Banks, Mike. *Rock Climbing of John Gill*. 1975. 8vo, pp.256, photo frontis, 14 bw photos, photo eps, blue cloth; signed, dj & cloth new. #9389, $49.50

Berry, Charles R. *A Climber’s Memoir*. 2013 US, 8vo, pp.151, 69 bw photos, map, wraps; new. #26649, $18.95

Berry started climbing while in his forties and has successfully summated McKinley, Aconcagua, Elbrus, and peaks in Ecuador. In this memoir, written for his family, he covers his provides a daily account of his 2004 commercial trip to climb Mera Peak (21,247) in Nepal. This is an engaging account of what a commercial trip is like, the effort required to reach the top, tragedy, and Berry’s near-death from altitude sickness. Profusely illustrated with photos on every other page.

Bates, Robert H. *Being Excursions by Members of the Alpine Club - Second Series*. 1862. Longman, Green, Longman & Roberts, London, 1st, 8vo, vol. pp.xiv, 445, viii, 541, v1 frontis, 21 woodcuts, 8 maps (3 color fldg); v2 frontis, 33 woodcuts, 6 maps (1 color fldg), marbled edges, ½ brown calf & marbled boards w/ gilt raised bands, green morocco label on spine; v1 w/ gift inscription “Robert Cooke Esq, with kind regards from William Longman” on half-title, boards somewhat rubbed, internally tight & clean, very good++. #13557, $475.00

Peaks, Passes, and Glaciers was a precursor to creation of the Alpine Journal in 1863 and contains a wealth of information on early ascents. This is the second, of three, in series of very important works. This copy has a nice inscription from the publisher. Neate A34.

Ament, Pat. *Master of Rock: A LighthouseWalk Through the Life and Rock Climbing of John Gill*. 1992 Adventure’s Meaning Press, Lincoln, 1st thus, 8vo, pp.193, 185 bw photos, black cloth; signed Ament & Gill, dj fine, cloth fine. #9389, $49.00

An original classic on the life of noted boulder-specialist Gill with lots of photos. For this superb second edition Ament’s re-wrote much of the text. Many of the photos are different from the original edition as well.

Banks, Mike. *Snow Commando*. 1961 Burke, London, 1st, 8vo, pp.192, 14 bw photos, 16 illus, map, green cloth; dj w/ chip to part of spine & back cover, vg cloth near fine. #23440, $49.00

Banks’ autobiography described his early climbing which took him from Cornwall to Malta and Cyprus, from Scotland to the Alps, and on to Greenland as a member of the 1955 British North Greenland Expedition. He was a member of the 1956 attempt on Rakaposhi and two years later led the British Combined Services Expedition which made the first ascent of Rakaposhi. This is a slightly abridged edition of his earlier book ‘Commando Climber’. Neate B34.

Bates, Robert H. *Mystery, Beauty, and Danger: The Literature of the Mountains and Mountain Climbing Published in English before 1946*. 2001 US, 1st, 4to, pp.xxviii, 229, frontis, 14 bw photos, 18 illus, green cloth; dj & cloth new. #21530, $59.50 - $37.00

Finally in print for all to enjoy, Bob Bates’ doctoral dissertation is a scholarly account of mountain writing and mountaineers from the 17th century to the early days on Everest.

Brown, T. Graham & Gavin de Beer. *The First Ascent of Mont Blanc: Published on the occasion of the Centenary of the Alpine Club*. 1957 Oxford University Press, London, 1st, 8vo, pp.vi, 460, frontis, 6 color & 7 bw plates, 11 figs, red cloth; dj pulled top spine, else fine, cloth w/ bookplate/ name, fine. #9556, $175.00

Brown, a legendary British climber, made many severe climbs and notable ascents in the Alps, as well as the first ascents of Kangchenjunga (1955), with George Band, and Mustagh Tower (1956), with McNaught-Davis. He also had several climbs with Bonington. Neate B185, Yak B272.

Bruce, Gen. C. G. *The Assault on Mount Everest 1922*. 1923 Longmans, Green, NY, 1st, royal 8vo, pp.xi, 339, photo frontis w/ tissue guard, 35 bw photos, 2 fldg maps back (1 color), blue cloth; dj is a color facsimile, cloth w/ fading/browning to spine, maps w/ orig folds & no tears, very good. #26650, $245.00

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. An important work in early Everest history. A facsimile copy of the very scarce UK jacket is provided to help protect the book. Neate B196, SB B44, Yak B279.

Cassin, Riccardo. 50 Years of Alpinism. 1981 Diadem, London, 1st, 8vo, pp.207, 90 bw photos, 6 maps/diagrams, green cloth; signed, 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.

— & Annibale Rota. Le Montagne di Lecco [The Mountains of Lecco]. 1984 Stefanoni, Lecco, 2nd, 4to, pp.157, 107 color & 11 bw photos, pictorial cloth; signed Cassin, slipcase vg, dj fine, cloth fine. #26692, $75.- A nice photo book covering all aspects of the Lecco region in northern Italy. In Italian, no English translation.

Chouinard, Yvon, Dick Dorworth, Chris Jones, Lito Tejada-Flores, & Doug Tompkins. Climbing Fitz Roy, 1968: Reflections on the Lost Photos of the Third Ascent. 2013 US, 1st, square 8vo, pp.137, 82 color & 4 bw photos, sketch, pictorial brown cloth; issued w/o dj, dj new. #26567, $34.95 In the climatic year of 1968, three rock climbers, a skier and a filmmaker struck out on one of history’s great road trips, from a beachside shack in Ventura, CA, 8000 miles south to where the road gives out in the shadow of Patagonia’s Cerro Torre. The six-month adventure culminated in two cult-classic films (Mountain of Storms and 180° South), an eponymous clothing company, and a historic climb. These are the ascent’s haunting, powerful, and long-forgotten photos, once believed lost in a house fire. With reflections from the five climbers. Compagnoni, Achille. Uomini sul K2 [Men on K2]. 1958 Veronelli, Milano, 2nd, oblong 8vo, pp.77, 8 color & 31 bw photos, pictorial cloth; signed, issued w/o dj, cloth w/ bend in front cover, near fine. #23363, $395.- Compagnoni provides his first-person account of the first ascent of K2 in 1954. Compagnoni and Lacedelli achieved an historic first with their ascent of K2, although there has been some controversy since regarding the role of Walter Bonatti. Quite scarce. In Italian, no English edition.

Conway, Sir William Martin. Mountain Memories: A Pilgrimage of Romance. 1920 Cassell, London, 1st, thick 8vo, pp.282, photo frontis, 15 bw photos, blue cloth; inscribed by Conway & dated 3 Nov 1923 w/ TLS pasted to rep dated 23 Nov 1923, cloth spine faded, rubbed, vg. #26004, $995.- $695.- A retrospective account of Conway’s climbing career. Conway conducted the first major alpinistic expedition to the Himalaya (1892), the first crossing of Spitsbergen (1896-97), and served as president of the Alpine Club (1902-04). Neate C106, Yak C144.

Coxhead, Elizabeth. One Green Bottle. 1951 Lippincott, NY, 1st, 8vo, pp.254, green cloth; dj chipped top spine, stain on back, good+, cloth vg+. #23447, $195.-

Coxhead (1909 – 1979) was a writer and climber. This, her second of eight novels, was controversial when it was published, being condemned for its explicitness by the Bishop of Chester in 1951. It is now rather scarce.

“Here at last is an English-language novel completely centered on climbing and written by someone who obviously ‘knows her stuff’... In this case, it is climbing of a highly specialized sort—rock climbing in Wales. The story, told with frank modern realism and a good deal of humor, is about Cathy Canning, a rough, tough, amoral little gutterstuniqe from the Liverpool slums, and how she eventually develops into a fine, strong person through her experiences and her relationships with others in climbing. Unfortunately, I find myself unable to give a proper critical estimate of style, plot and delineation of character—except for my irritation at an unsatisfactory ending. I was enjoying myself too much to notice them! My intense interest was all in the climbing. There is rock work of every sort here, from the frequent humors of bouldering and taking out novices, to the high exhilaration of leading a ‘Very Severe’... and there is climbing in all weathers—sun, rain and mist, wind, snow, moonlight. Miss Coxhead observes sensitively and describes vividly the details of fact, sensation and mood; any follower of the sport can enjoy continually the pleasures of recognition. The indoor setting—a Welsh Youth Hostel full of climbers, all completely concentrated on their ascents, but good-humorously ready to befriend strangers equally interested—is also most familiar to anyone who has stayed in similar, if perhaps less economical, British centers. The whole climbing atmosphere of the book is lively and authentic.” – Elizabeth Knowlton (American Alpine Journal 1952, pages 333-334.)

Craig, Malcolm. Shackles of Convention: Women Mountaineers before 1914. 2013 UK, 1st, 8vo, pp.270, 13 bw photos, 10 bw illus, 6 maps, appendices, black cloth; dj & cloth new. #26577, $39.95 A celebration of the contribution made by women to the early history of mountaineering. Early mountaineering is too easily seen as dominated by men and viewed as among the most liberal of activities. Women mountaineers were largely overlooked or if considered tended to be drawn into a debate about women’s rights rather than them being acknowledged purely for their achievements as pioneers of mountain climbing by women or as mountaineers. The achievements of women pioneers and mountaineers deserve greater recognition, primarily because all mountaineers are in debt to those who have gone before.

Broadly, there are three stages to this story. First, women pioneers of mountain climbing from the late 18th century up to the mid-19th century, who each made one major ascent. Second, mountaineers who returned repeatedly to make first or repeat ascents of mountains. Finally, independent women mountaineers who were shedding the conventions previously imposed on them.

The account of women climbing mountains begins in what is now known as the Western European Alps before recording later ascents in South America and the Himalaya. Ascents in New Zealand, South America, and Norway are also included.

Curran, Jim. Trango: The Nameless Tower. 1978 Dark Peak, Sheffield, 1st, 8vo, pp.175, 16 color & 44 bw photos, appendices, black cloth; dj w/light edge wear, vg+, cloth fine. #10889, $35.- Account of the 1976 British expedition consisting of Anthony Boysen, Howells, and Brown which made the first ascent of this magnificent 20,500’ Karakoram spire. A very good read and one of Curran’s less common titles. Neate C158.

Dingle, Graeme & Mike Perry. Chomolungma: New Zealanders on the North Face of Everest. 1986 Hodder & Stoughton, Auckland, 1st, 4to, pp.172, 108 color & 1 bw photos, sketch, map, appendices, photo eps, blue cloth; dj fine, cloth fine. #13595, $29.- This 1985 14-member New Zealand and Australian expedition made three separate attempts on Everest, via the West Ridge, the North Face, and the North Ridge. With each attempt they ran into problems including avalanches and bad weather. Ultimately, they were defeated but came away without losing any climbers. Nicely illustrated. SB D17.

Filippi, Filippo de. The Ascent of Mount St. Elias [Alaska] by H. R. H. Prince Luigi Amedeo di Savoia Duke of the Abruzzi. 1900 Archibald Constable, Westminster, 1st, royal 8vo, pp.xvi, 241, photo frontis, 34 gravure plate, 117 bw photos, 2 flgd panoramas, 2 flgd color maps, appendices, teg, original gilt-lettered green cloth; cloth rebacked w/ original spine strip laid down, some corner/edge wear, chipping to edges of original spine, front free endpaper inscribed dated 1900, name, front hinge tender, very good. #15033, $1195.- A wonderful book on the first ascent of this 18,000-foot peak. Most of the magnificent photographic illustrations are by the great mountain photographer, Vittoria Sella. The original binding, however, was poorly conceived and the vast majority of all copies have had to be rebound or rebacked due to the guta percha latex glue which was used. Neate F24, Wickersham 6361.

Frass, Hermann. Dolomites: Mountains of Magic – Discovery and Conquest. 1977 Athesia, Bolzano, 1st, 4to, pp.127, 33 color & 20 bw photos, 1 color & 16 bw illus, map, pictorial cloth; issued w/o dj, cloth fine. #26688, $29.- Frass recounts the early exploits of the first pioneers into the Dolomites region, their victories and defeats. His narrative is complemented by contemporary writings and illustrations. The historical black/white photos and illustrations...
Fryxell, Fritiof. *The Teton Peaks and Their Ascents*. 1932 Crandall Studios, Wyoming, 1st, small 8vo, pp.xiii, 106, photo frontis, 16 bw photos, fldg map, gold dec brown cloth; signed, light rubbing to corners, fine. #22138, $295.-

A most important early book on the Tetons. Originally published in three parts in the journal ‘Appalachia’, then updated for this book format. This is the first book on technical climbing in the Tetons with a history of ascents and detailed route descriptions. The information within was obtained by Fryxell over the course of six summers from 1926-31. Quite hard to find.

