod und Einsamkeit [The Naked Mountain: Nanga Parbat – Brother, Death and Loneliness].** 2002 Germany, 3rd prtg, 8vo, pp.319, photo frontis, 33 color & 98 bw photos, sketch, illus eps, blue cloth; dj & cloth new. #22665, \$25.-

In 1970 Reinhold and his brother Gunter joined an expedition led by Karl Herrligkoffer to attempt the Rupal Face of Nanga Parbat. The tragic outcome of that expedition ended up in the courts, as had other Herrligkoffer-led expeditions. Messner's original account of this expedition 'Die Rote Rakete' is very difficult to find as virtually all copies were ordered destroyed due to litigation. Here at last is his story. In German, no English translation.

— **Free Spirit: A Climber's Life.** 1991 Hodder & Stoughton, London, 1st, 8vo, pp.250, photo frontis, 29 color & 35 bw photos, 2 maps, photo eps, black cloth; signed, dj near fine, cloth fine. #9903, \$149.-

Messner, regarded as one of the best climber's of all time, presents his autobiography from his early climbs in the Dolomites, to the Himalaya and the 8000-metre peaks, and through his crossing of Antarctica in 1990. Out of print in hardcover. SB M30.

Neate, Jill. **High Asia: An Illustrated History of the 7,000 Metre Peaks.** 1989 Mountaineers, Seattle, 1st, 4to, pp.x, 213, 64 color & 60 bw photos, 57 maps, map eps, blue cloth; dj & cloth w/ light bump to lower, open corners, else dj & cloth fine. #9970, \$145.-

A comprehensive book covering each of the over 400 peaks in the 7000 metre range, an area receiving increased focus and activity, with locations, access, routes, and extensive bibliographic data. Surprisingly hard to find and a useful reference.

Norgay, Jamling Tenzing. **Touching My Father's Soul: A Sherpa's Journey to the Top of Everest.** 2001 US, 1st, special signed ed, 8vo, pp.xvii, 317, 33 color & 17 bw photos, sketch, illus eps, blue cloth; signed, dj fine, cloth fine. #21862, \$69.-

Jamling, son of famed Everest Tenzing Norgay who first climbed Everest with Sir Edmund Hillary, and star of the IMAX film 'Everest', presents his autobiography including his account of the 1996 storm on Everest, details of his father's life, and the impact of climbing Everest. This special signed edition includes an additional bound sheet, prior to the half-title page, on which Jamling has signed. These sheets were not included in the standard unsigned cloth editions.

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Norton, Lieutenant-Colonel E. F. **The Fight For Everest: 1924.** 1925 Longmans, Green, NY, 1st, thick 8vo, pp.xi, 372, color frontis w/ tissue guard, 7 color illus & 24 bw photos, 2 maps (1 color fldg), uncut, blue cloth; cloth w/ light fading to spine, small tear top spine, few marks back cover, bookplate on fep, hinges tight, maps w/ no tears, vg. #14342, \$395.-
One of the most amazing stories in mountaineering history! The third British Everest Expedition of 1924 which saw George Mallory and Andrew Irvine heading into the clouds for the top. This is one of the classics of mountaineering literature. Increasingly hard to find.

Noyce, Wilfrid & Richard Taylor. **Everest is Climbed.** 1954 Puffin, Middlesex, 1st, oblong 8vo, 12 color & 16 bw illus, chart, 5 diagrams, wraps; small nick to upper edge, else fine. #26184, \$45.-
One of the Puffin Picture Book series, this tells the story of the British ascent of Everest in 1953. Uncommon.

Oelz, Oswald. **Mit Eispickel und Stethoskop [With Ice Axe and Stethoscope].** 2000 Germany, 4th, 8vo, pp.272, photo frontis, 16 color & 168 bw photos, map, page ribbon, blue cloth; inscribed, dj fine, cloth fine. #24072, \$25.-

Oelz has had an extensive mountaineering career. In addition to climbing the Seven Summits, with both Carrenz Pyramid and Kosciuszko, he has participated in numerous Himalayan expeditions to Manaslu, Makalu, Annapurna, Shisha Pangma, and Cho Oyu. In German, no English translation.

Ray, Kankan Kumar. **Handbook of Climbs in the Himalaya and Eastern Karakoram.** 2009 India, 1st, 8vo, pp.246, blue cloth; signed on dj, dj corners bumped from shipping, else dj & cloth new. #25447, \$49.-
A compilation of information of all attempts and climbs in the Himalaya and Karakoram ranges by Indian climbers since the 1950s on peaks over 6000m. The areas included are Arunchal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu, Kashmir, Nepal, Bhutan, and China.

Robbins, Royal. **My Life: The Golden Age.** 2012 US, 1st, 8vo, pp.vi, 150, 87 bw photos, wraps; signed, new. #26200, \$29.95
The third volume, in a planned series of seven, of Robbins' life story. This chronicles the years 1957-1964 which saw Royal's thrilling adventures during the Golden Age of Yosemite Valley. "The book is about what happened to me after the first ascent of the face of Half Dome. It covers getting drafted and two years in the Army. We make the 2nd ascent of the Nose of El Capitan as well as the first ascent of the Salathe Wall on that same great rock. I meet Liz and we get married. I climb the Direct Route on Half Dome and make other Yosemite firsts. And in 1963 we make the first ascent of the Southeast Face of Mt. Probois in Canada. The book ends with the successful ascent of the North America Wall on El Capitan in October 1964."

Roberts, David. **The Last of His Kind: The Life and Adventures of Bradford Washburn, America's Boldest Mountaineer.** 2009 US, 1st, 8vo, pp.334, 25 bw photos, black cloth; dj & cloth new. #25599, \$25.99 \$14.95
A terrific biography of the greatest mountaineer in Alaskan history and one of the finest mountain photographers of all time – Brad Washburn. Roberts introduces the family, teachers, friends, colleagues, and rivals who would play important roles in this legendary man's experiences, and re-creates his journeys to some of the most remote and beautifully wild places on earth. An exciting narrative of mountain climbing in the 20th century, this brings into focus Washburn's deeds in the context of the history of mountaineering. Winner 2009 Banff Mountain Book Festival James Monroe Thorington Award for Best Work of Mountaineering History.

Roch, André. **On Rock and Ice: Mountaineering in Photographs.** 1947 Adam & Charles Black, London, 1st, 4to, pp.xv, 87, photo frontis, 80 bw photos, brown cloth; dj lightly rubbed, vg, cloth w/ inscription, fine.
A very nice portfolio of peaks in the Alps. Neate R59. #23091, \$25.- \$19.-

Romero, Jordan, w/ Katherine Blanc. **The Boy Who Conquered Everest: The Jordan Romero Story.** 2010 US, 1st, 8vo, [pp.68], photo frontis, 167 color & 6 bw photos, figs, map, wraps; signed, fine. #26156, \$35.-
Romero set a new record when, at age 13, he reached the summit of Everest and completed his quest for the Seven Summits (both Kosciuszko and Carstenz Pyramid). This book is geared toward younger readers but is the only one to

document his quest.

Roskelley, John. **Last Days: A World-famous Climber Challenges the Himalayas' Tawoche and Menlungtse.** 1991 Stackpole, Harrisburg, 1st, 8vo, pp.211, 33 color photos, 3 maps/drawings, tan/red cloth; signed Roskelley & Jeff Lowe, dj fine, cloth w/ name stamp, else fine. #26135, \$49.-
Roskelley has had a long and successful career and here describes two climbs - Tawoche (21,535', 1989) and Menlungtse (23,560', 1990). Lowe was a member of the Tawoche team.

