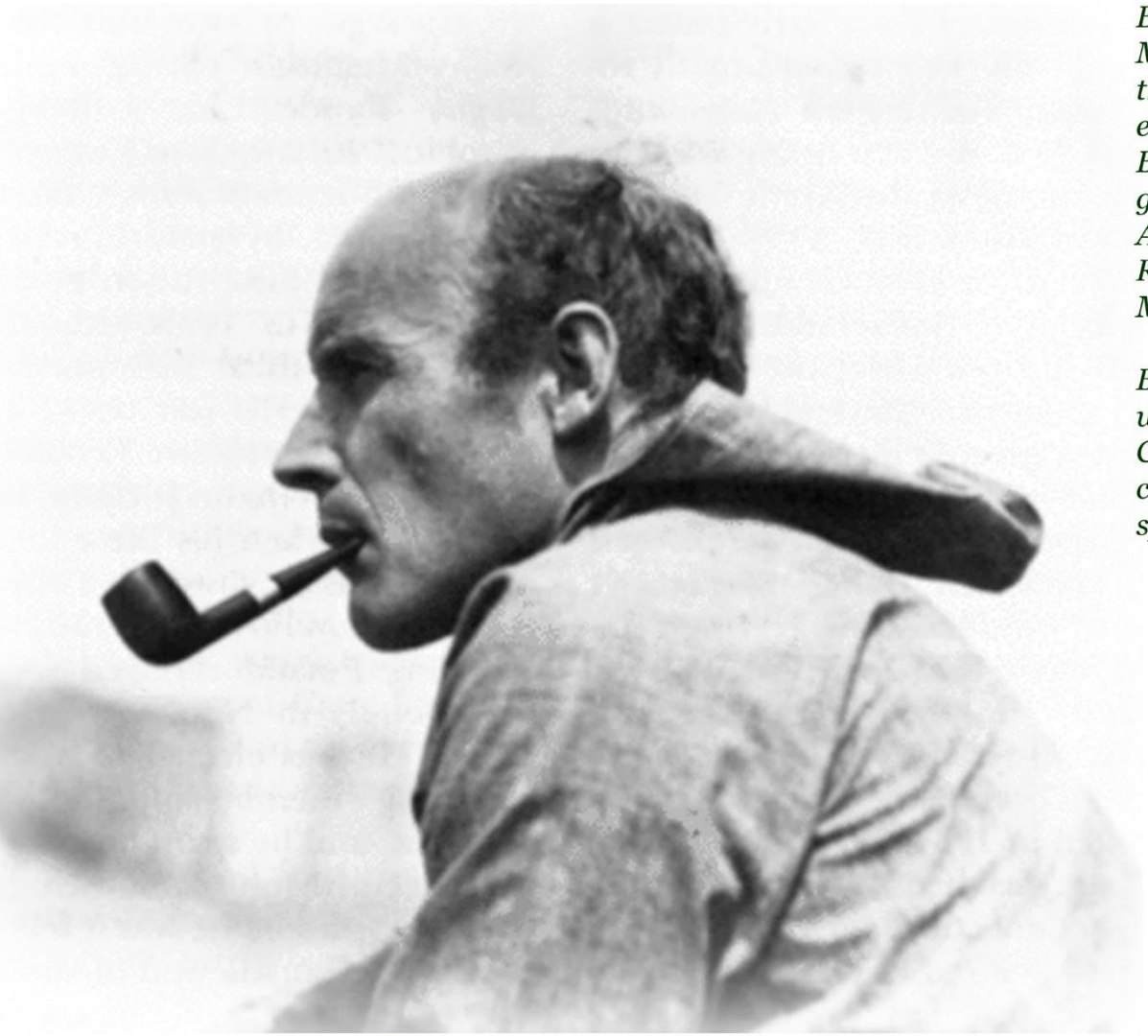
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A. Erling Porsild, Gaspe, July 1938. (Photo by Hugh Raup)

Born in Copenhagen, Alf Erling Porsild, son of Danish botanist Morten Pedersen Porsild (1872-1956), moved to Greenland at the age of five. Educated in the field and at home, he would eventually find his way to Ottawa in 1925 en route eventually to Baffin Island. In 1926 he was offered by the Canadian government employment in studies of reindeer grazing in Alaska and arctic Canada. This led to the establishment of the Reindeer Experiment Station on the east branch of the Mackenzie Delta.

By 1936, A.E. Porsild was hired as the museum's botanist, and with his specific interest in Arctic botany, he developed the Canadian National Herbarium into a world-class Arctic plant collection that today holds more than 100 000 Arctic plant specimens.

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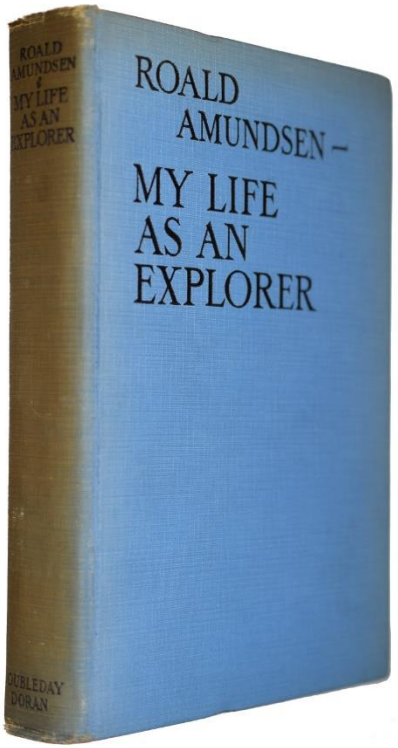
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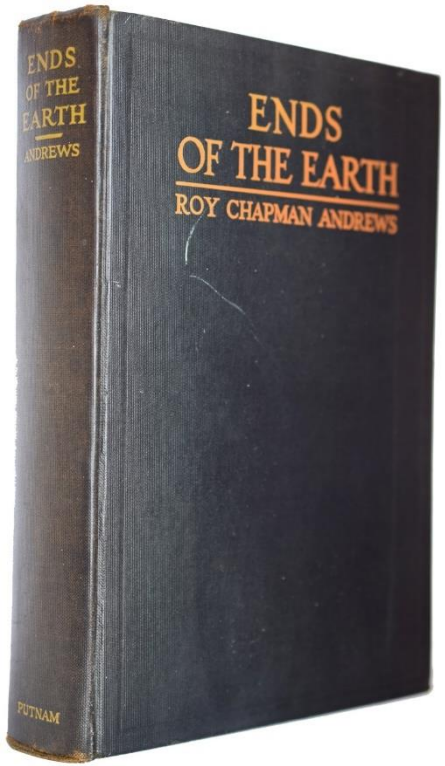
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My Life As An Explorer. New York. Doubleday. 1927. 23cm, 282p., frontis, text illustrations, appendix, index, blue cloth, black stamped spine and cover titles, spine dust worn, good to very good 50.00