Gee, Lee Peh, Joanne Soo, Jane Lee, Esther Tan, Lee Li Hui, & Sim Yihui. *More than a Mountain: The Journey of Singapore’s First Woman’s Team to the Summit of Mount Everest*. 2013 Singapore, 1st, square 8vo, pp.223, 225 color & 3 bw photos, sketches, 3 maps, wraps w/ French flaps; signed by team of 6, new.

In 2009, the Singapore Women’s Everest Team made history by being the first team of female climbers from Singapore to reach the summit of Everest. Less than 2% of the climbers who have reached its summit have been women. The team presents a unique and inspiring success story about a group of six young women, united by a common love for the mountains, coming together in a 5-year journey that culminated with two spectacular days on the summit of Everest. Each of the women have written chapters describing their background climbs, and their experiences on the mountain. Nicely presented and profusely illustrated.

Haberl, Jim. *K2: Dreams and Reality*. 1994 Tantalus, Vancouver, 1st, 8vo, pp.110, photo frontis, 81 color photos, map, sketches, wraps; signed, very fine.

#13733, $39.-

A nicely done account of the 1993 American and Canadian K2 Expedition led by Stacy Allison. The success of Haberl and Dan Culver becoming the first Canadians to reach the summit of K2 turned to tragedy when Culver fell to his death while descending. Sadly, Haberl was killed in an avalanche in May 1999.

Hauser, Günter. *White Mountain and Tawny Plain*. 1961 Allen & Unwin, London, 1st, 8vo, pp.224, photo frontis, 38 bw photos, 3 maps, green cloth; dj near fine, cloth w/ name, fine.

#23560, $29.-

Account of the 1957 German expedition which made the first complete ascent of Alpamayo (6100m): long regarded as one of the most beautiful mountains in the world. The first ascent had been claimed by the 1951 Franco-Belgian expedition, see Kogan’s ‘The Ascent of Alpamayo’, but they only reached the summit ridge. Uncommon. Neate H53.

Hawkins, Stewart. *Far, Far, the Distant Peak: The Life of Wilfrid Noyce - Mountaineer, Scholar, Poet*. 2014 UK, 1st, 8vo, pp.xxvii, 334, 8 color & 34 bw photos, chart, 13 appendices, maps, eps, black cloth; signed, dj & cloth new.

#26674, $59.95

Hawkins first climbed with Wilfrid Noyce while in school and was a fellow member of the Climbers’ Club for over 50 years. Noyce is best known for his mountaineering exploits during the period before the Second World War and until his death in 1962 in the Pamirs; he made a major contribution to the success of the 1953 Everest expedition. There were, however, many other sides to this quiet, diffident unassuming man. Hawkins tells of his scholarly prowess from an age right through Charterhouse and King’s College, Cambridge to his War service in India and beyond. He led the cryptography team that broke a key Japanese code and significantly improved the ability of the allies to understand the plans of the Japanese and to intercept the movements of their forces. After the war Noyce became a schoolmaster, first at Malvern College and, after his marriage in 1950, at his old school, Charterhouse. He taught Classics initially and then French and Italian and was appreciated for the quiet manner in which he delivered his lessons. He was a popular master and many are the boys who are grateful to him for introducing them to the mountains and inspiring them with a love of adventure and the outdoors.

Poetry and writing came naturally to him. Articles and poems flowed from his pen from early on and when he was established as a writer, he published a new book almost every year. Most of these concerned the mountains and adventure but the biography-poem Michael Angelo was published in 1953 and Poems in 1960. Hawkins describes Noyce’s life and achievements and seeks to show the motivation and driving force of a man who spanned two very different eras of mountaineering achievement. With a foreword by Stephen Venables.


#26969, $45.-

A very large encyclopedia on mountains and mountaineering done in collaboration with Couzy, Escarra, Franco, Sanivel, and others. In French, no English translation.


#19012, $2599.- $1895.-

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. 1992 Longmans, NY, 1st, thick 4to, pp.360, photo frontis w/ tissue guard, 12 photogravure plates w/ tissue guards & 2 fldg panoramas not in the trade edition, 32 bw photos, 3 color fldg maps, appendices, errata slip, teg, uncut, quarter vellum spine lettered in gilt w/burgundy cloth; cloth has been replaced retaining original vellum, sharp corners, spine rubbed else bright, new eps, some page corners professionally conserved due to loss, tight, fldg panoramas & maps w/ original folds & no tears, fine. #26444, SOLD

This is one of the rarest and most desired books in the Everest literature. The 1921 British reconnaissance expedition to Everest paved the way for the 1922 and 1924 summit attempts with the discovery of the Rongbuk Glacier route and access to the mountain via the North Col. Almost one-third of the text is by George Leigh-Mallory describing the actual reconnaissance on the mountain. Of the six books devoted to the pre-war attempts (Howard-Bury, Bruce, Norton, Rutledge, and Tilman) this is the only one to also have a large paper, limited edition. It is significantly larger in format than the trade edition and contains 12 extra plates and 2 extra panoramas. First in a long line of Everest expeditions, see Kogan’s ‘The Ascent of Alpamayo’, but they only reached the summit ridge. Uncommon. Neate H120, Perret 2208, SB H27, Yak H247a (2nd), H43a (3rd).

—. another copy. 1922 Longmans, Green, NY, 1st, thick 8vo, pp.xi, 356, photo frontis w/ tissue guard, 32 bw photos, 3 color fldg maps back, appendices, uncut, blue cloth; dj is a color facsimile cloth, cloth w/ light wear, fainting to cover, maps w/ orig folds & no tears, tight, very good+.

#24874, $335.- A facsimile copy of the very scarce jacket is provided to help protect the book. Neate H120, SB H27, Yak H247.


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—. another copy. 20 – SIGNED 20 – Stacy Allison, Pete Athans, George Band, Barry Blanchard, Chris Bonington, Michael Brown, Carlos Buhler, Aid Burgess, Greg Child, Dave Hahn, Tomaz Humar, Charley Mace, Dan Mazur, Simone Moro, Glenn Porzak, Gerry Roach, Nazir Sabir, Steve Swenson, Ed Webster, dj rubbed, edge wear, vg, cloth near fine. #24597, $995.- This uniquely signed copy is a must for any mountaineering library.

Jones, Chris. *Climbing in North America*. 1976 Univ California Press, Berkeley, 1st, 8vo, pp.392, 203 bw photos, blue cloth; signed Bob Culp, Glen Denny, Layton Kor, Royal Robbins & David Roberts, dj w/ 2 tears back, slight rippling of back, taped top spine, good+, cloth w/ bookplate, near fine. #25084, $49.95

One of the best historical books on North American climbing. Neate J32.

—. another copy. inscribed Jones to Richard Irvin, signed Irvin & David Roberts, dj w/ ½ tear front, vg+, cloth fine. #13581, $59.- Irvin is mentioned on two pages in the text.
Kumar, Col. Narinder & Kapil Malhotra. *Kamet East, Kamet West: The Kuamon Expedition*. 1987 Vision Books, New Delhi, 1st, 4to, pp.124, color frontis, 12 color & 14 bw photos, 30 bw portraits, 3 color & 22 bw illus, 2 maps, appendices, illus eps, color blue; dj fine, cloth fine. #26690, $125.-

The 1983 Kuamon Regiment expedition attempted Kamet (7756m), India’s third highest mountain, from both its much-climbed eastern flank and its unclimbed Northwest Face. They were successful via the eastern route but failed on the face. Uncommon.


Levine has climbed the Seven Summits and skied to both North and South Pole. Her first Everest attempt (2002) fell only 300 feet shy of the summit due to weather but she finally succeeded in 2010. Her ability to achieve these goals is all the more impressive as she has Raynaud’s Disease which can inhibit the flow of blood to extremities in cold conditions. Here she chronicles the ups and downs of her expeditions to Carstensz Pyramid (1999), Everest (2002, 2010), and the South Pole (2008) and makes a compelling case that the leadership principles that apply in the world of extreme adventure also apply to today’s rigorously competitive business environments. Both settings require you to make critical decisions when the conditions around you are far from perfect. She currently lectures on leading teams in extreme environments at West Point.

Lloyd-Jones, Robin. *The Sunlit Summit: The Life of W. H. Murray*. 2013 UK, 1st, 8vo, pp.xxvi, 358, 18 color & 32 bw photos, 2 maps, appendices, blue cloth; dj & cloth new. #26557, $39.95

William Hutchinson Murray (1913 - 1996) was one of Scotland’s most distinguished climbers in the years before and after the Second World War. As a prisoner of war in Italy he wrote his first classic book, Mountaineering in Scotland, on rough toilet paper which was confiscated and destroyed by the Gestapo. The rewritten version was published in 1947 and followed by the, now, equally famous, Uncovered Scotland. In 1951 he was deputy leader to Eric Shipton on the Everest Reconnaissance Expedition, which discovered the eventual successful route which would be climbed by Hillary and Tensing. From the 1960s onwards he was heavily involved in conservation campaigns and his book, Highland Landscape, commissioned by the National Trust for Scotland, identified areas of outstanding beauty that should be protected. It proved to be extremely influential. In 1966 he was awarded an OBE as he pursued a life of service, as is well illustrated by the various posts he held: Commissioner for the Countryside Commission for Scotland (1968-1980); President of the Scottish Mountaineering Club (1962-1964) and of the Ramblers Association Scotland (1966-82); Chairman of Scottish Countryside Activities Council (1967-82); Vice-President of the Alpine Club (1971-72); President of Mountaineering Council of Scotland (1972-75). He was a prolific author but a proper understanding of his life and work requires that we appreciate that his driving force was a quest to achieve inner purification that would lead him to oneness with Truth and Beauty.

For many years the climber, author and teacher, Robin Lloyd-Jones has been researching the life and work of Bill Murray and working steadily on this biography. It is not only a triumph of fine writing and interest, but a worthy accolade for this great man.

Mammut. *Mammut: 150 Years, 150 Stories*. 2011 Switzerland, 1st, square 8vo, [pp.232], 263 color & 39 bw photos, page ribbon, pictorial cloth; issued w/o dj, cloth new. #26566, $79.95

A celebration of 150 years of Mammut products is told via 150 stories from various contributors including Daniel Anker, Mo Anthoine, Steph Davis, Johnny Dawes, Catherine Destivelle, Ralf Dujmovits, Wolfgang Güllich, Peter Habeler, Lynn Hill, Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner, Reinhard Karl, Andy Kirkpatrick, Reinhold Messner, Oswald Oelz, Claude Remy, Stephan Siegrist, Joe Simpson, Thomas Ulrich, Josh Wharton, Heinz Zak, and many others. Text in English.

Marshall, Robert. *K2: Lies and Treachery*. 2009 UK, 1st, ltd ed 500, 8vo, pp.232, 7 bw photos, 2 maps, appendices, red cloth; signed, dj & cloth new. #25288, $49.95

The 1954 Italian ascent of K2 was one of the most significant in the history of climbing. In Italy news of the success was triumphantly greeted by a nation...
break the Asiatic high-altitude summiting record three times, using a ‘garden hatchet’ as an ice-axe, saw his assistant killed by headhunters and socialised with everyone from his ‘coolies’ to the Maharajah of Kashmir. Back in England, he became one of the UK’s greatest Natural Historians, a Darwinist collector among collectors of geological and ornithological specimens. His collection of freshwater molluscs forms the basis of all modern science in the subject. And he became one of the UK’s greatest surveyors, covering over 22,000 square miles of new territory, including 23 new glaciers and at least two dozen first ascents of peaks over 8000m. Remarkably, he also found time to paint a vast portfolio of watercolours, including the first close sighting of K2, described by the British Library as a ‘national treasure’. (Several of these watercolours are illustrated in this book.)

His personal life was equally interesting: three marriages - to an Afghan landowner’s daughter, an English socialist, then a civil servant’s daughter 23 years younger than himself - were complicated by religious conversions from Anglicanism to Islam then to Buddhism. His strong character as a scholar at great London institutions such as the Natural History Museum is still the stuff of legend, while his bankruptcy in later life required the selling of the ‘family pile’, the magnificent, royally-furnished Shalford Park. And thanks to a youthful indiscretion in Kashmir, he harboured a dark secret which came back to haunt him near the end of his long and colourful life.

This is the first and authorised biography of an outstanding man. Godwin-Austen’s private papers are being made public for the first time. They prove that he was one of the UK’s greatest explorers, on a par with Sir Richard Burton, and surpassing the explorations of David Livingstone, Captain Cook or Captain Scott. For mountaineers, scientists, students of biography and historians of the Raj and the Great Game, this biography offers new and original material - a ‘must’ for the explorer’s bookshelf.


A celebration of feminine beauty, athleticism, wisdom, and skill. Noble profiles twenty of America’s most inspiring women climbers, from such legends as Lynn Hill to the rising stars of today. Each climber tells her story in her own words, highlighting her personal challenges, accomplishments, and philosophy, as well as inspiring readers and providing them with practical how-to suggestions on maximizing not only their own potential in climbing but in life. Featured climbers include Kitty Calhoun, Steph Davis, Rohyn Erbesfield-Raboutou, Nancy Fagin, Brittany Griffith, Lynn Hill, Alison Osius, Lisa Rands, Beth Rodden, Kate Rutherford, Madelaine Sorkin, and nine others.