Schließler, Martin. **Beruf: Abenteurer [Occupation: Adventurer].** 1974 BLV, München, 2nd, 8vo, pp.231, photo frontis, 5 color & 47 bw photos, 13 sketches, map, red cloth; dj w/ 2" closed tear front, else fine, cloth fine. #10932, \$15.-
Schließler was a mountaineer, filmmaker, artist, photographer, writer, sculptor and world traveler. In 1949 he made difficult ascents with Hermann Buhl on the South Ridge of the Aiguille Noire, the North Face of the Aiguille Blanche, and the Peuterey Ridge of Mont Blanc. In 1954 he filmed as a member of the German-Austrian Karakoram Expedition which explored north of Hunza, Kukuar, and the Baltar Glaciers. Overall he made more than 200 films from his travels. In German, no English translation.

Seligman, G. **Snow Structure and Ski Fields: Being an Account of Snow and Ice Forms met with in Nature and a Study of Avalanches and Snowcraft.** 1936 Macmillan, London, 1st, 8vo, pp.xii, 555, fldg photo frontis, 371 bw photos/figures, appendices, blue cloth; cloth w/ name, fine. #26215, \$95.-

"This book is divided into three sections. The first includes the structure of snow and the changes, physical and mechanical, which take place in snowfields. The second deals with the mechanical aspects of avalanche development. The third is devoted to practical matters; it consists of a description of the different avalanches and measures for their avoidance together with several other aspects of practical snowcraft." This is an early definitive work on snow and avalanches. Hard to find. Neate S43.

Shipton, Eric. **Land of Tempest Prospectus.** [1963] Hodder & Stoughton, London, 8vo, pp.1, 1 bw illus, wraps; fine. #26187, \$29.-
The original prospectus for Shipton's book 'Land of Tempest'. This double-sided prospectus describes Shipton's book in together with an order form. A nice piece of ephemera to go with this classic book.

Simpson, Joe. **This Game of Ghosts.** 1994 Mountaineers, Seattle, 1st, 8vo, pp.320, photo frontis, 62 bw photos, blue cloth; dj fine, cloth fine. #10117, \$29.-
Simpson's third book explores fear, the unknown, and climbing friends lost.

— another copy. 1995 US, reprint, 8vo, pp.330, 47 bw photos, wraps; new. #4264, \$16.95

— **Touching the Void.** 2002 Cape, London, rep, 8vo, pp.173, 16 color & 7 bw photos, sketch, map eps, black cloth; signed, dj fine, cloth fine. #25409, \$55.-

An amazing story of survival on Siula Grande (20,848') in the Peruvian Andes in 1985. Winner of the 1988 Boardman/Tasker Mountaineering Literature Award and published in 13 languages. Selected by Outside Magazine as one of the best 25 adventure books of the past 100 years. A great read.

Slakey, Francis. **To the Last Breath: A Memoir of Going to Extremes.** 2012 US, 1st, 8vo, pp.252, 15 color & 2 bw photos, map, blue/white cloth; signed bookplate inserted, dj & cloth new. #26140, \$24.95
Slakey is a physics professor whose restrained lifestyle was profoundly changed by his decision to climb the Seven Summits and surf every ocean. His quest challenged his fiercely held beliefs and opened his heart to what it means to be human. His climbing quest started with Kilimanjaro in 1997 and culminated with Carstenz Pyramid in 2002. A gripping, action-filled read.

Smythe, Frank. **Camp Six Prospectus.** [1937] Hodder & Stoughton, London, 8vo, pp.4, wraps; horizontal fold, as new. #26223, \$39.-
The original prospectus for Smythe's book 'Camp Six'. This 4-page prospectus describes Smythe's book in detail with a quote from the final chapter. The last page includes an order form for the book. A nice piece of ephemera to go with this classic book.

Spring, Ira. **High Rocks and Ice: The Classic Mountain Photographs of Bob and Ira Spring.** 2004 US, 1st, 4to, pp.107, photo frontis, 113 bw photos, wraps; new. #26146, \$18.95

At the age of twelve, twin brothers Bob and Ira Spring received free Eastman Kodak Box Brownie cameras as part of a corporate fiftieth anniversary promotion. This happy coincidence was the beginning of two legendary careers. Throughout their lives the Spring brothers nurtured the spark of their creativity and love of the mountains to create indelible images that introduced generations of climbers to the beauty of the Cascade and Olympic Mountains and the Canadian Rockies

Outfitted with Goldline rope, leather boots, and cameras that weighed as much as 100 pounds, the brothers documented the development of equipment and technique in both mountaineering and photography, and cultivated friendships with renowned mountaineers such as Fred Beckey, Willi Unsoeld, and Jim and Lou Whittaker. The Springs' photographs captured the timeless beauty of the mountains of the Northwest in stunning black-and-white and were published in National Geographic, The Saturday Evening Post, Esquire, Life, and more than fifty books.

High Rocks and Ice presents the brothers' most famous images accompanied by the stories behind the pictures as well as Ira's humorous accounts of his triumphs and mistakes, making this book both a fascinating chronicle of the Springs' work and an informal history of mountaineering during its "classic age" from the late 1930s to the early 1970s.

A magnificent selection of the Spring's classic photos featuring the Olympic Mountains, Rainier, Glacier Peak Wilderness, North Cascades National Park, Alpine Lakes Wilderness, Canadian Rockies, Glacier Peak, Alaska, and Boulder River Wilderness.

Stainforth, Gordon. **Fiva: An Adventure That Went Wrong.** 2012 UK, 1st, 8vo, pp.xi, 210, 22 bw photos, sketch, map, wraps; new. #26258, \$24.95
The epic true account of a near-death experience on a mountain in Norway in 1969. In the summer of 1969, two teenage twin brothers, with only three years' mountaineering experience, set off to climb one of the highest rock faces in Europe. With just two bars of chocolate, some sandwiches, a four-sentence route description and an old sketch map, they left their tent early one morning with the full expectation of being back in time for tea. Within a few hours things had gone badly wrong, they were looking death in the face, and the English Home Counties seemed very far away. Winner 2012 Banff Mountain Book Festival Mountain & Wilderness Literature, Shortlisted for 2012 Boardman-Tasker Award for Mountaineering Literature.

Styles, Showell. **Mallory of Everest.** 1967 Macmillan, NY, 1st, 8vo, pp.174, photo frontis, 16 bw photos, sketch, 3 maps, pictorial cloth; dj fine, cloth fine. #11888, \$19.-

Mallory disappeared, along with Andrew Irvine, on the 1924 British Everest Expedition, last seen going for the top. Amazingly, he was found in spring 1999, leaving many questions still unanswered. Neate S189, SB S56, Yak S385.

Tichy, Herbert. **Cho Oyu: Gnade der Götter [Cho Oyu: Grace of the Gods].** 1955 Buchgemeinschaft Donauland, Wien, 1st thus, 8vo, pp.223, 4 color & 36 bw photos, map, map eps, appendix, grey cloth; inscribed Tichy 1960, dj w/ edge chips & hole in spine, vg-, cloth fine. #25435, \$225.-
This is the German edition of Tichy's classic book 'Cho Oyu: By Favour of the Gods' recounting the first ascent of Cho Oyu in 1954. The summit was reached by Tichy, Pasang, and Joseph Jöchler. This was the smallest team to make a first ascent of an 8000 meter peak. In German.

Trimble, Stephen. **Longs Peak: A Rocky Mountain Chronicle.** 1984 Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, 1st, 4to, pp.112, photo frontis, 77 color & 31 bw photos, 8 bw illus, map, appendices, blue cloth; dj fine, cloth fine. #26217, \$19.-

Longs Peak (14,255'), the highest in Rocky Mountain National Park, was discovered by Major Stephen Long in 1820. The first recorded ascent, by John Wesley Powell, was in 1868. This is a nice history of the mountain in all its glory.

Van Tilburg, Christopher. **Mountain Rescue Doctor: Wilderness Medicine in the Extremes of Nature.** 2007 US, 1st, 8vo, pp.x, 293, 15 color photos, red cloth; edge mark, else dj & cloth new. #26147, \$24.95

Tilburg is an emergency room physician, ski patrol doctor, emergency wilderness physician, and member of the Hood River Crag Rats, the oldest mountain rescue team in the country. When his beeper goes off, the call may take him racing up a mountain peak to rescue an injured hiker, into a blizzard to search for missing skiers, or to a mountain airplane crash scene for body recovery.