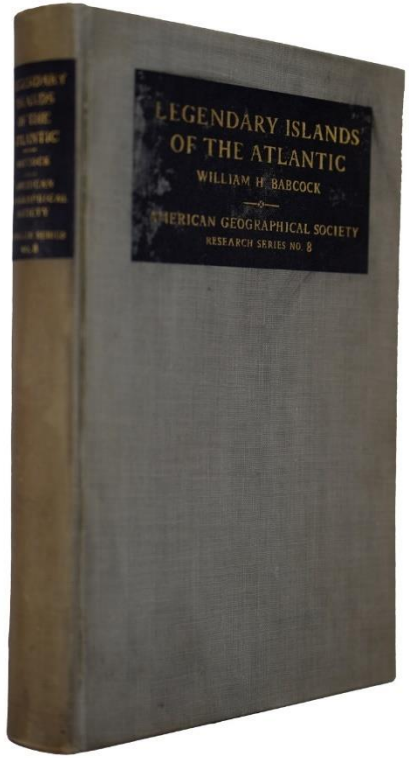


2. ANDREWS, Roy Chapman

Ends of the Earth. New York & London. G.P. Putnam's Sons. 1929. 24cm, first edition, x,355p., with 67 illustrations and plates from photographs, illustrated endpapers, very good to fine - with A.E.P., in pencil on the free fly 45.00

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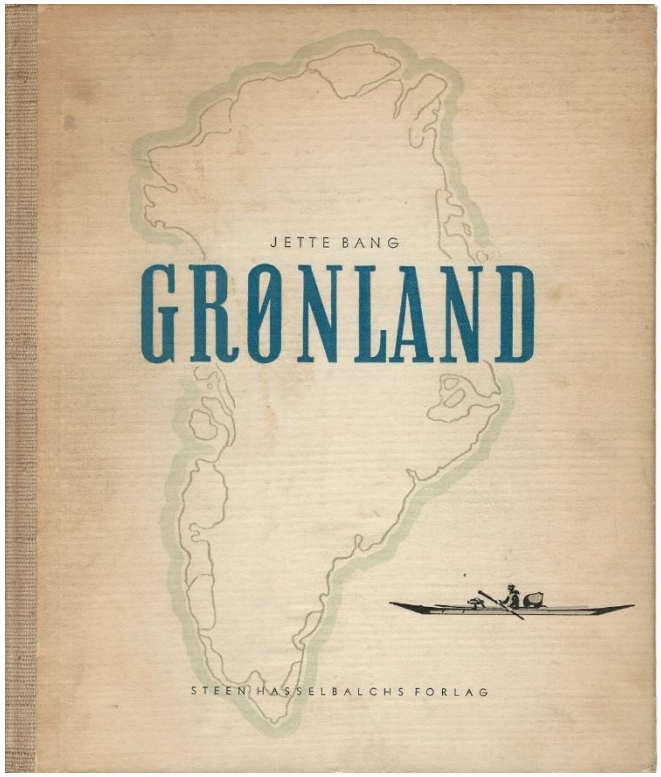


Legendary Islands of the Atlantic. A Study in Medieval Geography. American Geographical Society, Research Series No. 8. W.L.G. Hoerg, Editor. New York. American Geographical Society, 1922. 12mo, 19cm, first edition, 196p., with 25 maps, (text & plates), index, grey cloth, black spine and cover labels, binding dust soiled else very good, internally fine

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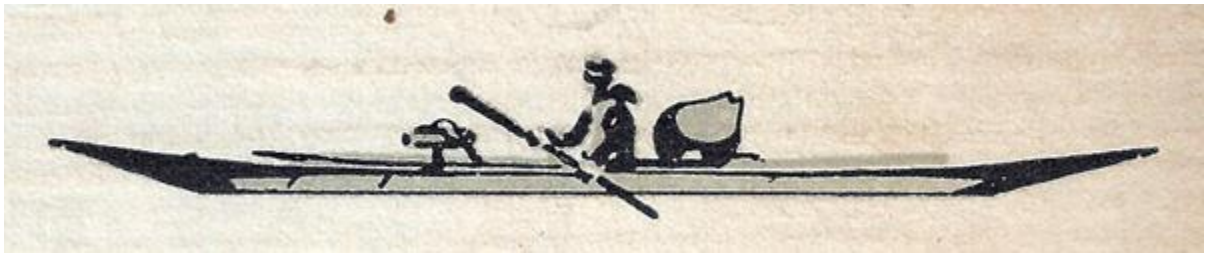
The author starts with Atlantis and covers all the "mythical" islands to the end of the fifteenth century; he did not have access to the 1424 Nautical Chart but based on his studies of other portolan charts and maps he made the identifications that follow: Antilia (Cuba), Reylla (Jamaica?), Salvagio or Santanaxio ."



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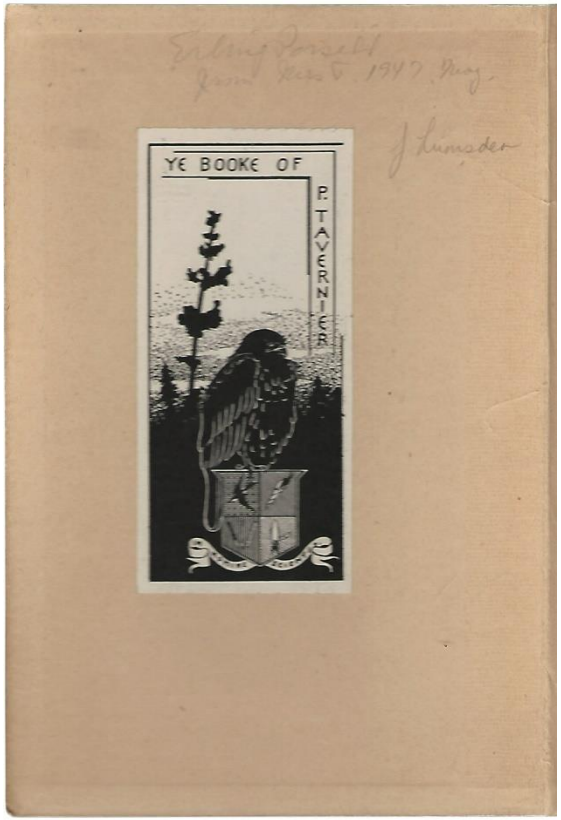
Gronland. Forord at Statsminister th. Stanning. Indledning af Drector Knud Oldendow. Kobenhavn. Det Gronlandske Selskab. 1941. 4to, 26cm, 189p., mainly plates and illustrations from photographs, quarter linen backed illustrated paper over boards, very good (internally fine) 40.00

