

2022 Book Sale: Examples of the variety of books found in the Rare & Unusual category

Children's/Young Adult

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

By Roald Dahl

Published by Alfred A Knopf, NY, 1964

Illustrated by Joseph Schindelman. Early printing.

Charlotte's Web

By E.B. White

Published by Harper & Brothers, N.Y., 1952

First edition, first printing book in non-first, vintage dust jacket.

A Separate Peace

By John Knowles

Published by The Macmillan Company, N.Y., 1960

First edition. Rare first state dust jacket.

A Wrinkle in Time

By Madeleine L'Engle

Published by Farrar, Straus and Cudahy, 1962

First printing, no dust jacket.

Classics

Anna Karenina

By Count Lyof N. Tolstoy

Published by Thomas Y. Crowell & Co., N. Y., 1886

Early vintage printing

Ben Hur

By Lew Wallace

Published by Harper & Brothers, N. Y., 1880

First edition, later printing (revised dedication). Signed by author, dated 1894

Hard Times for These Times

By Charles Dickens

Published by Bradbury & Evans, London, 1854

First issue text, second issue binding without the price at the foot of the spine. Point of issue is present. (Page 144 is miss-numbered as 44.)

Fine Arts

Bibliography of the Grabhorn Press: 1940-1956

By Dorothy and David Magee

Published by Grabhorn Press, San Francisco, 1957

A fine letterpress edition of the second volume, limited to 225 copies printed at the Press. Folio in half red morocco and red decorated paper. Twenty-three illustrations. Printed entirely with handset type in red, black and gold on deckle-edged paper

Book of Tattoo Design

Unknown author/artist/date

Text in Burmese. Contains sacred symbols of mythology, numerology and sacred Buddhist texts. Probably made on mulberry (saa) paper

George Bernard Shaw: His Plays

By Henry L. Mencken

Published by John W. Luce & Co., Boston & London, 1905

Includes a typed letter on the printed letterhead of "Mencken, 1524 Hollins St. Baltimore," signed by Mencken, dated November 28, 1944.

No's Knife. Collected Shorter Prose 1945-1966

By Samuel Beckett

Published by Calder and Boyers, London, 1967

Number of 35 of 100. Specially printed and bound, and signed by the author. With slipcase.

Poems

By Harold Pinter

Published by Enitharmon Press, London, 1968

Errata slip laid in. Signed by the author, winner of the Nobel Prize. This copy is number 95 of 200 specially bound copies.

History/Vintage Atlases

Geological and Geographical Atlas of Colorado and Portions of Adjacent Territory

By F. V. Hayden

Published by Julius Bien, 1877

Maps, charts and panoramic views. Extensive mapping of a large geographical section of the American West. 27"x19". The book is in as is condition.

Interesting maps were included in the back of this book. There are 28 plat maps and township maps of Gilpin and Clear Creek counties in Colorado. They are dated between 1871 and 1895.

School Atlas

By J. H. Colton

Published by Ivison, Phinney, BI Akeman & Co., 48 & 50 Walker St., Chicago, 1864

War of the Rebellion

Published by The National Historical Society, Harrisburg, PA, 1985

This large set (128 volumes) was originally created by the U. S. government in the late 1880's. It is a compilation of the official records of the Union and Confederate Armies. These are reprints of the 1901 editions that were published by the Government Printing Office in Washington D.C.

Science Fiction

Farmer Giles of Ham

By J. R. R. Tolkien

Published by Houghton Mifflin, Boston, 1950

First US Edition. Illustrated by Pauline Diana Baynes

Foundation Edge

By Isaac Asimov

Published by Whispers Press, Binghamton, NY, 1982

The fourth novel in the Foundation series. Special First Edition, limited to 1,000 numbered copies, signed by the author and the designer, Stuart David Schiff. This is copy #367. This book was the winner of the 1983 Hugo award, and a 1982 Nebula award nominee.

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

By Douglas Adams

Published by Easton Press, 1978

Leather bound Collector's Edition from the Masterpieces of Science Fiction series. Frontispiece by Kent Bash. Introduction by James Gunn.