Dr. Van Tilburg's work requires a unique combination of emergency medicine, survival skills, agility, and extreme sports. He shares personal stories of harrowing and suspenseful rescues and recoveries, including the 2006 Mount Hood disaster, which claimed the lives of three climbers. This is an exhilarating tour through the perils of nature and medicine.

Venables, Stephen. **First Ascent: Pioneering Mountain Climbs.** 2008 US, 1st, 4to, pp.192, photo frontis, 152 color & 59 bw photos, 8 color & 2 bw illus, pictorial cloth; dj & cloth new. #25105, \$44.95 \$24.95

In this large-format book, Venables takes readers back to a time when there were many mountains yet to be climbed. Using first-hand accounts and archival photographs, he tells the exciting history of world mountaineering by describing in vivid detail 70 first ascents of the most daunting peaks. At the same time, he reveals the development of climbing styles and climbing technology. First Ascent covers every main mountain range in the world, with pioneering ascents including classic mountaineering, rock climbing, unassisted climbing, big-wall climbing, ice climbing and clean climbing from 1786 to 2005. Some of the peaks included are: Annapurna, Ben Nevis, Broad Peak, Cerro Torre, Changabang, Cook, Deborah, Dru, Eiger, El Capitan, Everest, Gasherbrum III, Gaurishankar, Grandes Jorasses, Huntington, Illimani, Jungfrau, Kenya, Lhotse, Makalu, Matterhorn, McKinley, Mont Aiguille, Mont Blanc, Nanda Devi, Nanga Parbat, Old Man of Hoy, Sinai, Siniolchu, Spantik, Totem Pole, Trango Tower, Vinson, Walker Spur, Weisshorn, and many more.

Viesturs, Ed. **Himalayan Quest.** 2003 US, 1st, 4to, pp.159, photo frontis, 76 color photos, 21 route drawings, 2 maps, blue/white cloth; signed 'No Shortcuts to the Top' bookplate, dj & cloth new. #22786, \$32.- \$19.95

Ed's first book on his 15-year quest to climb all 14 of the highest peaks in the world. When this was written he had completed 12 of the 14, including summiting Everest 5 times. This is primarily a photo book, with long photo captions, organized chronologically. Many of Ed's high-altitude photos are published here for the first time.

— w/ David Roberts. **The Will to Climb: Obsession and Commitment and the Quest to Climb Annapurna - the World's Deadliest Peak.** 2011 US, 1st, 8vo, pp.xv, 281, photo frontis, 20 color photos, blue cloth; signed David Roberts, dj & cloth new. #26195, \$26.95 \$19.95

Viesturs chronicles his three attempts to climb Annapurna, the world's 10th highest and statistically deadliest peak, while exploring the dramatic and tragic history of others who have made, or attempted, the ascent, and what these exploits teach us about facing life's greatest challenges. As a high school student in the flatlands of Illinois, Ed read and was captivated by Herzog's famous account of the first ascent of Annapurna in 1950. When he began his own campaign to climb the world's 14 highest peaks in the late 1980s, he looked forward with trepidation to undertaking Annapurna himself. Two failures to summit in 2000 and 2002 made Annapurna his nemesis. His successful 2005 ascent was the capstone of his climbing quest. In 'The Will To Climb' Ed brings the extraordinary challenges of Annapurna to vivid life through edge-of-your-seat accounts of the greatest climbs in the mountain's history, and of his own failed attempts and eventual success.

Vitry, Christian. **Dhaulagiri.** 2010 Argentina, 1st, 8vo, pp.249, 103 color photos, 2 maps, wraps; new. #26167, \$39.95

In 2008, Vitry and his small, four-person, Argentinian team intended to climb Shishapangma but were prevented from doing so by the Chinese. They then turned their sights on Dhaulagiri. The summit was in reach, with all four in a two-man tent, when Vitry and one other headed up while two headed down. Vitry reached the summit, although his partner did not, and barely made it down to base camp with the help of another team. His partner disappeared while making a second attempt on the summit. Here Vitry provides an account of their expedition. In Spanish, no English translation.

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Ward, Michael. **Everest: A Thousand Years of Exploration - A Record of Mountaineering, Geographical Exploration, Medical Research and Mapping.** 2003 UK, 1st prt, ltd ed 300, 8vo, pp.xxiv, 350, 34 bw photos, 1 color & 2 bw illus, 7 diagrams, 21 drawings, 27 maps, map eps, appendix, red cloth; dj fine, cloth fine. #22911, \$115.-

The first comprehensive Monograph to tell the Everest story as it has evolved over the centuries. Ward was a member of both the 1951 and 1953 Everest expeditions and was directly involved in the pivotal events that led to success. In this major 'biography' of the world's highest peak, written to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first ascent, he provides new insights based on historical research and his own personal and professional experience. As a holder of the Founder's Gold Medal of the Royal Geographical Society, he has been given unique access over the past ten years to rarely available information. This includes a number of maps specially produced at the RGS to illustrate exploratory journeys in the Everest region from the Middle Ages to the present day. This copy is from the first printing of 300 with the frontis incorrectly placed prior to the half-title page. A second printing of an additional 200 copies was done with the frontis placed prior to the title page. With only 500 total copies printed this has become a collectible book!

Washburn, Bradford. **Among the Alps with Bradford.** 1927 Putnam's, NY, 1st, 8vo, pp.xiv, 160, ads, photo frontis, 43 bw photos, map eps, orange cloth; signed 2x, cloth rubbed, 1 plate leaf loose, vg+. #24346, \$149.-
Brad describes exploring the peaks about Chamonix, making the Charmoz-Grépon traverse, and his attempt on Mont Blanc. The first of Brad's three books in this series. Uncommon. Neate W24.

— **Bradford on Mount Fairweather.** 1930 Putnam's, NY, 1st, 8vo, pp.ix, 127, photo frontis, 30 bw photos, 3 maps, photos eps, blue cloth; signed, cloth rubbed, spine lightly faded, foxing to frontis & title page, vg. #18989, \$295.-
In 1930 Washburn, and five others, made the second attempt on Mt. Fairweather (15,300'). The third of Brad's three books in this series. Uncommon. Neate W26.

Waterman, Laura & Guy. **Yankee Rock & Ice: A History of Climbing in the Northeastern United States.** 2002 US, 1st thus, 8vo, pp.xvi, 334, 135 bw photos, 8 sketches, wraps; signed Laura Waterman, fine. #25672, \$19.-
A wonderful history of northeastern climbing from the early 1900's through the 1980's.

Wells, Colin. **A Brief History of British Mountaineering.** 2001 UK, 1st, oblong 8vo, pp.vii, 120, 74 color & 75 bw photos, 11 sketches, photo eps, wraps; edges ruffled, vg. #23035, \$24.-
This nicely done book covers the full range of British mountaineering from 1850 to today. Includes profiles of a number of British climbers including Chris Bonington, Joe Brown, Mick Fowler, Leo Houlding, Paul Pritchard, Doug Scott, and others.

Whillans, Don & Alick Ormerod. **Don Whillans: Portrait of a Mountaineer.** 1971 Heinemann, London, 1st, 8vo, pp.266, 25 bw photos, blue cloth; signed Don Whillans, dj w/ small edge tear back, very good+, cloth w/ some light speckling to cover, else fine. #26185, \$675.-
Whillans did many pioneering climbs in the 1950's and 60's, including the first ascent of the South Face of Annapurna. He was an extremely colorful character and signed copies of his book are quite hard to find. Neate W52, Yak W63.