Norton, Lieutenant-Colonel E. F. The Fight For Everest: 1924. 1925 Longmans, Green, NY, 1st, thick 8vo, pp.372, color frontis w/ tissue guard, 7 illus & 24 bw photos, 2 maps (1 color flydg), uncut, blue cloth; dj is a color facsimile, cloth very bright, sharp corners, pulled a bit at bottom spine, tight, no foxing, maps w/ no tears, very fine. #24927, $495.5

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. This is the freshest looking copy I’ve seen with bright pages and is increasingly hard to find in nice shape. A facsimile copy of the very scarce UK jacket is provided to help protect the book. Neate N31.

Parker, Philip, ed. Himalaya: The Exploration & Conquest of the Greatest Mountains on Earth. 2013 UK, 1st, 4to, pp.192, photo frontis, 68 color & 47 bw photos, 3 color & 4 bw illus, sketches, 4 maps, pictorial cloth; dj & cloth new.

At some 1500 miles long and 250 miles at its widest, the Himalaya range is home to the 14 greatest mountains on the planet. Each mountain towers over 8000m. Sacred to both the Hindu and Buddhist religions, these peaks have also inspired, fascinated and terrified western explorers and adventurers for some 300 years. Himalaya examines the geographical origins of the region, its earliest peoples and the onward western discovery and exploration commencing with the Jesuits, progressing through myriad 19th century gentleman surveyors, exhilarated visionaries, the pioneering ‘mountaineers’ of the 1920s and culminating in Hillary and Tenzing’s iconic triumphal ascent of Everest in 1953.
celebrated as it is, the Everest climb is just one point in our long relationship with this massive mountain system, the 'Abode of Snow'. Himalaya recounts the whole of that rich history, including the equally heroic pioneering ascent of each of the 8000ers and carries the story of the mountains into our own era when new routes and new techniques have heralded achievements that would have been unthinkable 60 years ago.

Includes contributions from the world's preeminent mountaineers and alpine writers including Mick Conefrey, Peter Gillman, Doug Scott, Stephen Venables, and Stewart Weaver, as well as passages from Maurice Herzog, Edmund Hillary, and Hermann Buhl.

Perrin, Jim. Mirrors in the Cliffs. 1983 Diadem, London, 1st, thick 8vo, pp.688, frontisp, 12 color & 47 bw photos, 26 cartoons, blue cloth; signed David Roberts, dj fine, cloth fine. #114866, $39. — An anthology of over 100 mountaineering essays, extracts, commentaries, interviews, cartoons, poems, and photographs covering the international spectrum of climbing, by a who's-who of climbers - Ament, Barber, Beckey, Bettembourg, Birthers, Blum, Bonington, Bridwell, Carter, Child, Cleare, Craig, Drasdo, Fawcett, Fowler, Gill, Gray, Greene, Haston, Harding, Heckmair, Karl, Kirkus, Long, Longstaff, Lunn, MacIntyre, Maclean, Messenger, Moffatt, Morin, Murray, Noyce, Nunn, Patay, Perrin, Pilley, Randall, Ridgeway, Robbins, Roberts, Roskelley, Rouse, Rowell, Scott, Smythe, Stuck, Tifran, Tilmann, Unsoeld, Waterman, Whillans, Young, and others.

Pfann, Hans. Führerlose Gipfelfahren in den Hochalpen, dem Kaukasus, dem Tien-Shan und den Anden [Guideless Summits Trips in the High Alps, the Caucasus, the Tien-Shan, and the Andes]. 1941 Deutsche Verlag, Berlin, 1st, 8vo, pp.255, photo frontisp, 15 bw photos, pictorial cloth; inscribed & dated 28 Oct 41, cloth rubbed, tight, very good+. #266966, $45. — Pfann led many trips to the Alps, the Caucasus, Tien Shan and the Andes. In German, no English translation.

Robbins, Royal. Basic Rockcraft. 1971 La Siesta Press, Glendale, 1st, 8vo, pp.71, 15 bw photos, many diagrams, appendix, wraps; fine. #100400, $9. — Robbins, one of America's preeminent rock climbers, did much to develop the sport in Yosemite Valley. This is his classic instructional book emphasizing clean climbing. Neate R40.

Rébuffat, Gaston. The Mont Blanc Massif: The 100 Finest Routes. 1975 Oxford, NY, 1st, 4to, pp.239, 89 color & 173 bw photos, 101 route drawings, map eps, red cloth; dj vg+, cloth fine. #22155, $49. — A large-format classic showing the massive majesty of Mont Blanc.

Roberts, David. Escape from Lucania: An Epic Story of Survival. 2002 US, 1st, 8vo, pp.206, 15 bw photos, 2 maps, black/grey cloth; signed David Roberts & Brad Washburn, dj & cloth new. #23159, $165. — A terrific account of the 1937 first ascent of Mount Lucania (17,150'), then the second highest unclimbed peak in North America, by Bob Bates and Brad Washburn. With their support aircraft unable to return for them, due to unusually warm weather softening the glacier snow, Bates and Washburn had no choice but to climb Lucania, then make the second ascent of Mount Steele (16,644'), and begin an epic 156 mile escape. An amazing read! Winner of the Grand Prize at the 2003 Banff Mountain Book Festival.

—. True Summit: What Really Happened on the Legendary Ascent of Annapurna. 2000 US, 1st, 8vo, pp.239, 10 bw photos, sketch, map, black/white cloth; signed, dj & cloth new. #19420, $25. — Roberts exposes the further story of the 1950 French Annapurna expedition which was the first to reach the summit of an 8000m peak. Louis Lachenal, Maurice Herzog's guide, had wanted to turn around on summit day but continued to the summit in light of Herzog's determination. Both climbers paid a heavy price with severe frostbite.


—. another copy. signed David Roberts, dj fine, cloth fine. #10050, $35. — Rutledge, Hugh. Everest 1933. December 1934 H & S, London, 4th, thick 8vo, pp.xv, 390, photo frontis w/ tissue guard, 58 bw photos, 3 diagrams, 4 maps (3 color fldg), black cloth; dj w/ spine browned as usual, pulled top spine, vg, cloth lightly rubbed, maps fine w/ original folds & no tears, tight, very good+. #26651, $175. — Account of the 1933 British expedition, led by Rutledge, which came within a few hundred feet of the summit. This is quite a nice copy; printed two months after the first printing. Scarce in the dust jacket. Neate R99, SB R29, Yak R213.

—. Everest: The Unfinished Adventure. 1937 Hodder & Stoughton, London, 1st, thick 8vo, pp.xv, 295, (128), 72 bw photos, 2 color fldg maps, blue cloth; dj w/ chips/tears, vg-, cloth light pulling top spine, bright, pencil name, tight, maps w/ orig folds & no tears, fine. #12094, $275. — The 1936 British expedition to Everest, led by Rutledge and including Eric Shipton and Frank Smythe, was defeated by an early monsoon. This is the last of the five early Everest books, by Howard-Burry, Bruce, Norton, and Rutledge, which are matching in height and make a wonderful set. Hard to find in the dust jacket. Neate R100, SB R30, Yak R214.

Sale, Richard. Broad Peak. 2004 UK, 1st, 8vo, pp.208, 48 color & 18 bw photos, sketch, appendix, blue cloth; signed Richard Sale, Fritz Wintersteller & Qader Saeed, dj & cloth new. #24139, $185. — The first full account of the first ascent of Broad Peak in 1957 by Marcus Schmuck, Fritz, Wintersteller, Hermann Buhl and Kurt Diemberger. Sale drew upon the climbing diaries of Schmuck and Wintersteller; accounts written by Buhl, and conversations with Diemberger and Qader Saeed, the expedition's Pakistani liaison officer. None of this material has previously been published. Sale begins with a history of Broad Peak, including the first ever photograph (from Conway's expedition of 1892) of the first ever photograph (from the Eckenstein expedition of 1902) and Sella's panorama from the Abruzzi expedition of 1909. There is also an account of the first attempt by the Herrligkoffer expedition of 1954. The photos from the 1957 expedition are almost entirely previously unpublished work of Schmuck and Wintersteller. Additionally, there is an account of Buhl's last climb and death on Chogolisa from the protocol written by the surviving team members on the day Diemberger returned to Base Camp after the accident. The book ends with an Appendix of all summit climbs from 1957-2004. Broad Peak is long overdue for an English-language account of this important first ascent of an 8000m peak by a very small team. Shortlisted for the 2005 Boardman-Tasker award and Finalist 2005 Banff Mountain Book Festival Best Book Mountain Literature.

Sale, Richard & Jochen Hemmleb. Nanga Parbat 1970: Tragedy and Controversy. 2014 UK, 1st, Ltd ed 500, 8vo, pp.208, 31 color & 29 bw photos, sketch, 2 maps, photo eps, blue cloth; signed Sale, dj & cloth new. #26723, $59.95. — In 1970 a German-Austrian-Balcan (South Tyrolean) team succeeded in climbing the Rapal Face of Nanga Parbat, a climb which heralded a new era in mountaineering on the world's highest peaks. But with success came controversy as the first climbers to reach the summit, two young South Tyrolean brothers, did not return to the top face camp but descended the other side, the Diamir side, of the mountain. Only one brother survived the ordeal: he was Reinhold Messner who went on to become the greatest and best known, high-altitude climber in the world. His brother Günther was lost on the mountain. Before descending the Diamir side Reinhold Messner held a shouted conversation with the members of the second pair of climbers heading for the summit. That conversation, the decision to descend the Diamir side, and the circumstances of Günther's death were to lead to controversy, claim and counter claim, and court cases. They were also to lead to a bitterness between former team mates which continues to this day.

This book explores the events of 1970, drawing on contemporary diaries and other records, on later interviews given by, and books written by, the team members, and with private conversations with some of the surviving team members. It draws heavily on the writings of Reinhold Messner who has published several accounts of the summit climb and the decisions which led to the descent of the Diamir side, accounts which have varied over the years, variations that suggest a story behind the story.
Searle, Mike. Colliding Continents: A Geographical Exploration of the Himalaya, Karakoram, & Tibet 2013 UK, 1st, 8vo, pp.xxiii, 438, frontis, 201 color & 5 bw photos, 23 color & 14 bw illus, table, 12 color & 8 bw maps, appendices, blue cloth; dj & cloth new. #26644, $39.95

Searle, a leading expert on Himalayan geology and a mountaineer, has spent 30 years working on the geology of the Himalaya, Karakoram, Tibet, and Southeast Asia combining fieldwork with mountaineering expeditions. Here he masterfully interweaves the science of these great mountains with vivid accounts of his expeditions.


Shipton was one of the greatest mountain explorers of all time and, although he took part in five Everest expeditions, is best known for his small, private, lightweight expeditions, often with Tilman. This book includes East Africa, the Karakoram, Everest, and Patagonia. Note: This book is not included in the Shipton Six-Mountain Travel Books collection. Neate $65, SB $27, Yak $216.

Shirahata, Shiro. The Karakoram: Mountains of Pakistan. 1990 Cloucmap, Seattle, 1st, 4to, pp.192, photo frontis, 101 color photos, black cloth; dj fine, cloth fine. #26698, $175.5


Stammberger, Fritz. Todeszone: Die Story der Erfolgreichen und Tragischen Skibestiegen des 8152m Hohen Cho Oyu [Dead Zone: The Story of the Successful and Tragic Ski Ascension of 8152m High Cho Oyu]. 1972 EOS Verlag, St. Ottilien, 1st, 8vo, pp.124, 4 color & 8 bw photos, wraps w/dj; dj w/ light edge wear, else fine, internally fine. #112165, $129.-

Stammberger, a noted mountain climber, had several expeditions to the Himalaya and was editor of Climbing magazine. In 1964 he was a member of a small five person team which attempted Cho Oyu. Stammberger claimed a successful ascent but this is in dispute. He did, however, make a ski descent from 24,000'. Tragically, two members died while trying to descend and Stammberger was blamed for their deaths. He died during a solo attempt on Tirich Mir in 1975. Scarcely. In German, no English translation. Yak $317.

Taylor, Joseph E., III. Pilgrims of the Vertical: Yosemite Rock Climbers and Nature at Risk. 2010 US, 1st, 8vo, pp.368, 39 photos/figs, 3 maps, grey cloth; signed David Roberts, dj & cloth new. #25577, $39.95

In this surprising story of the premier rock-climbing venue in the United States, Pilgrims of the Vertical offers insight into the nature of wilderness adventure. From the founding era of mountain climbing in Victorian Europe to present-day climbing gyms, Taylor shows how ever-changing alignments of nature, technology, gender, sport, and consumer culture have shaped climbers‘ relations to nature and to each other. Even in Yosemite Valley, a premier site for sporting and environmental culture since the 1800s, elite athletes cannot be entirely disentangled from the many men and women seeking recreation and camaraderie. Following these climbers through time, Taylor uncovers lessons about the relationship of individuals to groups, sport to society, and nature to culture. He also shows how social and historical contexts influenced adventurers‘ choices and experiences, and why some became leading environmental activists — including John Muir, David Brower, and Yvon Chouinard. In a world in which wild nature is increasingly associated with play, and virtuous play with environmental values, Pilgrims of the Vertical explains when and how these ideas developed, and why they became intimately linked to consumerism. Winner 2010 National Outdoor Book Award in the History/Biography category.