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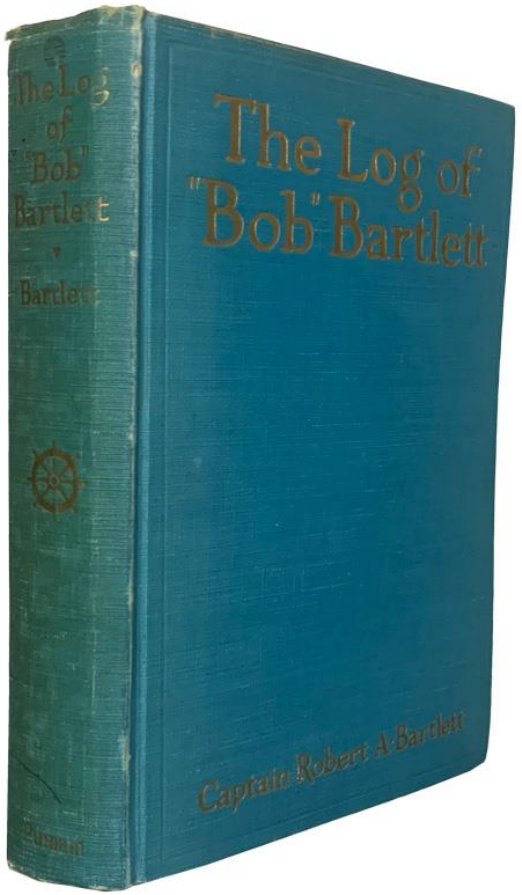
The Log of Bob Bartlett. The True Story of Forty Years of Seafaring and Exploration. New York & London. G.P. Putnam's Sons. 1928. 8vo, 21.5cm, first edition, 2nd impression, x,352p., frontis & 25 plate illustrations, original blue cloth, gilt titles, a very good sound copy 200.00



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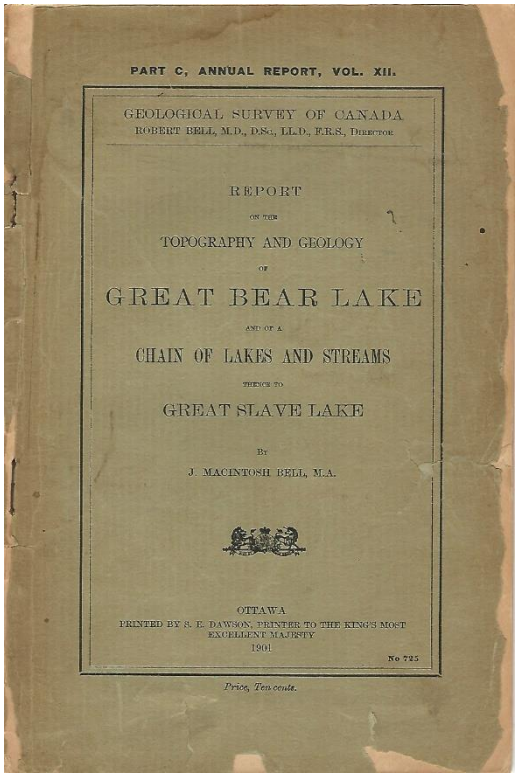
AB 1107. O'Dea. 1900. Record of Captain Bartlett's many voyages, especially in the Canadian Arctic, including expeditions with Peary, Stefansson etc.



6. BELL, J. MacIntosh

Report on the Topography and Geology pf Great Bear Lake and of a Chain of Lakes and Streams through to Great Slave Lake. Ottawa. Geological Survey. 1901. tall8vo, 25cm, 36p. original printed wraps with title repeated on the cover, upper wrapper loose, bottom wraper wanting, good to very good 40.00

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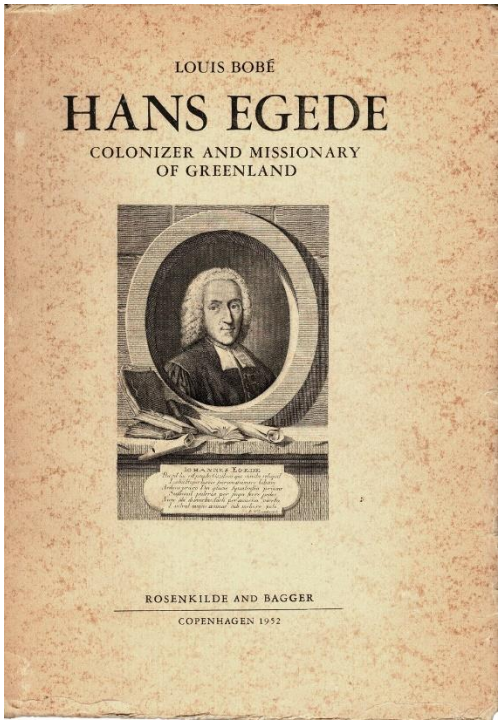
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7. BOBE, Louis

Hans Egede, Colonizer and Missionary of Greenland. Copenhagen. Rosenkilde and Bagger. 1952. tall8vo, 207p., many plates and illustrations, some in colour, rear folding coloured map, stiff illustrated wraps, wraps foxed else very good 125.00

A.E. Porsild copy, with a page off pencil notations and text references. Biography of the 18th Century Danish colonizer of Greenland.

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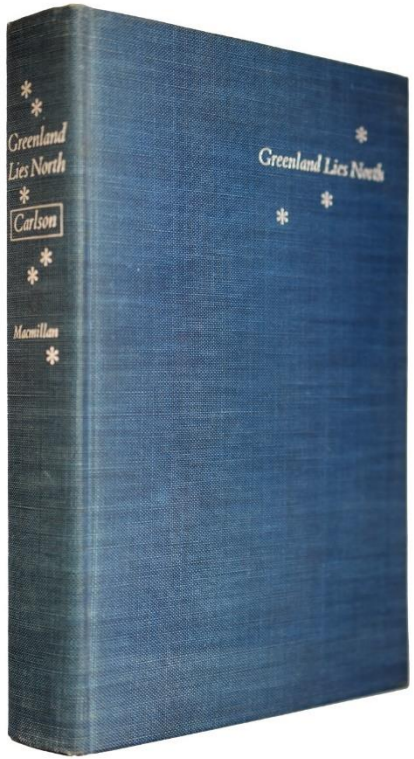
Det Høje Nord, Færøernes, Islands, og Grønlands Udforskning. /Og (bound together with): Kampen Om Nordpolen. Polarforskningens Saga. Kobenhavn. Det Nordiske Forlag. 1902. 24.5cm, first edition, [ii],256 & [ii],402pp., Two volume in One, with numerous plates and illustrations, colour frontis plate, rear folding facsimile & folding colour map, bound in half brown calf and marbled boars, binding heavily worn, surface cracks on the spine, good to very good working copy 100.00