Wielicki, Krzysztof. **Crown of Himalaya: 14 X 8000.** 1997 Poland, 1st prt, 8vo, pp.142, 146 color & 2 bw photos, 14 maps, map eps, pictorial boards; issued w/o dj, boards fine. #11870, \$125.-
In the fall of 1996 Wielicki became the fifth person to climb all 14 8000-metre peaks. Similar in style to Messner's 'All 14 8000ers', this has separate chapters on each peak with a route map, history, and account of Wielicki's own ascent. Only 500 copies printed in English.

Wilson, Edward L, et al. **Mountain Climbing.** 1897 Scribner's, [NY], 1st, 8vo, pp.xi, 358, frontis, 81 bw illus, blue cloth; xlib, cloth rubbed, tear to title page, vg. #15059, \$9.-
This anthology includes Mount Washington in winter, Aetna, Ararat, St. Elias, and more. Neate W98.

Yates, Simon. **The Flame of Adventure.** 2001 Cape, London, 1st, 8vo, pp.x, 220, 29 color photos, 2 maps, black cloth; signed, dj fine, cloth fine.

#22067, \$89.-

Yates' second book tells of his early climbing years in such places as the Tien Shan, the Eiger, the Karakoram, and Australia. His adventures and descriptions of other climbers like Doug Scott and Joe Simpson are entertaining.

Expedition Postcards

1954 Photo Italian K2 Expedition. signed Lino Lacedelli, fine.#26169, \$75.-
A recently reproduced black/white photo of Lacedelli at base camp. Lacedelli has signed across the photo. This is a different photo from the one below.

1956 Photo Swiss Lhotse Expedition. signed Ernst Reiss, fine. #26170, \$75.-
A recently reproduced black/white photo showing two climbers ascending. Reiss has signed across the photo.

1956 Photo Swiss Lhotse Expedition. signed Ernst Reiss, fine. #26171, \$75.-
A recently reproduced black/white photo showing Reiss on the mountain. Reiss has signed across the photo.

1962-63 South Patagonia Survey Expedition. signed 7 – Vic Bray, Chris Bonington, Ian Clough, Barrie Page, John Streetly, Derek Walker, Don Whillans, fine. #26040, \$150.-
This expedition made the first ascent of the Central Tower of Paine with the summit being reached by Bonington and Whillans.

1963 Postcard Österreichischen Dhaul-Himal-Expedition. signed 8 members – Egbert Eidher (leader), Hans Fischer, Gerhard Fuchs, Walter Gstrein, Franz Huber, Klaus Kubiena, Ernst Kulhavy, & Adolf Weissensteiner, near fine. #22370, \$35.-
This expedition came within 400' of reaching the summit of Dhaulagiri II. This is one of two different cards for this expedition.

1963 Souvenir Card w/ Italian CAI Stamp. signed R Cassin, fine. #26104, \$95.-
A small card to which is affixed an Italian stamp celebrating the centenary of the Club Alpino Italiano. Cassin has signed his name across the card and on to the stamp. This is corner-mounted on an 8.5" x 11" sheet with an image of the team which made the first ascent of the North Face of Cima Ovest in 1935.

1965 Souvenir Card w/ 2 Swiss Stamps of the Matterhorn. signed Walter Bonatti, fine. #26105, \$125.-
A small card to which is affixed two Swiss stamps featuring the Matterhorn. Bonatti has signed his name across the stamps.

1971 Postcard International Himalayan (Everest) Expedition. signed 24 members – Wolfgang Axt, Harsh Bahuguna, F. Duane Blume, John Cleare, Gary Colliver, Odd Eliassen, John Evans, Dougal Haston, Toni Hiebeler, Ian Howell, David Isles, Reizo Ito, Ned Kelly, Carlo Mauri, Murray Sayle, Leo Schlommer, Peter Steele, Ian Stuart, Jerzy Surdel, Jon Teigland, Antony Thomas, Naomi Uemura, Michel Vaucher, Yvette Vaucher, fine. #26173, \$195.-
The 1971 International Himalayan Expedition, led by Norman Dyhrenfurth, had 21 talented and ambitious climbers from 11 countries, plus members of the BBC. This large and ambitious group had both the Direct West Ridge and South West Face as their objectives. Bad weather, the tragic death of Harsh Bahuguna, illness, and dissent ultimately caused the expedition to fail.

1974 Postcard Italian K2 Expedition. signed Lino Lacedelli, fine. #26174, \$75.-
A sepia-toned commemorative postcard issued for the 20 anniversary of the Italian first ascent of K2, second highest mountain in the world, in 1954. Lacedelli has signed on the front, image side, of the card.

1978 Souvenir Cover 25th Anniversary of the First Ascent of Mount Everest. with Commemorative ltd ed proof sterling silver medal, in protective wallet, signed Hillary & Tenzing Norgay, as new. #26047, \$395.-
A highly collectible souvenir cover to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the British expedition which made the first ascent of Everest. This copy includes the blue, clasped, protective wallet and descriptive card.

Don't see what you want? Call with your 'want' list!

1978 Souvenir Cover 25th Anniversary 1953-1978. signed Alf Gregory & Tenzing Norgay, fine. #26048, \$145.-

A legal size souvenir cover commemorating the 25th anniversary of the first ascent of Everest.

1978 Cover Ascent of Everest 25th Anniversary Manchester. signed John Hunt, fine. #26176, \$59.-

A plain, white cover postmarked to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the first ascent of Everest.

1978c Photo Messner on Nanga Parbat. signed Messner, fine. #26059, \$15.-

A recently produced color photo of Messner on Fujifilm paper from his 1978 solo ascent of Nanga Parbat's Diamir Flank. The full size image may be seen in his book 'Solo Nanga Parbat' on page 154.

1980 Postcard Messner Solo Everest North Face Expedition. signed Reinhold Messner, fine. #18393, \$95.-

Messner's 1980 solo ascent of Everest via the North Face was a remarkable achievement. He was the first person to climb all 14 8000m peaks. Uncommon.

2003 Commemorative Cover 25th Anniversary of the First Ascent of Mt Everest Without Oxygen. signed Habeler & Messner, new. #26181, \$95.-

A special commemorative cover produced to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Reinhold Messner and Peter Habeler's first ascent of Everest without supplemental oxygen.

2004 Postcard 50th Anniversario Spedizione Italiana Conquista del K2. signed Achille Compagnoni & Lino Lacedelli, new. #26182, \$150.-

A nice commemorative card, featuring the 50th anniversary K2 design and stamp, for the first ascent of K2.

2004 Souvenir Cover First Ascent of K2 with Italian K2 stamp. signed Lacedelli, fine. #26109, \$65.-

A small cover to which is affixed the 2004 Italian commemorative stamp of K2. Lacedelli has signed his name across the stamp.

2005 Souvenir Cover Golden Jubilee of the First Ascent of Mt Kanchanjunga. w/ insert, signed 5 – George Band, Joe Brown, Norman Hardie, Tony Streater, + 1 other, new. #26056, \$145.-

One of a variety of commemorative items signed during the 50th anniversary celebration of the first ascent of Kanchenjunga.

2010 Commemorative Cover The Golden Jubilee of the First Ascent of Mt Dhaulagiri. signed Kurt Diemberger, new. #26058, \$19.-

A commemorative item signed during the 50th anniversary celebration of the first ascent of Dhaulagiri.

2010 Commemorative Cover World Record Oldest Man to Climb Everest. Ltd ed 1000, signed Min Bahadur Sherchan, new. #26111, \$19.-

In 2008 Nepalese climber Sherchan reached the summit of Everest at the age of 76 years 340 days.

Polar Regions

[Antarctic/Arctic]. **Christie's Exploration & Travel Auction Catalogue.** April 8, 1998 UK, 1st, 4to, pp.138-169, 12 color & 12 bw photos, wraps; entire issue, fine. #23661, \$19.-

A wonderfully illustrated catalogue with items relating to Bowers, Charcot, Cherry-Garrard, Doorly, Franklin, Hurley, Kane, Levick, Marston, Oates, Parry, Ross, Scott, Shackleton, Wilson, and others, comprising 33 lots. A great reference to unique items. Includes prices realized.