Tilman, H. W. Two Mountains and a River. 1949 Cambridge Univ Press, Cambridge, 1st, 8vo, pp.xxii, 233, photo frontis, 83 bw photos, 6 maps (1 fduk), blue cloth; dj worn, corner chips, vg, cloth w/ small gift notation, vg. #24775, $75.-

Accounts of expeditions to Rakaposhi (25,550’), Mustagh Ata (24,388’) with Shipton, as well as a visit to the source of the River Oxus. Neate T49, Yak T79.

Viesturs, Ed. Himalayan Quest. 2003 US, 1st, 4to, pp.159, photo frontis, 76 color photos, 21 route drawings, 2 maps, blue/white cloth; signed dj fine, cloth fine. #25699, $35.- 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 Mountain: My Time on Everest. 2013 US, 3rd prtg, 8vo, pp.xvi, 330, 37 color & 3 bw photos, blue cloth; signed Viesturs, dj & cloth new. #26645, $26.95

Based on his extensive experience on Everest, eleven expeditions in 23 years, Viesturs presents riveting accounts of his own climbs as well as vivid narratives of some of the most famous and infamous climbs throughout the last century. With an introduction by Tom Hornbein.

— & David Roberts. No Shortcuts to the Top: Climbing the World’s 14 Highest Peaks. 2006 US, 1st, 8vo, pp.358, 16 bw photos, map eps, blue cloth; signed Viesturs on bookplate, David Roberts, dj & cloth new. #24407, $49.95

This is Ed Viesturs‘ long-awaited memoir. In May, 2005, as he reached the summit of Annapurna on his third try, Viesturs became the first American to climb the world’s fourteen 8,000m peaks, all without the aid of bottled oxygen. His quest spanned 18 years and 30 expeditions - a quest made all the more difficult by his and his family’s refusal to take anti-climbers or to jeopardize the lives of teammates. But this is as much about the man who would become the first American to achieve that goal as it is about his stunning quest. As Viesturs recounts the stories of his most harrowing climbs, he reveals a man torn between the flat, safe world he and his loved ones share and the majestic and deadly places where only he can go. A preternaturally cautious climber who once turned back 300 feet from the top of Everest but who would not shrink from a peak (Annapurna) known to claim the life of one climber for every two who reached its summit. Viesturs lives by an unyielding motto, “Reaching the summit is optional. Getting down is mandatory.” It is with this philosophy that he vividly describes fatal errors in judgment made by his fellow climbers as well as his own close calls and gallant rescues. And, for the first time, he details his own pivotal and heroic role in the 1996 Everest disaster. In addition to the raw excitement of Viesturs‘ odyssey, the book is leavened with many funny moments revealing the camaraderie between climbers.
Viesturs, Ed 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 Viesturs & Roberts, dj & cloth new. #25849, $25.95

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.

Wade, Mason. **Crash!! Surviving the 1976 Mt. McKinley Hang Gliding Expedition.** 2005 US, 1st, 8vo, pp.vii, 15, 6 bw photos, map, wraps; signed, new. #26579, $9.95

The 12 member 1976 Mt. McKinley Hang Gliding Expedition had the goal of making the first hang gliding descent of the mountain by launching four gliders from the summit. After ascending the West Buttress route, Wade, who was one of the glider pilots, launched himself from the summit out over the South Face and subsequently crashed 800 feet below. Rescue arrived the next day and Wade climbed back up the South Face to the summit and descended via the West Buttress. This short account describes those events. The expedition, one of many during this Bicentennial year, was covered for television by ABC Sports. This is the only account of the expedition other than an article in Mariah magazine which appeared at the time. Uncommon.

Wall, David. **Rondoy: An Expedition to the Peruvian Andes.** 1965 Murray, London, 1st, 8vo, pp.176, 35 bw photos, 3 maps, blue cloth; dj clipped, near fine, cloth w/ date on fep, label on title page for US distributor, else fine. #10220, $15. -

Account of a young, eight-member British expedition which made a difficult first ascent of Rondoy (19,300’), located in the Cordillera Huayhuash, in 1963. Two members were killed while retracing the summit ridge. Neate W07.

[Waterburn]. **“Mountain Photographs” Folio Set.** 2004 Ltd ed of approx. 100, a superb set of 12 images handprinted on Ilford fiberbase double-weight archival gelatin silver photographic paper, image size 8” x 6¼”, paper size 9½” x 7½”, letterpress folio enclosure w/ numbered colophon & embossed title page; signed by Waterburn, new. #23111, $395. -

This wonderful folio set consists of 12 of Waterburn’s most popular images, taken between 1942 and 1979, featuring the Doldenhorn, Matterhorn, Mooses Tooth, Mount Fairweather, Mount Huntington, and Mount McKinley. Suitable for matting and framing. This is a terrific opportunity to acquire a nice selection of Waterburn photos at an affordable price. To see all 12 images go to http://topworldbooks.com/detail.aspx?id=23111

Waterman, Jonathan. **High Alaska: A Historical Guide to Denali, Mount Foraker & Mount Hunter.** 1988 American Alpine Club, NY, 1st, 8vo, pp.384, 20 color & 59 bw photos, 74 bw route photos, 10 maps, appendix, blue cloth; signed David Roberts & Brad Waterburn, dj fine, cloth fine. #24616, $145. -

By presenting the histories of these three great Alaskan peaks, Waterman provides a must reference for anyone attempting these climbs. In 1954 Fred Beckey was part of the team which made the first ascent of McKinley's Northwest Buttress, following which he, together with Heinrich Harrer and Henry Mehbom, knocked off the first ascents of both Mount Deborah and Mount Hunter! With Waterburn’s great photos showing routes. — 

### A Most Hostile Mountain: Re-creating the Duke of Abruzzi’s Historic Expedition on Alaska’s Mount St. Elias.**

1997 US, 1st, 8vo, pp.xii, 235, photo frontis, bw photos, 2 maps, blue/white cloth; signed, dj & cloth new. #21539, $29. - $19. -

Waterman and his partner attempted to duplicate the Duke of Abruzzi’s historic 1897 route up Mount St. Elias by first sailing to the mountain. This is a mixture of mountain adventure combined with painstakingly researched history, includes historic photos.

Waterman, Laura & Guy. **Yankee Rock & Ice: A History of Climbing in the Northeastern United States.** 1993 Stackpole, Harrisburg, 1st, 8vo, pp.xvi, 334, 135 bw photos, 8 sketches, brown boards; dj w/ some spots, very good, cloth fine. #10230, $19. -

A wonderful history of northeastern climbing from the early 1900’s through the 1980’s.

Whelan, Diane. **Base Camp: 40 Days on Everest.** 2014 Canada, 1st, 8vo, pp.223, 19 color & 4 bw photos, map, wraps; signed, new. #26697, $29.95

In the spring of 2010, filmmaker Whelan made her second trip to Everest as a member of the Asian Trekking expedition which included Arjun Vajpai, who became the youngest non-Sherpa to summit. In this personal and eye-opening expose, she shares gripping stories of Maoist rebels, avalanches and bodies surfacing out of a dying glacier. From Base Camp, she interviews climbers, doctors, and Sherpas all living for months on end in the belly of the mountain as they wait for a weather window to summit the top of the world. In this push to achieve the summit, many do not survive. Woven into the personal stories is the devastating truth of the human impact on the mountain and the eerie and unforeseen effects of climate change. This book is a nice companion to Whelan’s film ‘40 Days at Base Camp’, (DVD 88 min #26198).

[Wiessner, Fritz]. **Fritz Wiessner 1900 – 1988.** 2000 Sächsischer, Dresden, 1st, 8vo, pp.104, photo frontis, 12 color & 51 bw photos, map, wraps; fine. #25319, $150. -

A relatively scarce biography of this great climber. In German, no English translation.

Wilkins, Brian. **Among Secret Beauties: A Memoir of Mountaineering in New Zealand and the Himalayas.** 2013 Australia, 1st, 8vo, pp.215, 54 color & 20 bw photos, 2 maps, wraps; new. #26646, $59.95

Wilkins was one of a number of world-class New Zealand climbers who entered the world stage in the 1950s. In this memoir he shares his experiences of climbing in the Southern Alps and the Himalaya. He was a member of the New Zealand Alpine Club’s 1954 expedition to Baruntse which also included Charles Evans, Norman Hardie, Edmund Hillary, and George Lowe. This expedition climbed over 20 peaks over 20,000’, including the first ascent of Baruntse (23,690’), and attempted Chma Pang (24,012’). During this expedition, Wilkins was the climber most closely associated with Hillary. Hillary’s two narrow escapes from death during the expedition saw Wilkins in a unique position to gauge the character and actions of this legendary figure at a formative stage in the famous climber’s career. (Hillary’s account of this expedition was published as ‘East of Everest’. ) Also included is Wilkins’ account of the first ascent of the northeast ridge of New Zealand’s Mt. Aspiring, a gripping drama of survival and human endurance and a test of the ethics of mountaineering. This is a nice addition to the early Himalayan literature with wonderful photos.

Young, Geoffrey Winthrop. **Mountain Craft.** 1954 Methuen, London, 7th ed reprint, 8vo, pp.xi, 319, 8 bw photos, green cloth; dj w/ couple edge chips, back panel rubbed, vg+, cloth fine. #10248, $19. -

A classic manual of mountaineering containing some of Young’s finest writing. Neate Y19.

### Polar Regions

Amundsen, Roald. **My Life as an Explorer.** 1927 Doubleday, Page, NY, 1st, 8vo, pp.282, photo frontis, sketch, 2 maps, appendix, top edge yellow, medium blue cloth; cloth rubbed, name, some pencil notations, very good+. #9003, $65. -

Amundsen’s autobiography published one year before his death while searching for the dirigible Italia. In this he covers his early years, the Belgian Antarctic Expedition (1897-99), the Northwest Passage in the ship Gjoa (1903-06), the South Pole (1910-12), the Northeast Passage in the ship Maud (1918-20), his North Pole flight with Lincoln Ellsworth (1925), the Arctic Ocean crossing flight of the dirigible Norge (1926), and more. Amundsen had an extensive polar career and it is quite likely he was the first to reach both poles. Uncommon. Conrad p.156, Karrow p.12, Renard 24, Rosove 11.A1, Spence 25.
— The Northwest Passage: Being the Record of a Voyage of Exploration of the Ship “Gjoa” 1903-1907 by… with a Supplement by First Lieutenant Hansen. 1908 Dutton, NY, 1st, 8vo, 2 vol, vi pp.xiii, 335, photo frontis w/ tissue guard, 69 bw illus, color fldg map in pocket, vii pp.ix, 397, photo frontis w/ tissue guard, 70 bw illus, color fldg map in pocket, teg, gill-lettered spines & covers, black cloth; cloth w/ light wear, bookplate in ea vol, vi fldg map w/ 2.5” tear, tight, fine. #26719, $695. -  

Account of the voyage of Amundsen’s ship Gjoa which made the first complete passage through the Northwest Passage. Amundsen and his crew of six were frozen in for two winters off King William Island and spent the time undertaking sledge journeys to determine the location of the North Magnetic Pole. They then moved westward until again being frozen in near Herschel Island. Amundsen skied south for 500 miles in order to telegraph news of the expedition’s progress and then returned back to the ship for the coming season. They subsequently sailed on and reached San Francisco six months after the great earthquake. An important work in Arctic exploration. The US Dutton edition appears to somewhat less common than the UK edition. Karrow p.14.