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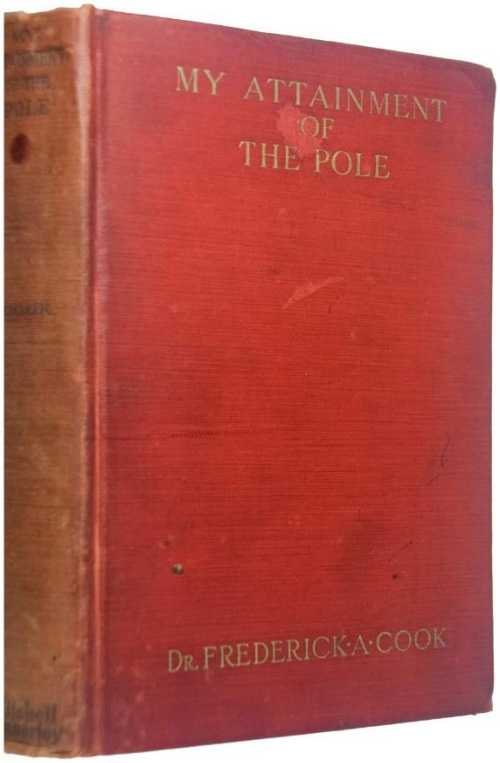


9. CARLSON, William Samuel



Greenland Lies North. Illustrated by Phyllis Wesley. New York. Macmillan. 1940. 8vo. [ix],306p., with 8 plates by Wesley, 3 maps, blue cloth, near fine 50.00

Signed by Erling Porsild. A.B. 2886. Narrative... of the Michigan University West Greenland Expedition, 1930-1931... Includes details of Eskimo life, sledging trips, ice conditions in the fiord, and weather conditions.



10. COOK, Frederick A.

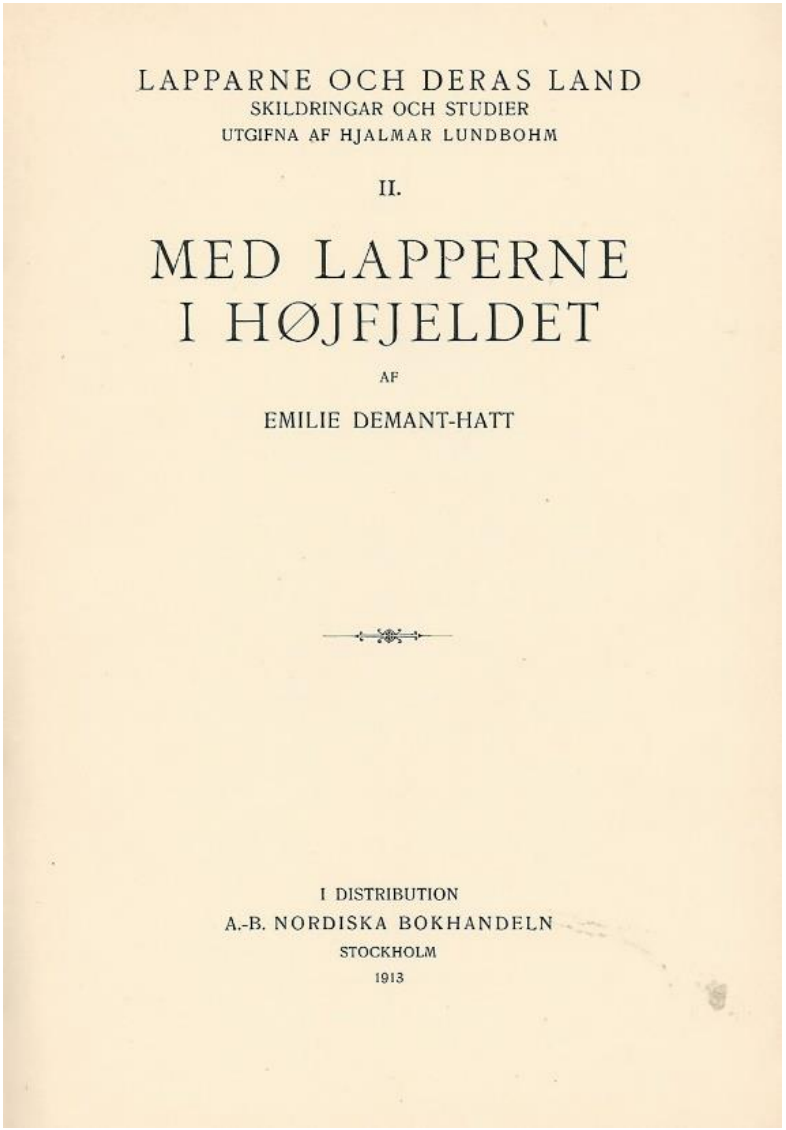
My Attainment of the Pole. Being the Record of the Expedition that First Reached the Boreal Center, 1907 - 1909. With the Final Summary of the Polar Controversy. New York & London. Mitchell Kennerley. 1912. 19.5cm, xx,604p., with 50 plates and illustrations, original red cloth, spine faded, generally dust worn, good to very good 100.00

A.E. Porsild's Copy & with his father's small ink stamp "Morien P. Porsild" A.B. 3389. The author describes his journey across Ellesmere Island to Axel Heiberg and northwards, as he claims, to the Pole; also included are chapters on the Inuit and their customs, the ice and snow conditions, and a new design for a sleigh, as well as a lengthy discussion regarding the controversy over his Polar claims.