— **Christie's Exploration & Travel Auction Catalogue.** Sept 17, 1998 UK, 1st, 4to, pp.138-219, 53 color & 18 bw photos, wraps; entire issue, corners bumped, near fine. #20843, \$25.-

A wonderfully illustrated catalogue with items relating to Byrd, Franklin, Hurley, Joyce, Murray, Oates, Ponting, Scott, Shackleton, Wilson, and others, comprising 75 lots. A great reference to unique items. Includes prices realized.

— **Christie's Exploration & Travel Auction Catalogue.** April 29, 1999 UK, 1st, 4to, pp.168-205, 20 color & 27 bw photos, wraps; entire issue, fine. #20845, \$25.-

A wonderfully illustrated catalogue with items relating to Amundsen, Nares, Oates, Ponting, Scott, Shackleton, and others, comprising 45 lots. A great reference to unique items. Includes prices realized.

— **Christie's Exploration & Travel Auction Catalogue.** April 18, 2000 UK, 1st, 4to, pp.119-247, 55 color & 47 bw photos, 11 color & 5 bw illus, wraps; entire issue, bump to lower corner, else fine. #20570, \$29.-

A great collection of polar memorabilia (artifacts, photos, etc) from Amundsen, Byrd, Cherry-Garrard, Franklin, Nordenskjöld, Ponting, Scott, Shackleton, and others, comprising 120 lots. Includes prices realized.

— **Christie's Exploration & Travel Auction Catalogue.** Sept 24-25, 2003 UK, 1st, 4to, pp.79-123, 25 color & 14 bw photos, wraps; entire issue, fine. #23742, \$25.-

A great catalogue with items relating to Bellingshausen, Byrd, Charcot, Greely, Hurley, Mawson, Murdoch, Murray, Nordenskjöld, Parry, Peary, Phipps, Ponting, Rae, Ross, Scott, Shackleton, Weddell, Wilkins, Wilson, and others, comprising 94 lots. A great reference to unique items. Includes prices realized.

— **Christie's Exploration & Travel with The Polar Sale Auction Catalogue.** Sept 27, 2006 UK, 1st, 4to, pp.185-308, 101 color & 48 bw photos, wraps; entire issue, fine. #24636, \$29.-

A sumptuous catalogue with items relating to Amundsen, Brown, Cherry-Garrard, Davis, Doorly, Franklin, Hurley, Markham, Marston, Murray, Ponting, Richardson, James Ross, Sabine, Shackleton, Weddell, Wilson, and others, comprising 106 lots. A great reference to unique items. Includes prices realized.

Belcher, Captain Sir Edward. **The Last of the Arctic Voyages; Being a Narrative of the Expedition in H.M.S. Assistance, under the Command of . . . in Search of Sir John Franklin, During the Years 1852-53-54. with Notes on the Natural History by Sir John Richardson, et al.** 1855 Lovell Reeve, London, 1st, lg 8vo, 2 vol, vI pp.xx, 383, frontis w/ tissue guard, 9 color lithographed & 3 bw plates, 22 engravings, 3 fldg charts, vII vii, 419, frontis w/ tissue guard, 1 color lithographed & 21 plates, 3 engravings, 1 chart, appendices, embossed dark blue ribbed cloth; xlib, cloth spine rebounded, some wear to corners, xlib markings, vol I signed Alvin Seale 1933, vol II w/ cover mark from bookend, plates bright, tight, vg. #25766, \$3200.-

Belcher (1799-1877) was a British naval officer and explorer. In 1852 he was placed in command of five ships (Pioneer, Resolute, Assistance, Intrepid, and North Star) to search for the missing ships commanded by Sir John Franklin (1786-1847), who had sailed to the Canadian Arctic in 1845 in an attempt to find the Northwest Passage and had never returned. Belcher's was one of numerous expeditions sent to look for Franklin over the next two decades, but few definitive traces of his fate were found until the discovery of records from his expedition revealed that he and his crew had perished after their ships had become icebound in 1846. Four of Belcher's ships (Pioneer, Resolute, Assistance, Intrepid) had to be abandoned in the pack ice, an act for which he was later court-martialed but acquitted. The Resolute was later recovered, intact, by an American whaler and timbers were used to build a desk for use in the Oval Office. To his credit Exmouth and North Cornwall Islands, as well as Belcher Channel, were discovered. The expedition also resulted in the rescue of McClure, captain of the Investigator. This copy is from the library of famed ichthyologist Alvin Seale.

Borup, George. **A Tenderfoot With Peary.** Sept 1911 Stokes, NY, 3rd, 8vo, pp.xvi, 317, photo frontis w/ tissue guard, 41 bw photos, illus blue cloth; xlib, cloth w/ usual lib marks to spine & eps, hinges cracked, miss fldg map, vg. #26219, \$5.-

Borup was the youngest member of Peary's 1908-09 expedition. Includes his participation in the first part of the polar march and a sledge journey along the North Greenland coast with MacMillan. AB 2022.

Bown, Stephen R. **The Last Viking: The Life of Roald Amundsen.** 2012 US, 1st, 8vo, pp.xxii, 357, 32 bw photos, 7 maps, light brown/brown cloth; dj & cloth new. #26226, \$27.50

Bown unravels the life of the man who stands head and shoulders above all those who raced to map the last corners of the world. In 1900, the four great geographical mysteries — the Northwest Passage, the Northeast Passage, the South Pole, and the North Pole — remained blank spots on the globe. Within

twenty years Roald Amundsen would claim all four prizes. Renowned for his determination and technical skills, both feared and beloved by his men, Amundsen is a legend of the heroic age of exploration, which shortly thereafter would be tamed by technology, commerce, and publicity. Fêted in his lifetime as an international celebrity, pursued by women and creditors, he died in the Arctic on a rescue mission for an inept rival explorer. Bown has unearthed archival material to give Amundsen's life the grim immediacy of Apsley Cherry-Garrard's 'The Worst Journey in the World', the exciting detail of 'The Endurance', and the suspense of a Jon Krakauer tale. A thrilling literary biography and a cracking good story.

[Byrd, Richard]. **With Byrd in Little America.** 1934 Whitman, Racine, 1st, small 8vo, pp.91, 43 bw photos, pictorial cloth; signed Norman Vaughan, cloth chipped top spine, rubbed, pages yellowed as usual, vg. #26211, \$39.- Produced by Paramount Newsreel Men, this is the story of Byrd's first Antarctic expedition from 1928-1930, including the first flight over the South Pole.

Byrd, Richard E. **Alone.** 1938 Putnam's, NY, 2nd imp, 8vo, pp.ix, 296, blue cloth; signed, dj rubbed, spine ends chipped, unclipped, vg, cloth vg. #9056, \$49.-

Account of five months alone south of Little America in 1934 during Byrd's second Antarctic expedition, excellent reading. Byrd had a very close call, almost dying, during these months of isolation. See Spence 232.

— **Little America: Aerial Exploration in the Antarctic: The Flight to the South Pole.** 1930 Putnam's, NY & London, 1st, 8vo, pp.xvi, 422, frontis, 69 bw photos, 4 maps (2 fldg), appendix, uncut, photo eps, blue cloth; dj w/ edge chips, unclipped, vg, cloth bright, tight, maps w/ original folds, no tears, fine, w/ Byrd Prize Letter Contest flyer. #9064, \$39.- Account of Byrd's first Antarctic expedition from 1928-1930, including the first flight over the South Pole. This is the first edition, first issue with the 'E.' missing from Eleanore E. Bolling Byrd's name on the dedication page.