The Saga of Fafhrd and The Gray Mouser Set

By Fritz Leiber

Published by Gregg Press, Boston, 1977

This is a six volume set. It includes the following books: 1) Swords and Deviltry, 2) Swords Against Death, 3) Swords in the Mist, 4) Swords Against Wizardry, 5) The Swords of Lankmar, 6) Swords and Ice Magic. An epic series, unique in the world of fantasy, combining swordplay and sorcery.

Sixth Column A Science Fiction of a Strange Intrigue

By Robert Heinlein

Published by New Gnome Press Publishers, NY, 1949

First Edition. Signed by the author. This novel was first published under Heinlein's pseudonym Anson MacDonald in Campbell's Astounding Science Fiction as a three-part serial in 1941.

The Three Women Books – The Kilterman Legacy, The Mark of Merlin, Ring of Fear

By Anne McCaffrey

Published by Brandywyne Books

First American hardcover editions. All three signed by author. They are bound in blue, pink and grey matching suede.

The Tunnel Thru the Air

By W. G. Gann

Published by Financial Guardian Publishing Company, NY, 1927

The added words to the title are “Or, Looking Back from 1940.” It is a science fiction novel written by the market forecaster William Delbert Gann. The author hints that this book is more than just a novel because it “contains a valuable secret, clothed in veiled language.”

The World of Ā

By A. E. van Vogt

Published by Simon and Schuster, NY, 1948

Signed by the author. The novel originally appeared as a serial in the August 1945 to October 1945 issues of the magazine “Astounding Science Fiction.” The novel takes place in the year 2650 and Earth has become a world of non-Aristotelianism, or Null-A.

The Worlds of Poul Anderson

By Poul Anderson

Published by Gregg Press, Boston, 1978

This collection includes seven hardcover books. 1st Prints – all signed by author. Jacket and front matter art and design by Jack Gaughan. Titles are: The Night Face and Other Stories, The Byworlder, The Horn of Time, The Long Way Home, Orbit Unlimited, The Queen of Air and Darkness, Two Worlds.

West

Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology

Volumes 1-10.

By John Wesley Powell, Director

Published by the Washington Government Printing Office between 1879 and 1889
Many subjects including: Mythology of the North American Indian, a short study of tribal society, sign language among North American Indians, Zuni fetishes, Navajo silversmiths, illustrated catalogue from Indians of New Mexico, pottery of the ancient pueblos, Navajo mountain chant ceremony, pueblo architecture, medicine men of the Apache and picture-writing of the America Indians. In addition to the set, there are other volumes for sale.

The Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition

By Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, Gary E. Moulton, Editor

Published by The University of Nebraska Press, various dates

Complete in thirteen volumes, including Atlas (volume 1) and Index (volume 13).

This is the definitive edition of these important journals of western exploration, with copious notes, botanical material and maps.

Report Upon the Colorado River of the West, Explored in 1857 and 1858 by Lieutenant Joseph C. Ives, Corp of Topographical Engineers, Under the Direction of the Office of Explorations and Surveys, A.A. Humphreys

By Joseph Christmas Ives

Published by Government Printing Office, Washington DC, 1861

Including 2 maps, 1 profile, 8 panoramic views, 11 engravings, 7 Indian Portraits, and 41 wood cuts.

Miscellaneous

A Climber's Guide to the Shawangunks

By Arthur Gran

Published by the American Alpine Club, 1964

This is a copy of one of the first rock climbing books printed and one of the most desired collectible rock climbing guidebooks..

Histoire de Gustave-Adolphe Roi de Suede Tome Quatrieme (History of Gustave-Adolphe, King of Sweden: Composed on everything that seemed most curious, & on a large number of manuscripts, & mainly on those of Mr. Arkenholtz) Volume 4

Published in Amsterdam, MDCCLXIV (1764)

Gustavus Adolphus was the King of Sweden from 1611 to 1632, and is credited for the rise of Sweden as a great European power. This book is written in Swedish.

The Shadow Magazine

Published by Street and Smith Publications, NY, Nov. 1, 1938

"The Voice," Complete Shadow novel from the Shadow's Private Annals as told to Maxwell Grant Detective action. Edd Cartier art. This issue has the Blue Coal advertising insert between pages 34 and 35.