11. DEMANT-HATT, Emilie

Med Lapperne i Højfjeldet. Lapparne Och Deras Land. Skildringar och Studier Utgifna af Hjalmar Lundbohm. II. Stockholm. I Distribution. A.-B. Norsiaka Bokhandeln. 1913. tall8vo, 25cm, [iii],203,[1]p., many illustrations from photographs, rebound in contemporary half style green book linen and marbled boards, hand letter gilt spine titles, (fading) else very good to fine 150.00

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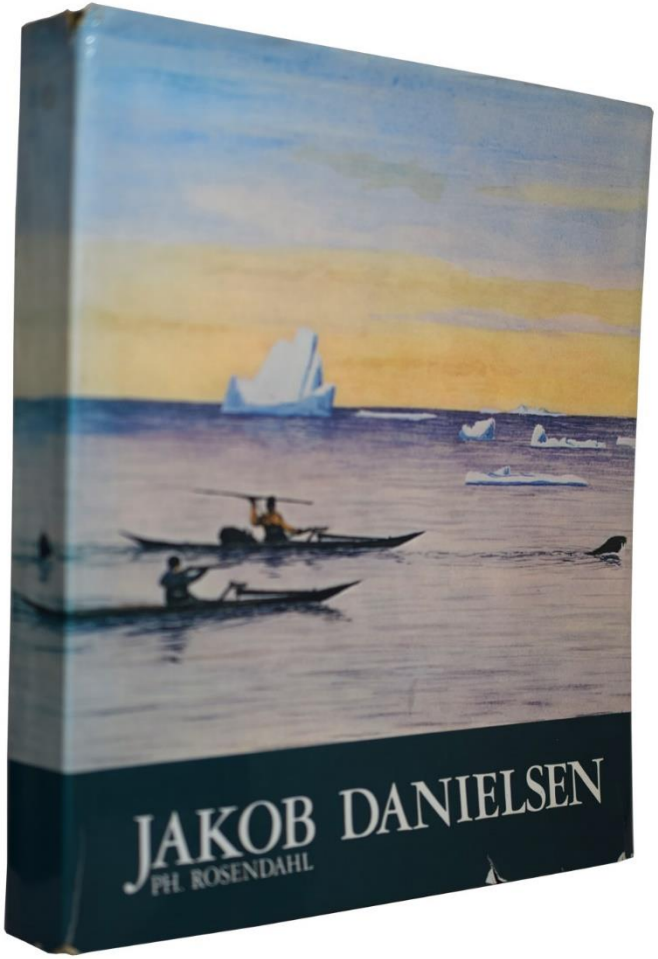
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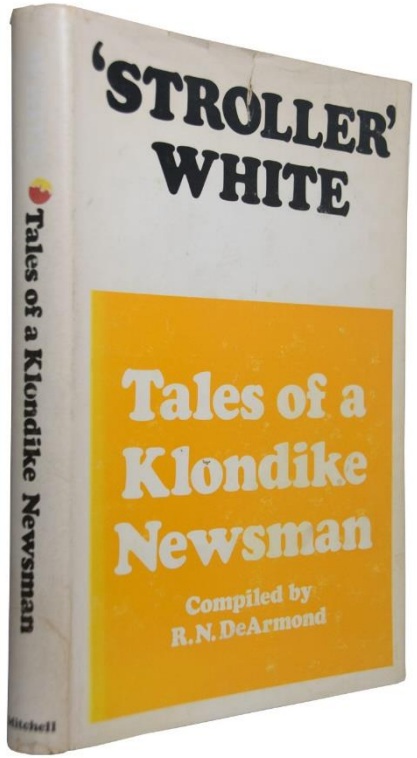
Jakob Danielsen. A Greenlandic Painter. En Gronlandsk Maler. Kalalek Amissok. Copenhagen. Rhodos, International Science and Art Publishers. 1967. 4to. 27cm, 355p., over 250 plates and illustrations, including numerous colour, text in Danish, Greenlandic and English, green cloth, fine very good, illustrated jacket

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With A.E. Porsild ‘s signature on the free fly. A trilingual study of Greenland artist Jacob Danielsen (1888-1938) lavishly illustrated with his watercolours and drawings. His series of pictures preserve the memory of the vanished daily life and hunting methods of the native Greenlanders. An impressive publication published in collaboration with The Greenland Society and The Ministry for Greenland.



13. De ARMOND, R.N. (Compiled and Edited by)



Stroller' White. Tales of a Klondike Newsman. Vancouver. Mitchell Press Limited. 1969. 8vo, 23cm, 182p., light tan cloth, near fine in very good jacket 40.00

Unsigned presentation copy to Erlight Porsild, 1972. A book of lively anecdotes of the Klondike and Alaska told by a beloved writer who was part of the great Gold Rush and who stayed in the North until he died.



14. De PONCINS, Gontran

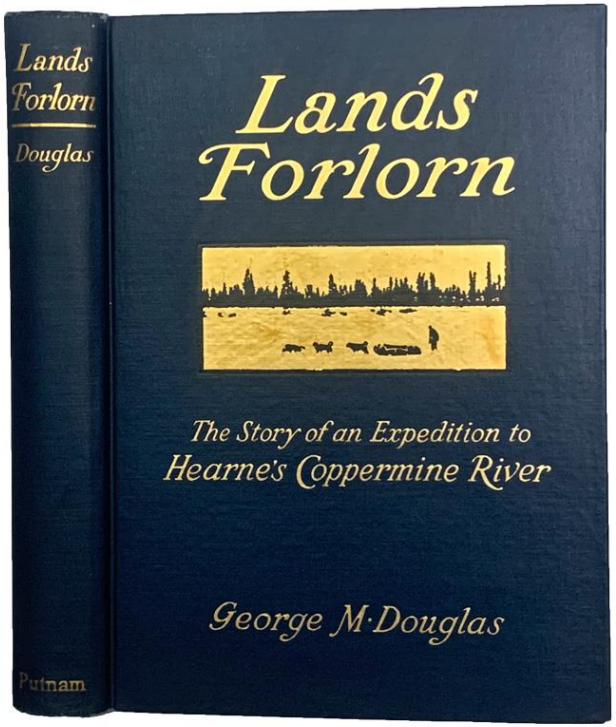
Kabloona. In collaboration with Lewis Galantiere. Illustrated by the Author. New York. Reynal, Hitchcock. 1941. 21.5cm, 2nd printing, xii,339p. +16p. of photo. illus., drawings inc. 4 colour plates, mapped endpapers, cloth backed boards, very good in very good complete edge worn jacket, association copy 100.00