Castrission, James. **Extreme South.** 2012 Australia, 1st, 8vo, pp.xv, 351, 54 color & 3 bw photos, charts, map, photo eps, wraps; new. #26259, \$49.95 In January 2012, Castrission and his companion completed what no one had achieved before – an unsupported, round-trip journey from the edge of the Antarctic continent to the South Pole. This was the longest unsupported polar journey of all time. Following in the footsteps of great polar explorers, like Scott, Amundsen, Shackleton, and Mawson, they battled frostbite, physical and mental breakdown, starvation, blizzards and crevasse falls. After 89 grueling days of man-hauling they made it back.

Dansercoer, Dixie. **Polar Exploration: A Practical Handbook for North and South Pole Expeditions.** 2012 UK, 1st, 8vo, pp.191, 105 color & 6 bw photos, 1 bw illus, tables, 5 maps, wraps; new. #26142, \$24.95 Dansercoer, an accomplished polar traveler in both the Arctic and Antarctic, compiles an excellent resource covering all aspects of polar travel – motivations, limitations, cold, preparations, gear, in the field, problems, and dangers.

Edinger, Ray. **Fury Beach: The Four-Year Odyssey of Captain John Ross and the Victory.** 2004 US, rep, 8vo, pp.xxii, 279, 26 bw illus, 2 maps, wraps; edge mark, else new. #26148, 12.95 The gripping tale of Captain John Ross who sailed from England in 1829 to search for the NW Passage in the Canadian Arctic archipelago. Ross's expedition hinged on the tender 'John' to follow along with provisions, but the 'John' experienced a mutiny that foiled his plans. Sailing without the 'John', Ross was compelled to find the 1825 wreck of 'HMS Fury' to replenish his short supplies. Ross located the 'Fury's' abandoned stores, but only after nearly losing his own ship 'Victory' to the crushing ice. The 'Victory' wintered in the Arctic as planned, but when the crew attempted to sail onward the next year, they discovered the ice had trapped their ship. The planned 15-month voyage ultimately lasted over four years. During their entrapment the crew developed a friendship with the local Inuit. The natives provided mapping expertise, fishing, hunting, and general knowledge on survival in the Arctic. With the Inuit's help the crew carried out extensive exploration, which culminated in the discovery of the north magnetic pole. Yet perhaps more important was the companionship that developed between the two cultures. After three winters in the trapped ship, food and fuel were nearly exhausted, clothes were in tatters, and the health of the crew collapsed as scurvy and

horrific frostbites wreaked deadly havoc. Three shipmates died. With no hope for the ship's extrication, the crew abandoned her and the men attempted to row and sail home in whaleboats. But bad weather and heavy ice turned them back. On their second attempt a year later, a whaling ship rescued the survivors. Welcomed home as a hero, William IV knighted Captain Ross, but Ross faced severe criticism from his longtime enemy, Sir John Barrow, Second Secretary of the Admiralty. Among other things, Barrow censured Ross—a captain in the Royal Navy—for taking part in the privately financed 'Victory' expedition. But the popular Ross ultimately won vindication for his polar achievements and another link toward the discovery of the Northwest Passage was completed.

Feeney, Robert E. **Polar Journeys: The Role of Food and Nutrition in Early Exploration.** 1997 US, 1st thus, 8vo, pp.xxix, 279, map frontis, 48 bw illus, 22 tables, 2 maps, appendices wraps; fine. #17178, \$9.- With extensive quotes from explorers' journals, historical menus, tables, and numerous illustrations, Feeney presents a vivid description of what polar expeditions experienced, making a powerful case that the explorers not only traveled on their stomachs, they lived and died by the quantity/quality of their food.

Fiennes, Ranulph. **To the Ends of the Earth: The Transglobe Expedition – The First Pole-to-Pole Circumnavigation of the Globe.** 1983 Arbor House, NY, 1st, 8vo, pp.547, 32 color photos, 9 maps, appendices, map eps, red/blue cloth; xlib, dj w/ lib sticker bottom spine, else fine, cloth w/ lib stamp to ffee & copyright page, foxing to edges, near fine. #9108, \$3.- Account of Fiennes' 52,000 mile polar circumnavigation from 1979 to 1982.

Fitzsimons, Peter. **Mawson and the Ice Men of the Heroic Age: Scott, Shackleton and Amundsen.** 2011 Australia, 1st, thick 8vo, pp.xxvi, 737, 40 bw photos, 7 maps, photo eps, blue cloth; dj & cloth new. #26227, \$39.95 Sir Douglas Mawson, born in 1882 and knighted in 1914, remains Australia's greatest Antarctic explorer. On December 2, 1911, his Australian Antarctic Expedition left Hobart to explore the virgin frozen coastline below Australia, 2000 miles of which had never felt the tread of a human foot. After setting up Main Base at Cape Denison and Western Base on Queen Mary Land, he headed east on an extraordinary sledging trek with his companions, Belgrave Ninnis and Dr Xavier Mertz. After five weeks, tragedy struck — Ninnis was swallowed by a snow-covered crevasse, and Mawson and Mertz realized it was too dangerous to go on. Dwindling supplies forced them to kill their dogs to feed the other dogs, at first, and then themselves. Hunger, sickness, and despair eventually got the better of Ninnis, and he succumbed to madness and then to death. Mawson found himself all alone, 160 miles from safety, with next to no food. This staggering tale of his survival, against all odds, also masterfully interweaves the stories of the other giants from the heroic age of polar exploration, to bring the jaw-dropping events of this bygone era dazzlingly back to life. A massive work.

Hayes, Gordon. **Antarctica: A Treatise on the Southern Continent Prospectus.** [1928] Richards Press, London, 8vo, pp.4, wraps; fine. #26190, \$45.- The original prospectus for Hayes' book 'Antarctica: A Treatise on the Southern Continent'. This 4-page prospectus describes Hayes' book together with the Contents, early press notes, and an order form. A nice piece of ephemera to go with this classic book.

Herbert, Kari. **Polar Wives: The Remarkable Women Behind the World's Most Daring Explorers.** 2012 Canada, 1st, 8vo, pp.347, 19 bw photos, 5 bw illus, wraps; new. #26228, \$18.95 Polar explorers of the Victorian and Edwardian eras were superstars in their day. Exploration was a male domain, and most women encountered the wilder parts of the world second-hand. But a handful struck off on a bold path in pursuit of broader horizons by becoming "polar wives". In her portraits of the sculptor Kathleen Scott; traveller Jane Franklin; poet Eleanor Anne Franklin; Jo Peary, the first white woman to travel in the high Arctic; tenacious Emily Shackleton; celebrated Norwegian singer Eva Nansen; and her own mother, adventurer Marie Herbert, author Herbert blends accounts of longing, betrayal, and hope with moments of breathtaking peril. Drawing on her own experience of life in a polar family, Herbert illuminates the crucial role these vibrant, strong-willed women played in publicizing, defending and even financing their

husbands' expeditions. With extracts from previously unpublished historic journals and letters, *Polar Wives* brings together for the first time, the compelling stories of seven adventurous women.

Hermelo, Ricardo S., José M. Sobral, & Felipe Fliess. (Gricelda & Lawrence Perales, trans; Michael H. Rosove, ed.). **When the Corvette Uruguay Was Dismasted: The Return of the Uruguay from the Antarctic in 1903.** 2004 US, 1st English translation, ltd ed 250 unnumbered copies, 4to, pp.xi, 24, color frontis, 2 bw photos, appendices, quarter violet-blue cloth, boards covered with handmade marbled paper in violet, green-gray, & buff, printed paper spine label, all acid-free materials; signed Rosove, issued w/o dj, cloth new.