—. The South Pole: An Account of the Norwegian Antarctic Expedition in the “Fram”, 1910-1912. 1913 Keedick, NY, 1st ed, thick 8vo, 2 vol, vi pp.xxxx, 392, photo frontis w/ tissue guard, 81 bw illus, fldg plan, 2 maps (1 fldg); vii pp.x, 449, photo frontis w/ tissue guard, 52 bw illus, 20 maps/charts (1 fldg), appendices, teg, gill-letter spine & covers, blue cloth; cloth bright, sign of former labels on fep both vols, else fine. #26720, $1950. -  


Armitage, Lieut. Albert B. Two Years in the Antarctic: Being a Narrative of the British National Antarctic Expedition. 1905 Arnold, London, 1st, 8vo, vi pp.xix, 315, photo frontis, 76 bw photos, color fldg map, appendices, green cloth w/ spine lettered in gilt; cloth w/ the front cover lettering & illus of most copies, bottom front corner bumped, name dated 1935, tight, vg. #25643, $1195. -  

Armitage was second in command of Scott’s British National Antarctic Expedition (1901-04). He presents a lighter side of the expedition than in Scott’s official account and covers his sledge journeys, during two seasons, to the western mountains and ascent of Victoria Land. Prior to this expedition he was a

Arnold, H. J. P. Photographer of the World: The Biography of Herbert Ponting. 1971 Fairleigh Dickinson Univ Press, Rutherford, 1st, 8vo, pp.175, photo frontis, 77 bw photos, blue cloth; dj w/ browning to edges, vg, cloth fine. #25710, $29. -  

The first of Arnold’s two books on Ponting, this biographical memoir shows how Ponting, virtually self-taught in his art, free-lanced his way around the world, observing, photographing, lecturing and, ultimately, seeing his business fail. Conrad p.170, Karrow 33, Meadows 430, Renard 55, Rosove 20.B1, Spence 72.

Back, Captain (George). Narrative of the Arctic Land Expedition to the Mouth of the Great Fish River, and Along the Shores of the Arctic Ocean, in the Years 1833, 1834, and 1835. 1836 John Murray, London, 1st, thick 8vo, pp.xx, 663, 12 pgs ads dated May 1836, engraved frontis w/ tissue guard, 13 engraved plates w/ tissue guards, fldg map, appendices, teg, red calf title patch w/ gill lettering on spine, 6 gilt-ruled panels w/ raised bands, modern ¾ calf & marbled boards; boards fresh, bright, new eps, tight, map w/ orig folds & no tears, fine. #26721, $750. -  

George Back, following his two overland Arctic expeditions with John Franklin, was sent to locate John Ross who had been missing for three years. Back went overland to Great Slave Lake where, in the spring of 1833, he received word that Ross had returned to the UK. He then continued, descending the full 440 miles of the unexplored Great Fish (now Back) River to the Arctic Ocean. Overall, the expedition traveled 7700 miles and completed both objectives – to navigate the river and to map as much as possible of the sea coast. A very nice copy of this classic account of early Arctic exploration. AB 851, Streeter 3705.

Barrow, Sir John. Voyages of Discovery and Research within the Arctic Regions, from the Year 1818 to the Present Time: Under the Command of the several Naval Officers employed by Sea and Land in Search of a Northwest Passage from the Atlantic to the Pacific; with Two Attempts to Reach the North Pole. [c1846] Harper & Bros, NY, 8vo, pp.359, illus, gilt-dec brown ribbon cloth; cloth clipped/worn top/bottom & edges of spine, front/back covers w/ cloth chipped from boards, library bookplate to front, name w/o the two maps called for in 1st printing, good. #26689, $59 -  

Barrow provides a detailed account of the principal British expeditions into the North American Arctic (and St Lawrence), including John Ross (1818), David Buchan (1818), William Edward Parry (1819-20, 1821-23, 1824-25, 1827), Douglas Clavering and Edward Sabine (1822-23), George Lyon (1824), John Franklin (1819-22, 1825-27), John Richardson (1825-27), and George Back (1833-35, 1836-37); their scientific achievements, and contributions towards discovery of a Northwest Passage. The last chapter includes criticism of Sir John Ross’ second voyage in search of a Northwest Passage (1829-33). Arctic Bibliography 1096.

Bart, Sheldon. Race to the Top of the World: Richard Byrd and the First Flight to the North Pole. 2013 US, 1st, thick 8vo, pp.xiv, 560, 15 bw photos, grey cloth; dj & cloth new. #26562, $29.95

It was the dawn of a new age of adventure. Biplanes and dirigibles coasted through the air. Vast swaths of the Earth remained still untouched and unseen by man. And one group of relentless explorers competed in the race of a lifetime: to be the first to fly over the North Pole. What inspired their dangerous fascination? For some, it was the romantic theory of a “lost world,” a hidden continent beneath the Arctic Ocean. Others were seduced by new aviation technology, which they strove to push to its ultimate limit. The feats of these heroes are still breathtaking and inspiring - and still a matter of debate.

The main players in this high stakes game were Richard Byrd, dashing Navy officer and early aviation pioneer, and Roald Amundsen, Viking of the sky, implacable rival of Byrd’s, and hardened veteran of polar expeditions. Both men were intent on becoming the first aviator to fly over the North Pole. Theirs is a Homeric tale of disasters and near misses – and enduring mystery: Who was the first man to fly over the North Pole?

Bart has delved more deeply into the personal archives of Byrd and his contemporaries than anyone else and presents a story packed with powerful, never-before-seen evidence of a great and exciting aerial challenge.

Battersby, William. James Fitzjames: The Mystery Man of the Franklin Expedition. 2010 Canada, 1st, 8vo, pp.224, 33 bw photos, 2 tables, 6 maps, appendices, blue cloth; dj & cloth new. #25858, $34.95

James Fitzjames was a hero of the early nineteenth-century Royal Navy. A charismatic man with a wicked sense of humour, he pursued his naval career with wily determination. When he joined the Franklin Expedition at the age of 32 he thought he would make his name. But instead the expedition completely disappeared and he never returned. Its fate is one of history’s last great unsolved mysteries, as were the origins and background of James Fitzjames - until now.

Fitzjames packed a great deal into his thirty-two years. He had sailed an iron paddle steamer down the River Euphrates and fought with spectacular bravery in the Black Sea. He took over the leadership of the expedition when Watkins disappeared, and then returned to England and to the Royal Navy. He was a man of many talents, a man of intrigue and a man of mystery.

Béchervaise, John. Arctic and Antarctic: The Will and the Way of John Riddoch Rymill. 1995 Bluntisham, UK, 1st, Ltd ed 500, 8vo, pp.x, 230, 25 bw photos, drawing, 4 maps, appendices, wraps; some spots to fore edge, else fine. #26599, $49. -  

The first biography of a “major, yet little known explorer”. Rymill was a member of Gino Watkins’ British Arctic Air Route Expedition (BAARE) to Greenland (1930-31). He joined Watkins again in Greenland (1932-33) and took over the leadership of the expedition when Watkins disappeared while seal hunting. Rymill then organized and led the British Graham Land Expedition.

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Numerous expeditions were sent to look for Franklin over the next two decades, but Robertson, Sydney, 1st, 8vo, pp.252, photo frontis, 25 bw photos, 2 maps, blue cloth; dj edge worn, tape reinforced, vg-, cloth w/light marks to cover, else fine.

A personal account of the Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition (ANARE) of 1959-60 compiled from letters and newsletters. A blizzard lasted more than a week and a fire destroyed a powerhouse. Meadows 405, Renard 99, Spence 108.

The Far South. 1961 Angus & Robertson, Sydney, 1st, 8vo, pp.xvi, 103, 19 bw photos, 2 maps, map eps, blue cloth; dj edge worn, tape reinforced, cloth near fine.

A general overview of Antarctic history, physical makeup, climate, bird and animal life, and scientific work based on Bekchervaise’s experience with the Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions (ANARE). This is the original edition of his later work ‘Australia: The Last Horizon’ (1979), see above. Karrow 67, Renard 98, Rosove 1022, Spence 107.

Behrendt, John C. Innocents on the Ice: A Memoir of Antarctic Exploration, 1957. 1st, 8vo, pp.xvii, 428, 50 bw photos, 5 maps, black cloth; dj w/ mark to spine, else fine, cloth fine.

Borchgrevink, Carsten. Das Festland am Südpol: Die Expedition zum Southern Cross’ was composed almost entirely of Norwegians and was the first to winter over on the continent, at Cape Adare, the first to use dogs on the continent, established a new ‘furthest south’, and made the first sledge journey on the Ross Ice Shelf. Louis Bernacchi wrote of the expedition in his book ‘To the South Polar Regions’. An important early Antarctic work. Uncommon. AB-USN 23-52.11, Conrad p.91, Karrow 93, Mackenzie 24, Meadows 302, Renard 152, Rosove 45.A1.a, Spence 152.

Boyd, Louise A. The Coast of Northeast Greenland – With Hydrographic Studies in the Greenland Sea – The Louise A. Boyd Arctic Expeditions of 1937 and 1938. 1948 American Geographical Society, NY, Special Pub #30, 1st, 8vo, pp.xi, 339, photo frontis, 165 bw photos, 13 diagrams, 16 maps, with separate slipcase of 12 plates (7 color fldg maps, 25 fldg photos, 3 fldg charts), grey cloth; issued w/o dj, cloth w/light edge rubbing, tight, fine, slipcase rubbed, maps & photos w/ orig folds & no tears, overall fine.

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, vl 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 rebacked, some wear to corners, xlib markings, vol I signed Alvin Seale 1933, vol II w/cover mark from bookend, plates bright, tight, vg.


Borchgrevink, Carsten. Das Festland am Südpol: Die Expedition zum Südpolarmund in den Jahren 1898-1900. 1905 Schottlaender, Breslau, 1st German, tall 8vo, pp.609, 301 bw photos, 6 color & 15 bw illus, chart, 2 color & 3 bw maps, appendices, pictorial red cloth; cloth spine split along back, hinges cracked, pages browned, good.

This is the first German edition of Borchgrevink’s ‘First on the Antarctic Continent’, published five years after the UK edition but with many more photos and six color illustrations. Borchgrevink’s British Antarctic Expedition in the ‘Southern Cross’ was composed almost entirely of Norwegians and was the first to winter over on the continent, at Cape Adare, the first to use dogs on the continent, established a new ‘furthest south’, and made the first sledge journey on the Ross Ice Shelf. Louis Bernacchi wrote of the expedition in his book ‘To the South Polar Regions’. This German edition is less common than the UK edition. Uncommon. AB-USN 23-52.37, see Rosove 45.A1.a, Spence 154.

First on the Antarctic Continent: Being an Account of the British Antarctic Expedition 1898-1900. 1901 Newnes, London, 1st, 8vo, pp.xxv, 333, 32 pgs ads, photo frontis w/ tissue guard, 196 bw illus, 3 color fldg maps, appendices, uncut, tef, gilt decorated & lettered spine, front cover w/ gilt & silver image, dark blue cloth; cloth top spine pulled, spine slightly darkened, light rubbing, light wear to corners, some foxing to title page, maps w/original folds, vg+

Bertrand, Kenneth J. Americans in Antarctica 1775-1948. 1971 American Geographical Society, NY, Special Pub #18, 1st, 8vo, pp.x, 369, errata slip, photo frontis, 362 bw photos, map, with separate slipcase of 14 plates (3 color fldg maps, 25 fldg photos, 3 fldg charts), grey cloth; issued w/o dj, cloth w/light edge rubbing, tight, fine, slipcase rubbed, maps & photos w/ orig folds & no tears, overall fine.

Boyd was an American explorer of Greenland and the Arctic who, in 1955, became the first woman to fly over the North Pole. She wrote two books on her Greenland expeditions, both scholarly works published by the American Geographical Society. The Dept. of the Army requested she not publish her valuable studies from her 1937 and 1938 expeditions until after the war. The folding maps are quite large.

The Fiord of East Greenland. 1935 American Geographical Society, NY, Special Pub #31, 1st, 8vo, pp.xx, 339, photo frontis, 165 bw photos, 13 diagrams, 16 maps, with separate slipcase of 12 plates (7 color fldg maps, 25 fldg photos, 3 fldg charts), grey cloth; issued w/o dj, cloth rubbed, internally clean, tight, very good, slipcase rubbed/darkened, maps, photos & charts w/ orig folds & no tears., overall very good.

Boyd was an American explorer of Greenland and the Arctic who, in 1955, became the first woman to fly over the North Pole. She wrote two books on her Greenland expeditions, both scholarly works published by the American Geographical Society. This is an account of her 1933 expedition which covers the various scientific studies as well as a history of the exploration of the region, lots of photos. AB 2047.

Bull, H. J. The Cruise of the ‘Antarctic’ to the South Polar Regions. 1896 Arnold, London, 1st prtg, 1st issue, 8vo, pp.243, 43+32 pgs ads, frontis w/ tissue guard, 11 bw plates, appendices, uncut, silver-lettered spine & cover w/silver & black portrait of the Antarctic, blue cloth; cloth spine darkened w/ loss of silver, chipped top spine, repaired 1.5” split to spine, polar bookplate of John H. Roscoe to fep, foxing to tissue guard, tight, very good.

The first issue with the second grouping of ads dated February, 1896. This is one of the harder to find early Antarctic accounts.
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the diaries of Wilson, Bowers, Lashly, Priestley, and Atkinson. He presents the

Charcot, Filchner, Shackleton, the whalers, Bagshawe, Lester, the Discovery investigations, Byrd, Wilkins, Fuchs, and more.

Burton, Robert. Southern Horizons: The History of the British Antarctic Territory. 2008 UK, 1st, oblong 8vo, pp.64, map frontis, 31 color & 79 bw photos, 9 color & 19 bw illus, 2 plans, graph, 4 maps, wraps; new.