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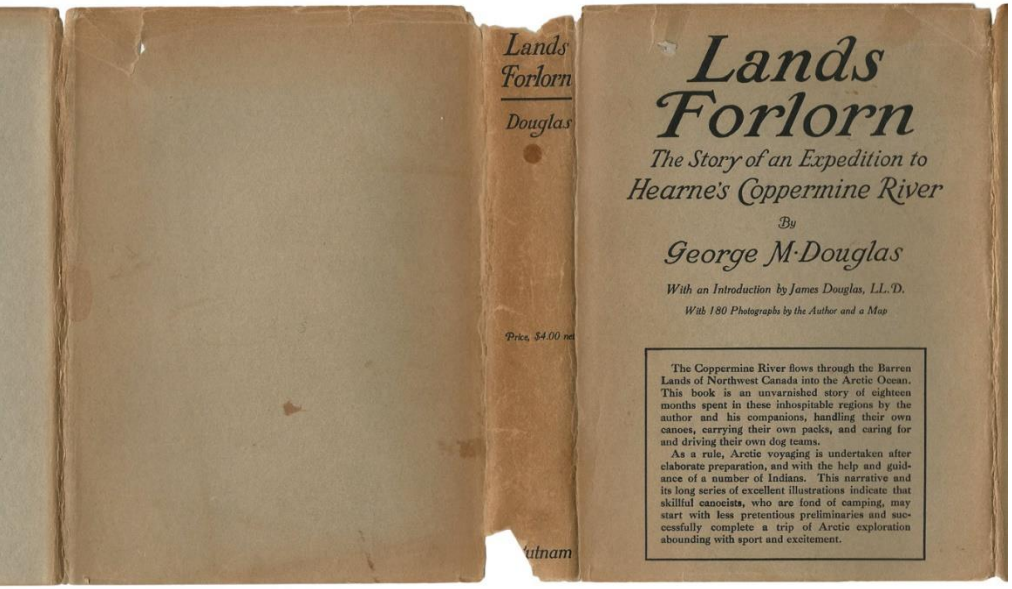
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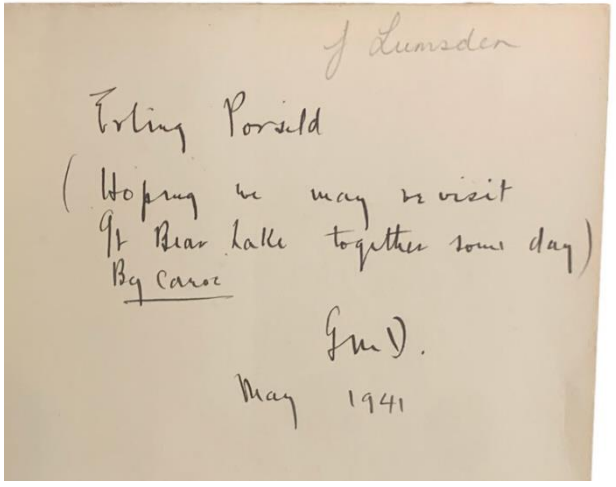
Lands Forlorn. The Story of an Expedition to Hearne's Coppermine River. With an Introduction by James Douglas. New York and London. G.P. Putnam's Sons. The Knicker-bocker Press. 1914. 23cm, first edition, xv,285p. with 180 plates and illustrations from photographs by the author, 2 rear folding maps, original dark blue cloth, gilt block titles and pictorial decorations on the spine and upper cover, t.e.g., jacket is chipped at the top and bottom of spine, a fine bright copy in very good jacket 1500.00



Author's Signed Presentation Copy to Erling Porsild (hoping we may re visit 92 Bear Lke together some day) By Canoe, Geo... D., May, 1941.

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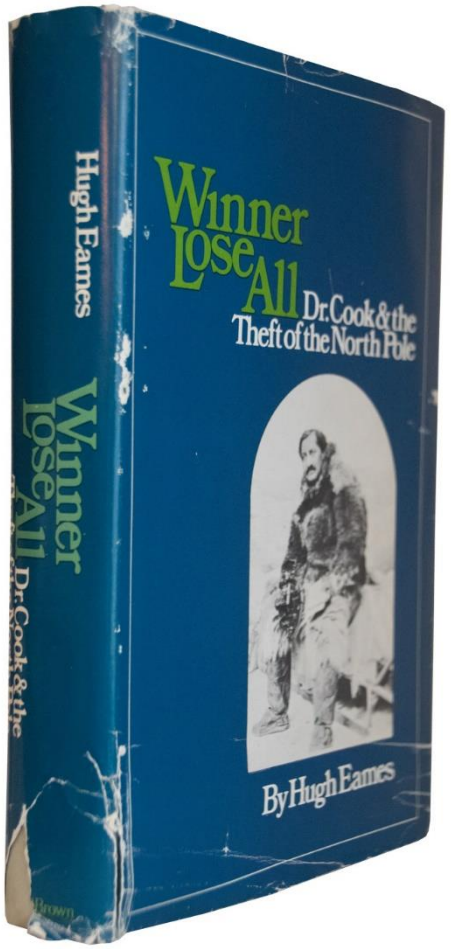


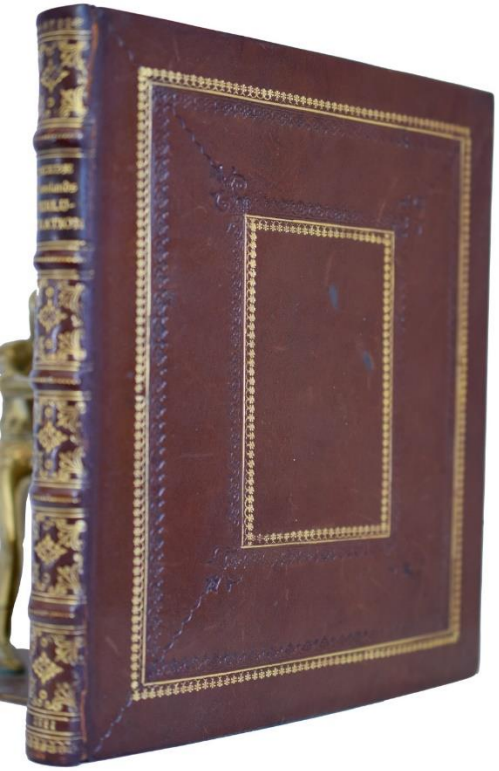


16. EAMES, Hugh

Winner Lose All. Dr. Cook and the Theft of the North Pole. Boston, Toronto. Little, Brown and Company. 1973. 8vo, 22cm, 2nd printing, 346p. with 32 plates and illustrations, notes, bibliography, index, very good sound clean copy very good jacket 40.00