#23811, \$79.-

Most Antarctic polar buffs are familiar with the Swedish Antarctic Expedition of 1901-4 under the leadership of Otto Nordenskjöld, but because all of the primary sources are in Spanish and Swedish few are familiar with the interesting homeward-bound journey aboard the Argentinean relief vessel *Uruguay*. The ship was severely damaged in a storm north of the South Shetland Islands, and just what transpired between the Argentinean and Swedish staffs became a matter of intriguing controversy and pride for the Argentineans. 'When the *Corvette Uruguay Was Dismasted*' is an English-language translation of a rare pamphlet entitled 'Cuando la Corbeta Uruguay Quedo Desarbolada' (1946, Buenos Aires) that brought the controversy to light, together with an historical introduction and appendices containing the relevant, original Spanish and Swedish materials. A beautifully bound, limited edition of 250 copies.

Murray, James & George Marston. **Antarctic Days: Sketches of the Homely Side of Polar Life, by Two of Shackleton's Men.** 2012 UK, Ltd numbered ed #280, 4to, pp.ix, xxi, 200, 4 color plates, 29 bw photo plates, 7 sketch plates, 18 text illus, cover w/ framed paper depicting an iceberg, gilt lettered title & stamped signatures of the authors, light blue cloth; dj & cloth new.

#26225, \$150.-

A fine, facsimile edition produced in a limited edition of 280 copies to match the very scarce original *De Luxe* edition of 'Antarctic Days'. Sir Ernest Shackleton's British Antarctic Expedition (1907-09) produced three deluxe, limited-edition, books – *Aurora Australis* (approx. 80 copies), *The Heart of the Antarctic* (300 copies), and *Antarctic Days* (280 copies). The authors cover a wide variety of aspects of the expedition from their initial voyage southward to expedition stories and verse. The original limited editions were each signed by Murray, Marston, and Shackleton and were produced with two variants of dust jacket. One variant indicated an edition of 250 copies, the other had no indication of the limitation. This facsimile edition follows the format of the 250 copies jacket. In his Preface to the book, Shackleton wrote this is 'the first time an unofficial, and therefore more human document, is presented to the public. ...I would advise any one who wants to get to the kernel of the life of the Polar explorer to read the book.' Copies of the original edition, when available, are typically over \$7000. This new edition includes a five-page Introduction. A cornerstone work for any Antarctic collection. See Conrad pg.145, Renard 1121, Rosove 236.A1.c, Spence 830.

Rosove, Michael. **Antarctica, 1772-1922: Freestanding Publications through 1999.** 2001 US, ltd ed 500, 4to, pp.xxx, 537, 10 plates (5 colored), gilt titled, quarter buffalo linen boards; numbered & signed on limitation leaf, new together with **Additions and Corrections Supplement to the Rosove Antarctic Bibliography.** 2008 US, 1st, 4to, pp.xiii, 49, 2 plate leaves (4 color photos), quarter dark brown cloth, linen-backed boards, gilt lettered spine, high-quality, acid-free papers, text in black, red & blue, Smyth-sewn, headbands; without dust-wrapper as issued, cloth new.

#26257, \$345.-

Dr. Rosove's outstanding bibliography is the result of ten years' research including the examination of private collections, booksellers' holdings, and the repositories of twelve of the world's most important libraries and archives. The bibliography contains many rare and virtually unknown publications and clarifies innumerable obscure points of interest. Included are all publications in the original language of the author and English-language translations. (Non-English translations are given in brief.) Given are all contemporary publications (prospectuses, narratives, science) and selected post-contemporary publications (memorials, diaries, autobiographies, biographies, analyses, bibliographies, references, humanities) in all identified editions, printings, and variants, with binding and collation details, bibliographical references, ISBN, rarity, original price, and

referenced commentary. Less important post-contemporary publications are listed in brief. Author/editor, title, and subject indexes are provided. The additional supplement has resulted from the contributions of over fifty polar book collectors, booksellers, and historians. Heretofore unrecognized publications are now described, with much additional information about previously reported publications, with correction of errors. This is a very high quality production which is a 'must have' reference for anyone interested in Antarctic literature.

— **Let Heroes Speak: Antarctic Explorers, 1772-1922.** 2000 US, 1st, 8vo, pp.xi, 359, 25 bw photos, 7 bw illus, 6 maps, blue/white cloth; signed, dj & cloth new.

#26137, \$59.95

The result of 20 years of research, Rosove tells the stories of 25 Antarctic voyages, from Captain James Cook's expedition in 1772 to Shackleton's final expedition in 1922. Included are Cook, Bellingshausen, Biscoe, d'Urville, Wilkes, Ross, Bull, de Gerlache, Borchgrevink, Scott, Drygalski, Nordenskjöld, Bruce, Charcot, Shackleton, Amundsen, Filchner, Mawson, Cope, and more. Rosove skillfully weaves together the explorers' own insightful and inspiring comments with a narrative that puts readers in the midst of events. We have purchased the last new copies available directly from Michael.

— **Rejoice My Heart: The Making of H. R. Mill's "The Life of Sir Ernest Shackleton" - The Private Correspondence of Dr. Hugh Robert Mill and Emily Shackleton, 1922-33.** 2007 US, 1st, ltd ed 500, 8vo, pp.xxi, 142, 5 color & 3 bw photos, illus eps, blue cloth; signed, dj & cloth new. #24703, \$49.95
On 18 April 1922, just over three months following Sir Ernest Shackleton's death, Emily Shackleton, Sir Ernest's widow, invited Hugh Robert Mill, the greatest Antarctic historian of his time, to write Sir Ernest's biography. He wrote back the same day graciously accepting the invitation, and she responded, "Your kind letter rejoiced my heart." These two then embarked on a fast-paced project that would launch the first Shackleton biography a mere twelve months later. Their motivation was a mutual commitment to erecting a monument to the great explorer's memory. They communicated mostly by the post and thus left a trail of their creative process, to the delight of posterity. Their correspondence reveals facts about Sir Ernest, his family, and associates not found in the published works. It also reveals to us the personalities and sensibilities of Dr. Mill and Lady Shackleton. Includes a preface by the Honourable Alexandra Shackleton and introduction by T. H. Baughman. Half the proceeds from sales will benefit the William Mills Library Acquisitions Fund of the Scott Polar Research Institute.

The Crown Jewel of all Antarctic Books

Shackleton, Ernest Henry. **Aurora Australis.** Printed at the Winter Quarters of the British Antarctic Expedition, 1907, During the Winter Months of April, May, June, July, 1908. Antarctica, ltd ed of approx. 80, 4to, [pp.95], 11 illus, uncut, beveled venesta packing crate boards; inscribed To G. Wyatt Truscott from the Editor E H Shackleton, original boards, spine rebanded with new leather backstrip in exact facsimile of the original harness leather backstrip, complete with 'Aurora Australis' title and 'Sign of the Penguins' stamp, armorial bookplate of Sir George Wyatt Truscott. Bt. v Kt. inside front board, stenciled 31 inside back board, small marginal tears to a couple of leaves neatly repaired, eight leaves supplied in facsimile and marked as such in pencil on the blank side (all are in appropriate color), no other defects noted, no staining or foxing, leaves clean, original sheet holes in very nice condition, internally fine.

#25797, Price upon Request

The rarest of Antarctic books - the first book printed and bound in the Antarctic, during Shackleton's second Antarctic expedition. Truscott was the Lord Mayor of London at the time. Shackleton presented this copy to Truscott's daughter during the formal opening of the *Nimrod* for public inspection along the Embankment. A contemporary newspaper article reported: "Upon arrival at the Examination Hall, Mr. Shackleton presented Miss Truscott, as the representative of the Lady Mayoress, with a bouquet, and asked the Lord Mayor's acceptance of a copy of the "Aurora Australis," of which there are only a hundred copies." The most recent copy to appear at auction, an unsigned copy, reached \$98,000 but failed to reach the minimum acceptable bid. Signed copies are even scarcer. Rare and seldom offered for private sale. Additional details and photos available upon request. Rosove 304.A1.d.