—, another copy. [1923] Doran, NY, 1st, 8vo, vol I pp.lxiv, 300, 4, color frontis w/ tissue guard, 3 color illus, 19 bw photos, 15 illus (1 fldg), 4 maps (3 fldg), appendix, vol II pp.viii, 301-585, color frontis w/ tissue guard, 1 color illus, 14 bw photos, 8 illus, 1 fldg map, paper spine labels on tan linen spines over blue-gray papered boards; boards w/ very little wear, no chips to paper labels, 2 small spots spine on vol II, fine corners, bookplates & pencil name of John C Parsons, 1929, maps w/ orig folds & no tears, tight hinges, fine.

This first US edition, like the first UK edition, was printed in Edinburgh but is without the 10 folding panoramas which only appeared in the UK edition. I doubt one could find a cleaner set. Uncommon. See Conrad p.173, Neate C37, Renard 307, Rosove 71.C1.a.

Clancy, Robert, John Manning, & Henk Brolsma. Mapping Antarctica: A Five Hundred Year Record of Discovery. 2014 UK, 1st, 8vo, pp.xx, 328, 3 color & 9 bw photos, 2 color & 13 bw illus, 100 color & 37 bw maps, pictorial cloth; issued w/o dj, cloth new.

When Sir John Franklin disappeared in the Arctic in the 1840s, the British Admiralty launched the largest rescue mission in its history. Among the search vessels was HMS Investigator, which left England in 1850 under the command of Captain Robert McClure. While the ambitious McClure never found Franklin, he and his crew did discover the fabled Northwest Passage. Like Franklin’s ships, though, Investigator disappeared in the most remote, bleak and unknown place on earth. For three winters, its 66 souls were trapped in the unforgiving ice of Mercy Bay. They suffered cold, darkness, starvation, scurvy, boredom, depression and madness. When they were rescued in 1853, Investigator was abandoned.

For more than a century and a half, the ship’s fate remained a mystery. Had it been crushed by the ice or swept out to sea? In 2010, Parks Canada sent a team of archaeologists to Mercy Bay to find out. It was a formidable challenge, demanding expertise and patience. There, off the shores of Aulavik National Park, they found Investigator.

This is a tale of endurance, daring, deceit, courage, and irony. It is a story about a tempestuous crew, their mercurial captain, cynical surgeon and kind-hearted missionaries. In the end, McClure found fame but lost his ship, some members of his crew and much of his honour. Written with elegance and authority, illustrated with archival imagery and startling underwater photographs of Investigator and its artifacts, this is a sensational story of discovery and intrigue in Canada’s Arctic.

Cook, Frederick A. Through the First Antarctic Night 1898-1899: A Narrative of the Voyage of the “Belgica” Among Newly Discovered Lands and Over an Unknown Sea About the South Pole. 1900 Doubleday & McClure Co, NY, 1st, thick 8vo, pp.xxv, 478, color frontis, 3 color & 125 bw illus, 2 maps, appendices, teg, uncut, gilt-lettered spine w/ gilt penguin & Doubleday Page & Co imprint on bottom of spine, cover w/ gilt lettering, Belgica in white, penguin in white/black, sun in red, turquoise cloth; cloth rubbed, slight pull top of spine, tight, some foxing to eps, very good.

Cook served as surgeon for Gerlache’s Belgian Antarctic Expedition (1897-99). He was highly praised by Roald Amundsen for holding the crew together during the First Antarctic winter encountered by man as their ship “Belgica”, trapped in the ice, drifted for 13 months. “One of the finest and most interesting from any Antarctic expedition” — Rosove. This is a previously unrecorded variant with the Doubleday & McClure sheets, dated 1900, and the Doubleday Page & Co spine normally attributed to 1909. Scarce. See Conrad p.85, see Karrow 157, see Meadows 301, see Renard 358, not in Rose (see 76.A2.b), see Spence 312, see Stam p.81, see Taurus 19.

The Evolution of Antarctica (our #26025).

A scholarly work about the discovery and exploration of Antarctica, using contemporary maps from 1570 to 2002, most very rare, to tell the story. They represent all the major events and allow an unusual visual appreciation of change over a relatively short period of time. See also Pederson’s ‘The Mapping of Antarctica’ (our #26025).

Cohen, Andrew. Lost Beneath the Ice: The Story of HMS Investigator. 2013 Canada, 1st, square 8vo, pp.152, color frontis, 60 color & 4 bw photos, 10 color & 4 bw illus, 5 ship’s plans, 4 maps, black cloth; dj & cloth new.

—. Another copy. 1923 Doran, NY, 1st, 8vo, vol I pp.lxiv, 300, 4, color frontis w/ tissue guard, 3 color illus, 19 bw photos, 15 illus (1 fldg), 4 maps (3 fldg), appendix, vol II pp.viii, 301-585, color frontis w/ tissue guard, 1 color illus, 14 bw photos, 8 illus, 1 fldg map, uncut, paper spine labels on tan linen spines over blue-gray papered boards; boards of vol I w/ light wear, vol II corners rubbed, small stain bottom both spines, spare labels present, very good.

Benjamin Leigh Smith discovered and named dozens of islands in the Arctic but published no account of his pioneering explorations. He refused public accolades and sent stand-ins to deliver the results of his work to scientific societies. Yet, the Royal Geographical Society’s Sir Clements R. Markham referred to him as a polar explorer of the first rank.

Traveling to the Arctic islands that Leigh Smith explored and crisscrossing

England to uncover unpublished journals, diaries, and photographs, archaeologist and writer P. J. Capelotti details Leigh Smith’s five major Arctic expeditions and places them within the context of the great polar explorations in the nineteenth century.

The Finest Polar Book Ever Written

Cherry-Garrard, Apsley. The Worst Journey in the World: Antarctic 1910-1913. 1922 Constable, London, 1st, 2 vol, 8vo, vol I pp.lxiv, 300, 4, color frontis w/ tissue guard, 2 bw fldg panoramas, 3 color illus, 19 bw photos, 15 illus (1 fldg), 4 maps (3 fldg), appendix, vol II pp.viii, 301-585, color frontis w/ tissue guard, 8 bw fldg panoramas, 1 color illus, 14 bw photos, 8 illus, 1 fldg map, uncut, paper spine labels on tan linen spines over blue-gray papered boards; boards of vol I w/ light wear, vol II corners rubbed, small stain bottom both spines, spare labels present, very good.

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Galaburri, Richard W. Lost! The Franklin Expedition and the Fate of Captain F. R. M. Crozier and the Crews of H.M.S. Erebus and Terror in 1845-1848. 2013 Pvt pub, NY, 3rd prtg, 8vo, pp.60, frontis, 9 illus, 3 maps, stapled wraps; signed, new. #26659, $22.95

Galaburri’s monograph delves into the mystery surrounding the disappearance of Sir John Franklin and his crew in 1848. He focuses on the Inuit evidence uncovered by Charles Francis Hall in 1864-69 to present a theory as to the fate of Captain Crozier and his men.

Gerlache, Adrien de. Fifteen Months in the Antarctic. 1998 UK, 1st English, ltd ed 700, 4to, pp.xxii, xxx, 202, photo frontis, 97 bw illus, 4 figs, 4 maps, appendices, gilt dec blue-green cloth; issued w/o dj, cloth new. #15876, $89.-

The first English translation of Gerlache’s 1902 narrative ‘Quinze Mois dans l’Antarctique’. Until now the only English-language account of the Belgian Antarctic Expedition (1897-99) was Cook’s ‘Through the First Antarctic Night’. Roald Amundsen’s diary was also published in 1999. The “Belgica” expedition was the first international scientific expedition to the Antarctic. They suffered a number of hardships from mental breakdowns to illness and communication. “Belgica” was trapped in the ice and drifted for 13 months becoming the first to endure the Antarctic winter. Rosove 150.A1.

Gjeldnes, Rune. Beyond The Poles: First and Only Unsupported Crossing of Both Poles. 2006 Norway, 1st, 4to, pp.160, 136 color photos, 3 color maps, photo eps, black cloth; signed, dj fine, cloth fine. #24584, $89.-

Norwegian Gjeldnes has made long-distance ski expeditions his forte. In 1996 he, along with fellow Norwegian Torre Larsen, completed an unsupported ski crossing of the Arctic Ocean, 109 days, 2,100 kilometers, thus becoming the first to cross the Arctic Ocean without resupply. In 2005-06, Gjeldnes completed “The Longest March”, a three-month 4,800 kilometer solo ski trek across Antarctica, via the South Pole, becoming the first person to cross that continent alone and without being resupplied. This is a nice companion book to Rune’s ‘Dead Men Walking’ and is very similar to Borge Ousland’s books.

Hanssen, Helmer. Voyages of a Modern Viking. 1936 Routeledge, London, 1st, 8vo, pp.x, 216, photo frontis, 5 bw photos, double-page map, gilt-lettered spine, light blue cloth; cloth w/ some spotting to cover edges, corners rubbed, internal foxing/toning, tight, very good. #25748, $595.-

Hanssen was an experienced Norwegian ice pilot who participated in three polar expeditions, all with Roald Amundsen. His autobiography includes his experiences as second mate in the search for the Northwest Passage in the Gjoa (1903-06), as a dog driver on the South Pole expedition in the Fram (1910-12), and as captain during the Northeast Passage expedition in the Maud (1918-23). He was one of the five who were first to reach the South Pole ahead of Robert Scott and his companions. This book is of particular significance as it is the only firsthand English-language account, other than Amundsen’s, of the South Pole expedition. Uncommon. AB-USN 29.25, Conrad p.159, Renard 649, Rosove 159.A1, in not in Spence, Taurus 73.

Hayes, J. Gordon. Antarctica: A Treatise on the Southern Continent. 1928 Richards, London, 1st, thick 8vo, pp.xv, 448, photo frontis, 15 bw photos, 13 tables, 8 schedules, 10 charts/diagrams (2 fldg), 4 fldg maps in pocket, appendices, gilt lettered spine & front, medium blue cloth; cloth w/ light edge rubbing, bump to top corner, couple of pencil notations, name on ffep, maps w/ orig folds & no tear, tight, fine. #25646, $275.-

A survey of Antarctic exploration and science expanding beyond Mill’s ‘The Siege of the South Pole’ (1905) through Larson’s Norwegian Whaling Expedition (1923-24). (We can also supply the scarce Prospectus to accompany this book, see our #26190.) Uncommon. AB-USN 17.233, Karrow 313, see Renard 672, Rosove 164.A1, e, Spence 574.

Heilprin, Angelo. The Arctic Problem and Narrative of the Peary Relief Expedition. 1893 Contemporary Pub, Philadelphia, 1st, 8vo, pp.165, frontis, 14 bw photos, map, blue cloth; cloth rubbed, small dot to spine, front hinge separated, 1 plate separated, good+. #26715, $29.95

Heilprin was a member of Robert Peary’s Greenland expedition of 1891-92, leading the Western Expedition component. The following year he led the Peary Relief Expedition (1891-92). He was also the first president of the Geographical Society of Philadelphia and a founding member of the American Alpine Club. Here he provides a summary of previous attempts to reach North Pole, details of the Spitsbergen Route, and his account of the Relief Expedition.

Hince, Bernadette, ed. Still no Mawson: Frank Stillwell’s Antarctic Diaries 1911-13. 2012 Australia, 1st, small 8vo, pp.vi, 240, 27 bw photos, plan, 2 maps, appendix, wraps; new. #26576, $49.95

In January 1913, Frank Stillwell and 14 other men waited anxiously at Main Base for three overdue men. All of the summer’s field parties had returned safely to the Cape Denison hut — except for Douglas Mawson’s. ‘Another day and no Mawson’, wrote Stillwell on 21 January. ‘Still no Mawson’, he wrote five days later. ‘The most optimistic among us now are beginning to have fears ‘...’. By February it seemed clear that the missing men had all died. Stillwell’s diaries reveal everyday life in the men’s isolated hut in Antarctica, with near-poisonings and the tragedy of two deaths. The diaries are published here for the first time in one of the centenary years of the 1911-14 Australasian Antarctic Expedition.