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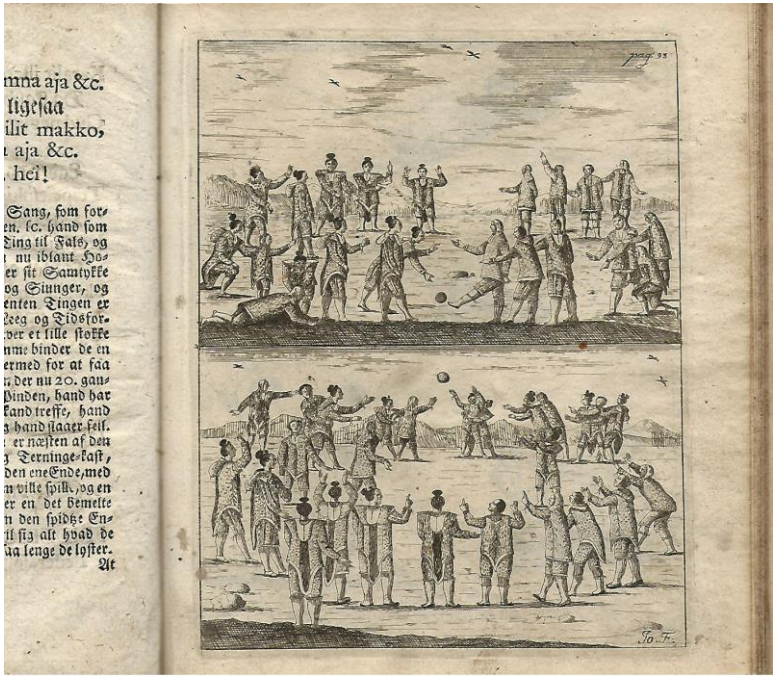


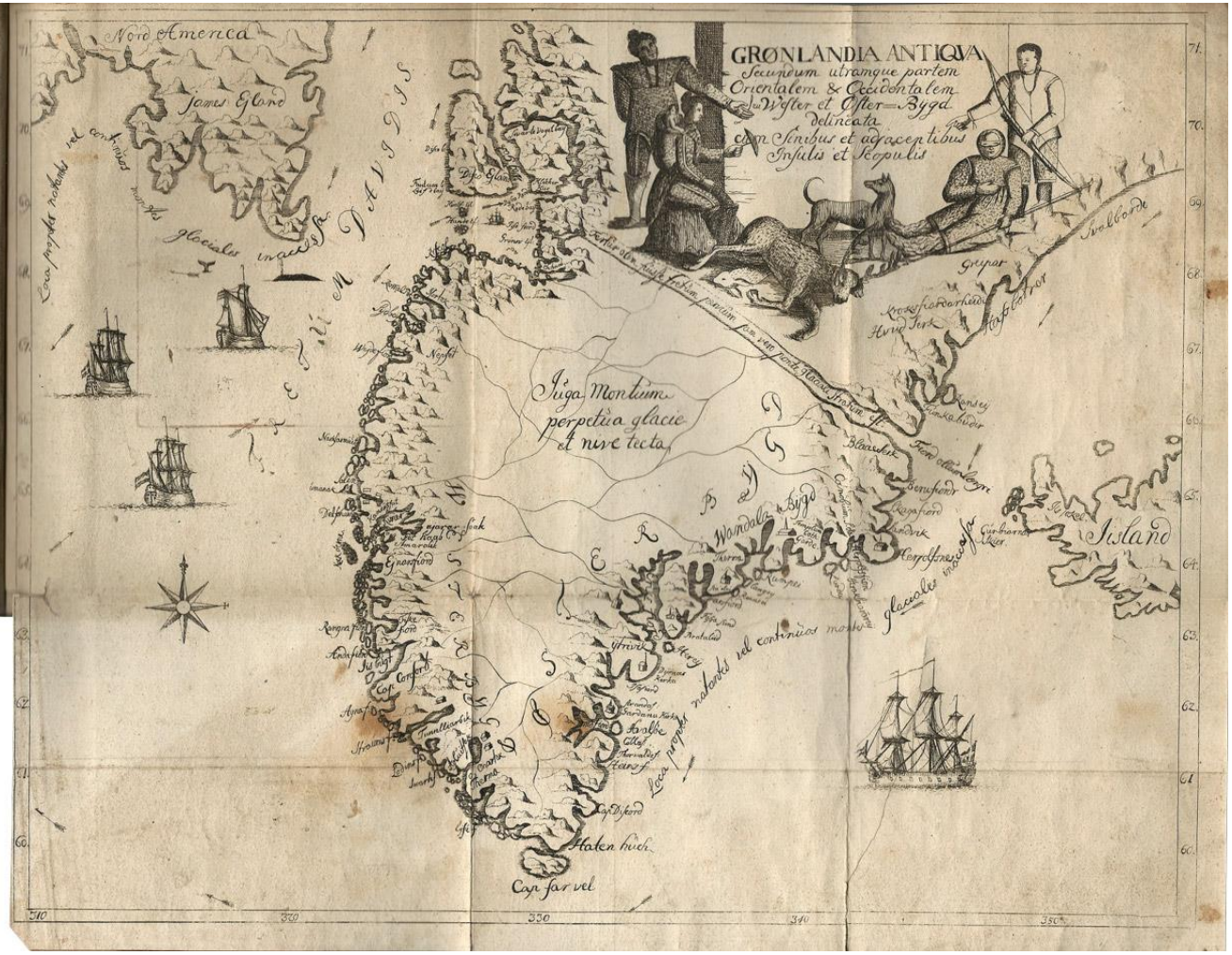


17. EGEDE, Hans [Povelsen], (1686-1758)

Det Gamle Gronlands Nye Perlustration, eller Natural-Historie, og Bestrivelse over det gamle Gronlands Situation, Luft, Temperament og Bestaffenhed; De gamle Norske Coloniers Begyndelse og Undergang der Samme-Steds, de itzige Indbyggeres Oprindelse, Vaese. Leve-Maade og Handtæringer, samt Hvad ellers Landet Yder og giver af sig, saasom Dyer, Fiske og Fugle &c. med hosföyet nyt Land-Caart og andre Kaaber-Stykker over Landets Naturalier og Indbyggernis Handtæringer, Forfattet af Hans Egede Kjöbenhavn: (Copenhagen). [Printed by}. Trykt hos Johan Christoph Groth. **1741**. 4to, 19x 16cm, (trimmed), The First Edition, [iv,vi], 131,[1]p., plus copper engraved folding map (by Egede) & 11 plates, black letter on the title and ppi-iv; decorated chapter header and decorated initial letters in fine period signed binding by, “Niels J. Stevns” in full mahogany brown calf, gilt ruled raised bands, full gilt decorations in the panels, gilt titles, blind and gilt borders and centre panels on the boards, inner leather hinges, marble endpapers, thumb sized stain on the preliminary leaves, map expertly backed, a fine attractively bound copy, very rare 5000.00