Stefansson, Vilhjalmur. **Hunters of the Great North.** 1922 Harcourt, Brace, NY, 1st, 8vo, pp.vii, 301, photo frontis, 25 bw photos, 2 fldg maps, white-lettered blue cloth; cloth spine darkened, some cover lettering flaking as usual, bookplate, maps w/ orig folds, no tears, vg. #26220, \$25.-
Stefansson describes his first expedition to the Arctic as a member of the Leffingwell-Mikkelsen expedition to northern Alaska (1906-07), and lessons learned while living among the Eskimo.

Strathie, Anne. **Birdie Bowers: Captain Scott's Marvel.** 2012 UK, 1st, 8vo, pp.224, 12 color & 24 bw photos, 9 maps, appendices, blue cloth; dj & cloth new. #26240, \$37.95

Henry 'Birdie' Bowers realized his life's ambition when he was selected for Scott's Terra Nova Expedition to the Antarctic, yet he also met his death on the return journey from the South Pole in 1912. Bowers' boyhood obsession with travel and adventure took him round the world several times and his life appears, in hindsight, to have been a ceaseless preparation for his ultimate challenge - Antarctica. A stocky 5'4", he was a bundle of energy: knowledgeable, indefatigable, and the ultimate team player. This new biography, drawing on Bowers' letters and journals, previously unpublished material, and original research, sheds new light on his achievements and tells the full story of the hardy naval officer who could always lift his companions' spirits.

Stuck, Hudson. **Voyages on the Yukon and Its Tributaries: A Narrative of Summer Travel in the Interior of Alaska.** 1917 Scribner, NY, 1st, 8vo, pp.xvi, 397, photo frontis w/ tissue guard, 56 bw photos, 2 color fldg maps, gilt stamped blue cloth; cloth rubbed, tight, one map separated & w/ tear, vg. #22735, \$89.-

Written as a complement to Stuck's earlier "Ten Thousand Miles with a Dog-Sled" and in two parts. Part One describes the exploration of the Yukon River from its source to its mouth. Part Two describes journeys into side streams of the Yukon - the Porcupine and Chandalar, the Tanana River, the Koyukuk River, the Chageluk Slough, and the Innoko and Iditarod Rivers.

Turney, Chris. **1912: The Year the World Discovered Antarctica.** 2012 US, 1st, 8vo, pp.358, 3 bw photo, 4 bw illus, 4 maps, appendix, red/white cloth; dj & cloth new. #26229, \$26.95

"The South Pole Discovered," trumpeted the front page of The Daily Chronicle on March 8, 1912, marking Roald Amundsen's triumph over the tragic Robert Scott. Yet behind all the headlines there was a much bigger story. Antarctica was awash with expeditions. In 1912, five separate teams representing the old and new world were diligently embarking on scientific exploration beyond the edge of the known planet. Their discoveries not only enthralled the world, but changed our understanding of the planet forever. Tales of endurance, self-sacrifice, and technological innovation laid the foundations for modern scientific exploration, and inspired future generations. To celebrate the centenary of this groundbreaking work, Turney revisits the exploits of these different expeditions. Looking beyond the personalities and drawing on his own polar experience, Turney shows how their discoveries marked the dawn of a new age in our understanding of the natural world. He makes use of original and exclusive unpublished archival material and weaves in the latest scientific findings to show how we might reawaken the public's passion for discovery and exploration.

Wilkinson, Alec. **The Ice Balloon: S. A. Andrée and the Heroic Age of Arctic Exploration.** 2012 US, 2nd, 8vo, pp.241, 19 bw photos, grey/white cloth; dj & cloth new. #26230, \$25.95

In this grand and astonishing tale, Wilkinson brings us the story of S. A. Andrée, the visionary Swedish aeronaut who, in 1897, during the great age of Arctic endeavor, left to discover the North Pole by flying to it in a hydrogen balloon. Called by a British military officer "the most original and remarkable attempt ever made in Arctic exploration," Andrée's expedition was followed by nearly the entire world, and it made him an international legend.

The Ice Balloon begins in the late 19th century, when nations, compelled by vanity, commerce, and science, competed with one another for the greatest discoveries, and newspapers covered every journey. Wilkinson describes how in Andrée several contemporary themes intersected. He was the first modern explorer — the first to depart for the Arctic unencumbered by notions of the Romantic age, and the first to be equipped with the newest technologies. No explorer had ever left with more uncertainty regarding his fate, since none had

ever flown over the horizon and into the forbidding region of ice.

In addition to portraying the period, The Ice Balloon gives us a brief history of the exploration of the northern polar regions, both myth and fact, including detailed versions of the two record-setting expeditions just prior to Andrée's — one led by U.S. Army lieutenant Adolphus Greely from Ellesmere Island; the other by Fridtjof Nansen, the Norwegian explorer who initially sought to reach the pole by embedding his ship in the pack ice and drifting toward it with the current.

Woven throughout is Andrée's own history, and how he came by his brave and singular idea. We also get to know Andrée's family, the woman who loves him, and the two men who accompany him — Nils Strindberg, a cousin of the famous playwright, with a tender love affair of his own, and Knut Fraenkel, a willing and hearty young man.

Andrée's flight and the journey, based on the expedition's diaries and photographs, dramatically recovered thirty-three years after the balloon came down, along with Wilkinson's research, provide a book filled with suspense and adventure, a haunting story of high ambition and courage, made tangible with the detail, beauty, and devastating conditions of traveling and dwelling in "the realm of Death," as one Arctic explorer put it.

Williams, Isobel. **Captain Scott's Invaluable Assistant: Edgar Evans.** 2012 UK, 1st, 8vo, pp.191, 31 bw photos, 3 maps, wraps; signed, new. #25950, \$29.95

Petty Officer Edgar Evans was Captain's Scott's 'giant worker' and his 'invaluable assistant'. He went with Scott on both the British Antarctic Expeditions of the early 1900s - the 'Discovery' expedition of 1901 and the 'Terra Nova' expedition in 1910 - distinguishing himself on both. In 1903, with Scott, Edgar made the first long and arduous sortie onto the Plateau of Victoria Land. The journey highlighted Edgar's common sense, strength, courage, wit and unflappability. Thus it came as no surprise when, in 1911, Edgar was chosen by Scott to be one of the five men to go on the final attempt at the South Pole. Tragically the 'Welsh Giant' was the first to die on the ill-fated return, and posthumously Edgar was blamed in some quarters for causing the deaths of the whole party. It was suggested that his failure was due to his relative lack of education, which made him less able to endure the conditions than his well-educated companions. Williams repudiates this shameful suggestion and redresses the balance of attention paid to the upper and lower-deck members of Scott's famous expeditions.

Wright, John H. **Blazing Ice: Pioneering the Twenty-First Century's Road to the South Pole.** 2012 US, 1st, 8vo, pp.xvi, 295, 20 bw photos, 5 maps, blue cloth; dj & cloth new. #26231, \$29.95

The Antarctic is the last vast terrestrial frontier. Just over a century ago, no one had ever seen the South Pole. Today odd machines and adventure skiers from many nations converge there every summer, arriving from numerous starting points on the Antarctic coast and returning some other way. But not until very recently has anyone completed a roundtrip from McMurdo Station, the U.S. support hub on the continental coast. The last man to try that perished in 1912. The valuable surface route from McMurdo remained elusive until Wright and his crew finished the job in 2006.

This is the story of the team of Americans who forged a thousand-mile transcontinental "haul route" across Antarctica. For decades airplanes from McMurdo Station supplied the South Pole. A safe and repeatable surface haul route would have been cheaper and more environmentally benign than airlift, but the technology was not available until 2000.

As Wright reveals in this gripping narrative, the hazards of Antarctic terrain and weather were as daunting for twenty-first century pioneers as they were for Norway's Roald Amundsen and England's Robert Falcon Scott when they raced to be first to the South Pole in 1911-1912. Wright and his team faced deadly hidden crevasses, vast snow swamps, the Transantarctic Mountains, badlands of weird wind sculpted ice, and the high Polar Plateau.