Hirzel, David. Hold Fast: Tom Crean with Shackleton’s Endurance Expedition 1913-1916. 2013 US, 1st, 8vo, pp.301, appendices, wraps; signed, new. #26559, $19.95

There are more famous names than Tom Crean’s from the “heroic age” of Antarctic exploration, but there are few stories as compelling as his. The Antarctic is a harsh place of bitter cold and darkness, where only the strong and resourceful can hope to survive. Crean was such a man. Had he weakened and failed somewhere along the way of his adventurous life, the lives of all might well have been lost, and their stories remained untold. He left no diary or book; his few letters speak modestly of his exploits, if at all. Hold Fast tells the story of a common man in uncommon circumstances, who met every challenge as it came with steadfast purpose. If he knew fear, he never showed it. He left England with Shackleton’s “Endurance” expedition in August 1914, expecting to be the first to cross the Antarctic continent and come home to lasting fame. Things didn’t work out according to plan. From the moment his ship “Endurance” was caught in the ice and crushed, throughout the long sojourn of the shipwrecked sailors on the floating ice floe, he took every setback with casual aplomb, as though he did this sort of thing every day. When twenty-eight men were forced to take to sea in three small boats, he took the helm of one of them. To save those men, Crean was one of six who crossed the stormy southern ocean in an open boat, to land on an inhospitable shore. The journey was not over yet. Three men must cross the glaciers guarding the forbidding interior of South Georgia to get help. Tom Crean was one of them. We share his trials as they happen—the thrill of discovery, the danger of the sea-ice, the terror of extreme isolation. Tom Crean was not most renowned of the explorers during those early years of Antarctic discovery. For that, the palmos go to Shackleton, Amundsen, and Scott, with the names of other leaders not far behind. Other men, better educated and connected, would publish the stories of hardship and adventure that astonished the world. Crean’s name is occasionally mentioned in these works, as it should be; his was a distinguished career of service, not as a leader, but as a seaman. His story is not one of trial and privation leading to a tragic end, because without one man’s endurance and unflinching resolve in the face of hopeless adversity, there would be no survivors. The familiar names belong to those who claimed to lead, but those who lead are nothing without those who come a few steps behind, hauling the gear, pitching the camp, walking the long walk, steadfast, enduring. Without them, there would be no leaders. There would be no survivors, and no story to be told.

Hobbs, William Herbert. Characteristics of Existing Glaciers. 1911 Macmillan, NY, 1st, 8vo, pp.xxv, 301, 4 pgs ads, photo frontis, 54 bw photos, 140 figs, 7 maps, gilt-lettered spine, green cloth; cloth spine w/ private lib label, edges worn, polar bookplate of John H. Roscoe to ffep, very good+.

#26716, $35.95

This is a major geological work composed of three parts dealing with Mountain, Arctic, and Antarctic glaciers. From the polar collection of geographer John H. Roscoe, author of Antarctic Bibliography, scientific advisor to the director of the US Antarctic Program, photogrammetrist with the central task group of Operation Highjump (1946–47), and with Operation Windmill (1947–48), Roscoe Glacier is named after him. AB-USN 13.46.
Joyce, Ernest E. Mills. The South Polar Trail: The Log of the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition. 1929 Duckworth, London, 1st, 8vo, pp.220, photo frontis, 60 bw photos, chart, gilt lettered spine, light blue cloth; inscribed "To Harry, From Yr Ould Penguin Joycey, Antarctica 1901-4 1907-9 1914-17 London 22-3-30" on half-title, cloth rubbed, front hinge starting, very good. #20109, $1895.

The incredible story of the Ross Sea Party which provided support for Sir Ernest Shackleton's Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition (1914-17) which planned to make the first crossing of the Antarctic continent. Joyce first journeyed to the Antarctic as a member of Scott's British National Antarctic Expedition (1901-04), then with Shackleton on the British Antarctic Expedition (1907-09). The Party consisted of ten men, including Joyce, Aeneas Mackintosh (leader), Ernest Wild (brother of Frank Wild), Joseph Stenhouse, and Dick Richards. For the Antarctic crossing, Shackleton placed Joyce in charge of dogs, provisions and laying out of depots. When their ship 'Aurora' ripped from its moorings, along with most of their supplies, the ten men scavenged equipment and food and set out to set the depots needed for Shackleton and his men. Joyce and his companions sledged over 1600 miles to lay the depots which, with the sinking of the Endurance, were never utilised. Of the ten, three men died including Mackintosh. This book is based on Joyce's diary and is the primary, first-hand account of the Ross Sea Party. This is a wonderful signed copy from someone closely tied to Antarctic exploration. Uncommon. AB-USN 24-69.8, Conrad p.220, Karrow 336, Meadows 348, Renard 822, Rosove 188.A1.h. Spence 642, Taurus 106.

Jarvis, Tim. Chasing Shackleton: Re-creating the World's Greatest Journey of Survival. 2013 US, 1st, 8vo, pp.264, 129 color & 26 bw photos, 4 color illus, plan, 4 maps, photo eps, pictorial cloth; dj & cloth new. #26640, $34.95

In the winter of 2013, Jarvis, a veteran of multiple polar expeditions, set out to recreate Sir Ernest Shackleton's treacherous voyage from Elephant Island to South Georgia, over sea and mountain, outfitted solely with authentic equipment — clothing, boots, food, and tools — from Shackleton's time, a feat that has never been successfully accomplished. This is the remarkable record of Jarvis and his team's epic journey. Beautifully designed and illustrated with dozens of photographs from the original voyage and its modern reenactment, it is a visual feast for readers and historians alike, and an essential new chapter in the story that has inspired adventurers across every continent for a century.

Joerg, W. L. G. Brief History of Polar Exploration since the Introduction of Flying... to accompany a Physical Map of the Arctic and a Bathymetric Map of the Antarctic. 1930 American Geographical Society, NY, Special Pub #11, 1st, 8vo, pp.50, 8 maps with 2 large, color, fldg maps, wraps; slipcase rubbed, book fine, maps w/ original folds & no tears, fine. #25716, $37.

Joerg's interesting work is equally divided between the Arctic and Antarctic. The two large maps are nicely executed. AB-USN 23.308, Karrow 359, Renard 806, Spence 634.

Johansen, Hjalmar. With Nansen in the North: A Record of the Fram Expedition in 1893-96. 1899 Ward, Lock, London, 1st, 8vo, pp.viii, 351, green-toned photo frontis w/ tissue guard, 14 green-toned plates, 49 bw illus, map, gilt-lettered & dec blue ribbed cloth; cloth lightly rubbed, top/bottom spine show wear, frontis reinforced, small pencil name, rear ads removed, tight, very good. #22505, $225.

Johansen, an excellent skier, dog driver, and gymnast, joined Fridtjof Nansen's 'Fram' expedition in 1893 as a stoker. He reached 86 degrees 14 minutes north and, upon the expedition's return, had to winter over on Franz Josef Land with Nansen. Later, in 1910, he joined Roald Amundsen, again with the 'Fram', on his journey to the Antarctic and South Pole. This book is about his first expedition with Nansen. Scarcer than Nansen's own account of the 'Fram' expedition.

A Signed Copy of Joyce's Ross Sea Party Narrative

Joyce, Ernest E. Mills. The South Polar Trail: The Log of the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition. 1929 Duckworth, London, 1st, 8vo, pp.220, photo frontis, 60 bw photos, chart, gilt lettered spine, light blue cloth; inscribed "To Harry, From Yr Ould Penguin Joycey, Antarctica 1901-4 1907-9 1914-17 London 22-3-30" on half-title, cloth rubbed, front hinge starting, very good. #20109, $1895.

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ew plates (7 fldg panoramas), 20 illus/maps, 3 color fldg maps in pocket, appendices, rebound in ½ black sheep w/ marbled boards, raised bands, gilt-lettered title on spine; boards w/ no wear, new eps, armorial bookplates of Walter McLennan, Baron Citrine of Wembly, very little foxing, maps w/ original folds & no tears, tight, fine. A handsome set. #25777, $1295.-

Mawson’s Australasian Antarctic Expedition, 1911-1914, is a classic account of early polar exploration. The expedition explored 1500 miles from George V Land to Queen Mary Land, and had a very rough time! This is a great read and one of the classics of polar literature. Uncommon. Conrad pg. 208, Renard 1021, Meadows 343, Rooseve 217.1.b, Spence 773.

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Murray, James & George Marston. **Antarctic Days: Sketches of the Homely Side of Polar Life, by Two of Shackleton’s Men.** 1913 Andrew Melrose, London, DeLuxe Ltd ed #65/280, 4to, pp.xxi, 200, front color w/ tissue guard, 3 color plates mounted on dark blue, thick paper w/ tissue guards, 29 bw photo plates, 7 sketch plates, 18 text illus, gilt lettered & ruled spine, all edges beveled, front cover w/ framed paper depicting an iceberg, gilt lettered title & stamped signatures of the authors, light blue cloth; signed Murray, Marston, & E H Shackleton, cloth spotted/mottled, bookplate of Michael F. Fallon, 6 unopened leaves, internally clean & tight, externally good, internally fine. #25651, $7395.-

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. A cornerstone work for any Antarctic collection. This particular copy contains the half-title, unlike all copies. Very scarce. AB-USN 38.27, Conrad pg. 145, Karrow 498, Meadows 321, Renard 1121, Rooseve 236.1.a, Spence 830, Taurus 61.

—. 1913 Andrew Melrose, London, Trade ed, 8vo, pp.xxi, 199, photo frontis w/ tissue guard, 29 bw photo plates, 7 sketch plates, 18 text illus, gilt-lettered spine, dark blue-lettered blue cloth; cloth spine darkened, chipped top/bottom of spine, light corner wear, front hinge starting, vg. #26669, SOLD

**Antarctic Days** was published in both a limited, signed edition of 280 copies and a trade edition. Surprisingly, this trade edition is equally as scarce as the limited edition. A cornerstone work for any Antarctic collection. Very scarce. AB-USN 38.27, Conrad pg. 145, Karrow 498, Meadows 321, Renard 1122, Rooseve 236.2, Spence 831, Taurus 61.

Neilson, David. **Southern Light: Images from Antarctica.** 2012 Australia, 1st, square 4to, pp.306, photo frontis, 4 color & 3 bw gatefolds, 125 color & 102 bw photos, 5 color maps, gilt-dec blue cloth; dj & cloth new. #26642, $84.95

Neilson, an experienced mountaineer, rock climber, author and photographer, presents a stunning, large-format book showcasing the beauty of Antarctica. For this project, Neilson embarked on six journeys to Antarctica (Mawson Station 1990-91, 2004-05, Antarctic Peninsula 2006, 2008, Ross Sea 2009) and the sub-Antarctic (South Georgia 2002, 2008) to explore the wonders of this frozen landscape and capture its exquisite light. The beautiful images, taken with a large-format view camera, cover a wide range including Deception Island, Cuverville Island, Paradise Harbour; Mount François, Fort Charcot, Lemaire Channel; Elephant Island; Framnes Mountains; Prince Charles Mountains, Vestfold Hills; Transantarctic Mountains; Mount Erebus, McMurdo Dry Valleys, Scott’s Terra Nova hut, Borchgrevink’s Southern Cross hut, penguins, albatross, and seals. This is the sort of book where you want to just view one page a day and revel in the grandeur. This book weighs 6.5 pounds.

Nordenskjöld, Otto & Ludwig Mecking. **The Geography of the Polar Regions consisting of A General Characterization of Polar Nature and A Regional Geography of the Arctic and the Antarctic.** 1928 American Geographical Society, NY, Special Pub #8, 1st, 8vo, pp.vi, 359, 106 bw photos, 5 figs, 6 tables, 23 maps, grey cloth; issued w/o dj, cloth rubbed, tight, vg. #26718, $35.-

Initially published as two books (Nordenskjöld’s in Swedish), these titles were combined to form a companion volume to W. L. G. Joerg’s “Problems of Polar Research” which was published by the American Geographical Society.

Osborne, S. L. **In the Shadow of the Pole: An Early History of Arctic Expeditions, 1871-1912.** 2013 Canada, 1st, 8vo, pp.304, 35 bw photos, fig, 3 maps, wraps; new with separately printed end notes (pp.11).#26643, $26.99

Following up on her master’s thesis on Canadian polar explorer Joseph-Elzéar Bernier, Osborne tells the history of how the Arctic became part of Canada and how the Dominion government established jurisdiction there. She describes early expeditions to Canada’s North, including the little-known Dominion government expeditions to the Sabartic and Arctic carried out between 1884 and 1912. The men on these expeditions conducted scientific research, meteorological studies, geological explorations, and hydrographic surveys. They informed the people they met there of Canada’s jurisdiction in the region and raised the flag from Hudson Bay to Ellesmere Island. These men endured as much hardship and adventure as Peary, Nansen, Amundsen, and other famous polar explorers, yet their expeditions were not widely publicized, and they received no glory for their efforts. This book delves into the story of the remarkable Canadian men who led these expeditions. The end notes, which were not included in the book but made available online, are included here.

Parker, Steve. **Scott’s Last Expedition.** 2012 UK, updated ed, 4to, pp.96, 47 color & 39 bw photos, 5 color & 3 bw illus, plan, map, pictorial cloth; issued w/dj, cloth new. #26545, $15.95

This publication by the Natural History Museum tells the story of Scott’s ill-fated expedition to the South Pole. Numerous chapters focus on different aspects of the expedition with a number of photos of recovered artifacts.


#26707, $75.5-

A nice grouping of three early polar reports. This is the entire issue of the Smithsonian Annual Report.

Preston, Diana. **A First Rate Tragedy: Robert Falcon Scott and the Race to the South Pole.** 1998 Houghton Mifflin, Boston, NY, 1st, 8vo, pp.xiii, 269, 24 bw photos, 3 maps, red/grey cloth; dj lightly rubbed, fine, cloth fine.

#13207, $25.5-

Drawing on new research, Preston analyses both the reasons why Scott failed while Amundsen succeeded and the personalities behind the story.

Riffenburgh, Beau. **Terra Nova: Scott’s Last Expedition.** 2011 SPRI, Cambridge, 1st, small 8vo, pp.48, photo frontis, 7 color & 33 bw photos, 2 color & 3 bw illus, map eps, card covers; new. #26679, $21.95

A smallish, but nicely illustrated, publication from the Scott Polar Research Institute as part of their Polar Profile series. This overview Scott’s British Antarctic Expedition (1910-13) with chapters on preparations, the voyages, Cape Evans, the southern journey, the pole, the northern party, and more.

— & Liz Cruwys. **The Photographs of H G Ponting.** 1998 UK, 1st, 8vo, pp.136, 71 bw photos, map, appendices, blue cloth; dj & cloth new. #14484, $39.5-

Herbert Ponting was one of the greatest camera artists of the early 20th century. He is best known for his Antarctic work where he portrayed in vivid detail the lives of the men who went south with Captain Scott on the British Antarctic Expedition (1910-13). However, Ponting was also a world traveler, and his photographs of Japan, China, and India are exquisite, allowing a tantalizing glimpse of cultures long since changed. About 80% of this stunningly illustrated work features photos from the Antarctic. Rooseve 1259.

Ross, Captain Sir James Clark. **A Voyage of Discovery and Research in the Southern and Antarctic Regions, During the Years 1839-43.** 1847 Murray, London, 1st ed 1st issue, 2 vol, 8vo, vi1 pp, lit., 366, frontis w/ tissue guard, 3 lithographic plates w/ tissue guards, 1 fldg panorama, 7 chapter vignettes, 6 maps (2 fldg), appendices; vii pp., 447, 16 pgs ads (dated Jan 1847), frontis w/ tissue guard, 2 lithographic plates w/ tissue guards, 12 chapter vignettes (1 unlisted), 2 maps (1 fldg), appendices; uncut, blue ribbed cloth w/ gilt illus on
Shackleton, Ernest Henry. Reviews and more. Previous volumes are still available.

Circa 1914, prior to his ‘Endurance’ expedition, Shackleton issued a prospectus, or circular, to wealthy patrons in order to raise funds. He outlined the organization, personnel and goals of the expedition to make the first-ever crossing of the Antarctic continent. The outcome of the expedition culminating in the rescue of the crew following the sinking of the ‘Endurance’ is well known. The crossing of the Antarctic continent. The outcome of the expedition culminating in the rescue of the crew following the sinking of the ‘Endurance’ is well known. The last Letters: The British Antarctic Expedition 1910-13. With the knowledge that they would not survive, Scott and his four companions wrote their last letters home to family and friends. Collected here for the first time from the archives of the Scott Polar Research Institute and private collections are those letters. The letters are presented with transcripts facing photos of the letters where available.

Shackleton, Ernest Henry. The Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition. 2002 US, Ltd ed faces of 1000, 4to, pp. 1, 8vo, color & 23 bw photos, 1 color & 1 bw illus, 7 maps, wraps; new. Shanktown. Nimrod: The Journal of the Ernest Shackleton Autumn School. Vol 7, Oct 2013, Ireland, 8vo, pp.136, 8 color & 23 bw photos, 1 color & 1 bw illus, 7 maps, wraps; new. 26607, $35.- This issue contains articles on Amundsen, Shackleton and science, Filchner, Scott’s Irishmen, the Endurance, Oates, Antarctic place names, coins, book reviews and more. Previous volumes are still available.

Shackleton, Ernest Henry. The Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition. 2002 US, Ltd ed faces of 1000, 4to, pp. 31, diagram of ‘Endurance’, map, stiff wraps; new. 22259, $75.- Circa 1914, prior to his ‘Endurance’ expedition, Shackleton issued a prospectus, or circular, to wealthy patrons in order to raise funds. He outlined the organization, personnel and goals of the expedition to make the first-ever crossing of the Antarctic continent. The outcome of the expedition culminating in the rescue of the crew following the sinking of the ‘Endurance’ is well known. About 200 copies of this privately published prospectus were printed, there being two states. The first state includes commentary regarding John King Davis, whom Shackleton expected would be the ship’s captain. When Davis declined the offer the prospectus was reset, the second state, without the Davis biography. Original copies of this item have sold for upwards of $5000 (2st state) to $22,000 (1st state). The very scarce, first state, prospectus is faithfully reproduced here using nearly identical papers to the original. It is printed letter-press in two colors with hand-tipped illustrations and hand-sewn, string-tie, binding. Each of the 1000 copies is hand-numbered. This is a wonderful facsimile reproduction of this very scarce Shackleton item. See Rosove 307.

Skinner, George & Valerie. The Life and Adventures of William Lashly. 2013 UK, Ltd ed 200, small 8vo, pp.56, 25 bw photos, map, wraps; signed by both authors, new. 26575, $11.95 Lashly was born in the Hampshire village of Hambledon on Christmas Day 1867. He left the village school when he was a little over 11 years old and at 21 joined the Royal Navy. By the age of 52 he had served as Stoker on six Naval warships, including HMS Irresistible where he survived when it was mined and eventually sank during the Gallipoli Campaign in World War I. Lashly also sailed on both of Captain Scott’s expeditions to Antarctica. On the first expedition in 1901 he saved the life of Scott. On the second, with Tom Crean, he saved the life of Lieutenant Edward Evans, who lived to become Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Navy and eventually Viscount Sir Edward Mountevans.

Strange, Carolyn & Alison Bashford. Griffith Taylor: Visionary, Environmentalist, Explorer. 2009 Canada, 1st, 8vo, pp.283, 33 color & 44 bw photos, 23 bw illus, graph, 2 color & 2 bw map, wraps; new. 26667, $39.95 Thomas Griffith Taylor (1880-1963) was a geographer, anthropologist, and world explorer. He was a classmate of Doug Maswon and student of Professor Edgeworth David. His contacts with these two led to his serving as geologist on Scott’s British Antarctic Expedition (1910-1913) where he led the Western Journeys. He published his account of the expedition as ‘With Scott: The Silver Lining’. Taylor’s travels took him from Captain Scott’s final expedition in Antarctica to every continent on earth, in a life that stretched from the Boer War to the Cold War. His research ranged from microscopic analysis of fossils to the ‘races of man’ and the geographic basis of global politics.

An Englishman by birth, he spent much of his life in Australia, Canada, and the United States. He established geography departments at the University of Sydney and the University of Toronto and also taught at the University of Chicago. Taylor was President of Australian, British, American, and Canadian geographical societies and earned numerous honors, including the King’s Polar Medal and the Livingstone medal from the American Geographical Society. As a scientific secularist, Taylor made it his lifelong mission to enlighten the public on humankind’s relation to the environment. Today’s preoccupations with climate change, the ascendency of Asian nations, and the renewed threat of nuclear war were all addressed by Taylor generations earlier. While embroiled in bitter controversy at home and abroad, and often dismissed by his contemporary political and intellectual opponents as a pariah, many subsequent scientists and environmental advocates have come to regard him as something of a prophet. This is a copiously illustrated account and analysis of Taylor’s remarkable life. It explores what drove this ‘long, lean, lanky’ man to such extremes: geographically, intellectually, and politically.

Task Force 68, US Navy. Army Observers’ Report of Operation Highjump. Sept 1947 War Dept, Washington, DC, 1st, 8vo, pp.vii, 398, 279 bw photos, plan, 24 charts, 7 maps (1 color, 4 fldg), appendices, wraps; lower corner bent, polar bookplate of John H. Roscoe to fep, ‘Restricted’ stamps to cover & title page, vg. 26709, $59.- Operation Highjump, or more properly the United States Navy Antarctic Developments Program, 1946-1947, consisted of 4,700 men, 13 ships, and multiple aircraft. The primary goal was to establish the research base Little America IV. This is a comprehensive, and profusely illustrated, report focusing on all aspects of Operation Highjump in order to capture the learnings. Included are Engineer Operations, Transportation, Aircraft Operations, Search and Rescue, Medical, Communications, Photography, Meteorology, Plan for Scientific Exploration, Combined Observers’ Log, and more.

From the polar collection of geographer John H. Roscoe, author of Antarctic
Bibliography, scientific advisor to the director of the US Antarctic Program, photogrammetrist with the central task group of Operation Highjump (1946–47), and with Operation Windmill (1947–48). Roscoe Glacier is named after him. Uncommon.

Taylor, Griffith. With Scott: The Silver Lining. 1916 Smith, Elder, London, 1st ed, 2nd issue, thick 8vo, pp.iv*-xv, 464, photo frontis, 61 bw photos, 7 drawings, 105 text illus, 7 maps (2 fldg, 1 color), appendix, uncut, gilt lettered spine, yellow lettered front w/ Emperor penguin in yellow/black, green cloth; rubbed, bottom spine w/ 2 tears, rear spine edge cracked, name, miss fldg map in back, vg. #22507, $895.

Taylor served as geologist with Scott on the British Antarctic Expedition (1910-13) and led the Western Journeys. This is the scarcest of the firsthand accounts from this expedition. This 2nd issue is scarcer than the 1st and more desirable as it contains Taylor’s two-page preface, which was inadvertently omitted from the 1st issue. A very desirable account of this important expedition. Very scarce. Conrad pg.190, Renard 1575, Rosove 324.A2, Spence 1183.

Thomazi, A. Les Expéditions Polaires [The Polar Expeditions]. 1948 Presses Universitaires de France, Paris, 1st, 16mo, pp.128, 8 maps, wraps; former tape mark to spine, polar bookplate of John H. Roscoe to fep, fine. #26702, $12.95

Equally divided between the Arctic and Antarctic, Thomazi covers early polar exploration from the 1600s on. From the polar collection of geographer John H. Roscoe, author of Antarctic Bibliography, scientific advisor to the director of the US Antarctic Program, photogrammetrist with the central task group of Operation Highjump (1946–47), and with Operation Windmill (1947–48). Roscoe Glacier is named after him. Rosove 1323. In French, no English translation.

US Antarctic Projects Officer. Introduction to Antarctica. Jan 1961 US Antarctic Projects Officer, Washington, DC, revised, 8vo, pp.46, 30 bw photos, 5 maps, wraps; some sunning to cover, bend to lower corner, else fine. #26711, $19.

A paper prepared in response to requests from high school students for information on Antarctica. Included are sections on weather, plants, animals, man, living, the future, further reading, and more. Uncommon.

Weetman, Charles. All about Antarctica: Compiled from Books, Magazine and Newspaper Articles, News Reports and Other Records of Antarctic Exploration. 1948 Ramsay, Ware Pub, Melbourne, 1st, small 8vo, pp.192, 11 bw photos, 2 maps, wraps; former tape marks along spine, title in pencil on spine, polar bookplate of John H. Roscoe to fep, very good. #26712, $35.

From the polar collection of geographer John H. Roscoe, author of Antarctic Bibliography, scientific advisor to the director of the US Antarctic Program, photogrammetrist with the central task group of Operation Highjump (1946–47), and with Operation Windmill (1947–48). Roscoe Glacier is named after him. AB-USN 17-308a, Rosove 1323, Spence 1252.

Wilson, Edward & Henry Bowers. A Tale for Our Generation: An Account of the ‘Winter Journey’. 2011 Australia, 1st thus, 8vo, pp.95, photo frontis, 8 color plates, 5 bw photos, 4 pencil sketches, 2 maps, uncut, dec eps, dec tri-fold cloth; issued w/o dj, cloth new. #26087, $65.

A collection of two manuscripts regarding the Winter Journey undertaken by three of Capt. Scott’s men (Bowers, Cherry-Garrard, Wilson) to the Emperor Penguin rookery at Cape Crozier as part of the British Antarctic Expedition (1910-13). Cherry-Garrard described the journey in his classic book ‘The Worst Journey in the World’. Collected here, for the first time, are the manuscript accounts by the other two participants. Wilson’s original 40-page manuscript is titled ‘Sledge Journey to Cape Crozier from Cape Evans June 27th 1911 to Aug. 1st 1911’. Interspersed are pencil sketches and margin notes (possibly by Scott or Cherry-Garrard). This report was published in volume 2 of ‘Scott’s Last Expedition’ but with only one pencil sketch. Bowers’ 16-page manuscript is titled ‘Winter Journey - Dr. Wilson, Apsley Cherry-Garrard & Lieutenant H. R. Bowers, Midwinter 1911’. Temperatures during this dark journey reached as low as minus 77ºF. These two historic manuscripts were sold at auction in 2009 for £135,000 and are an important companion to Cherry-Garrard’s account.