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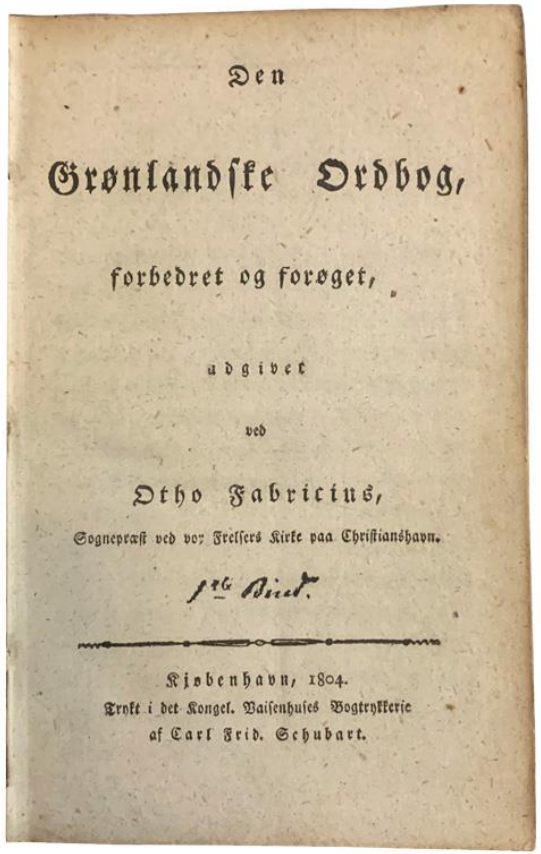
First Edition of One of the Classics of the Literature on Greenland. The author spent no less than fifteen years as a resident there and his observations are considered extremely trustworthy. A popular work, it was translated into a number of European languages soon after this first appearance in Danish.

Egede founded the first Danish settlement in Green-land in 1721 and was the first missionary in Greenland. The present title gives detailed information on Eskimo culture including chapters on language, marriage, burials, etc., and on natural history, animals, seal fishing and other sports and pastimes and history and geography.

18. FABRICIUS, Otho (1744-1822)

Den-Gronlandske-Ordbog, Forbedret Og Foroget. Kjobenhavn, C.F. Schubart. **1804**. 12mo, 17cm, the first edition, One Volume bound in Two, interleaved, 795p., with added manuscripts title page in the second volume, rebound in full polished sheep, double black leather labels, fine 750.00

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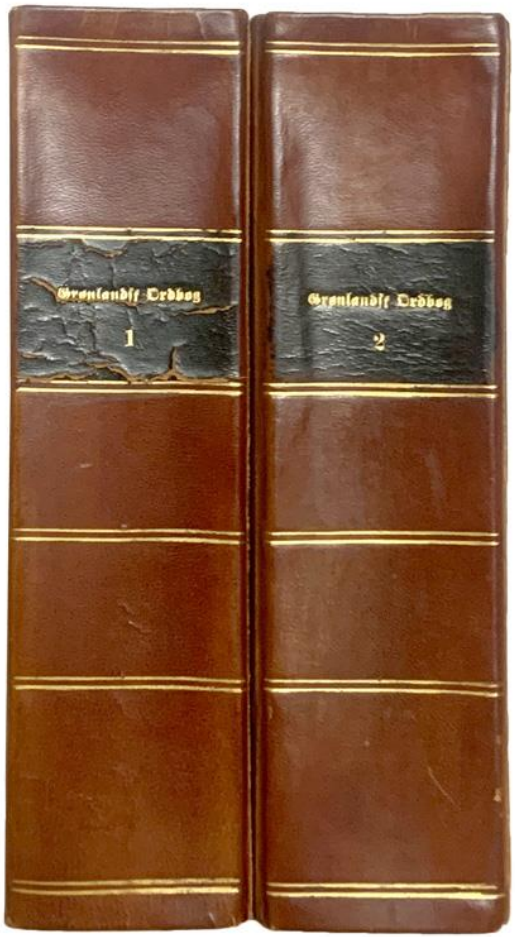
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Kjøbenhavn, 1804.
Trykt i det Kongel. Vaisenhuses Bogtrykkerie
af Carl Frid. Schubart.

Sabin 23604 “This Greenland & Danish dictionary is very rare”. Title Trans: Greenlandic Dictionary enlarged and improved. A.B. 4779. Contains Eskimo word list with Danish equivalents, explanatory notes, and some indication of regional variants within the author’s experience in West Greenland; also index to Danish words. - Copy seen DLC. Sabin 23604; Pillings 1258.



19. FABRICIUS, Otho

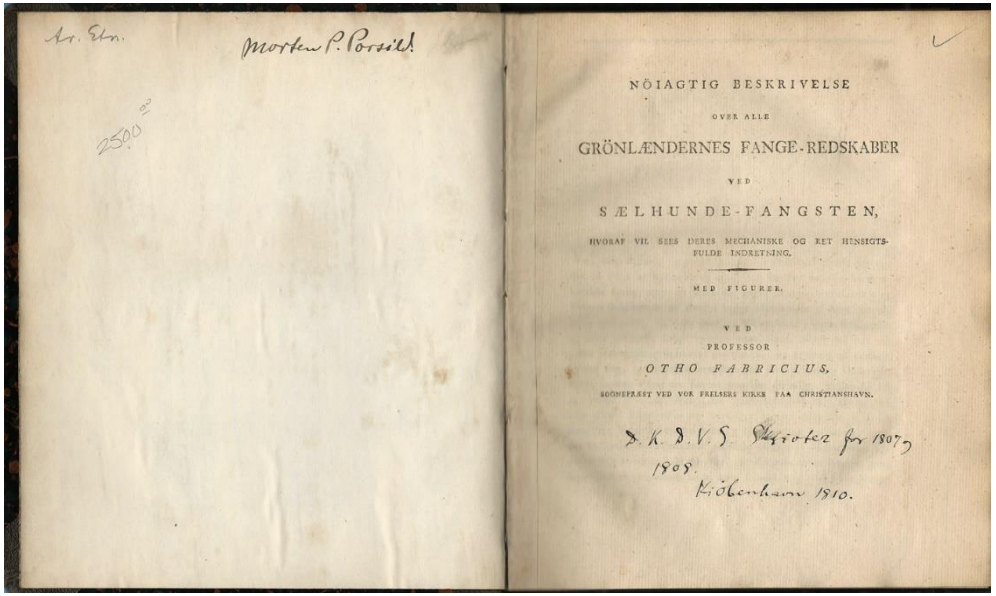


Noiagtig Beskrivelse over Alle Gronlaendernes Fange-redskaber Ved Saelhunde-frangsten, hvoraf vil sees deres mechaniske og ret hinstight-fulde indertning. Med Figure. [Seal catching gear]. Bound Together With: Gronlaendernes Landdyr-Fugleog Folkefangst. 1818. [Kobenhavn. **1810-1818**. (ms. imprint)]. 4to, 21x 18cm, title page & pp127-178 & title & 233-272, plus 2 folding engraved plates (of Eskimo implements), bound in half dark grey cloth, raised bands, marbled boards and endpapers, with printed label on the upper cover, fine condition, rare 2,500.00

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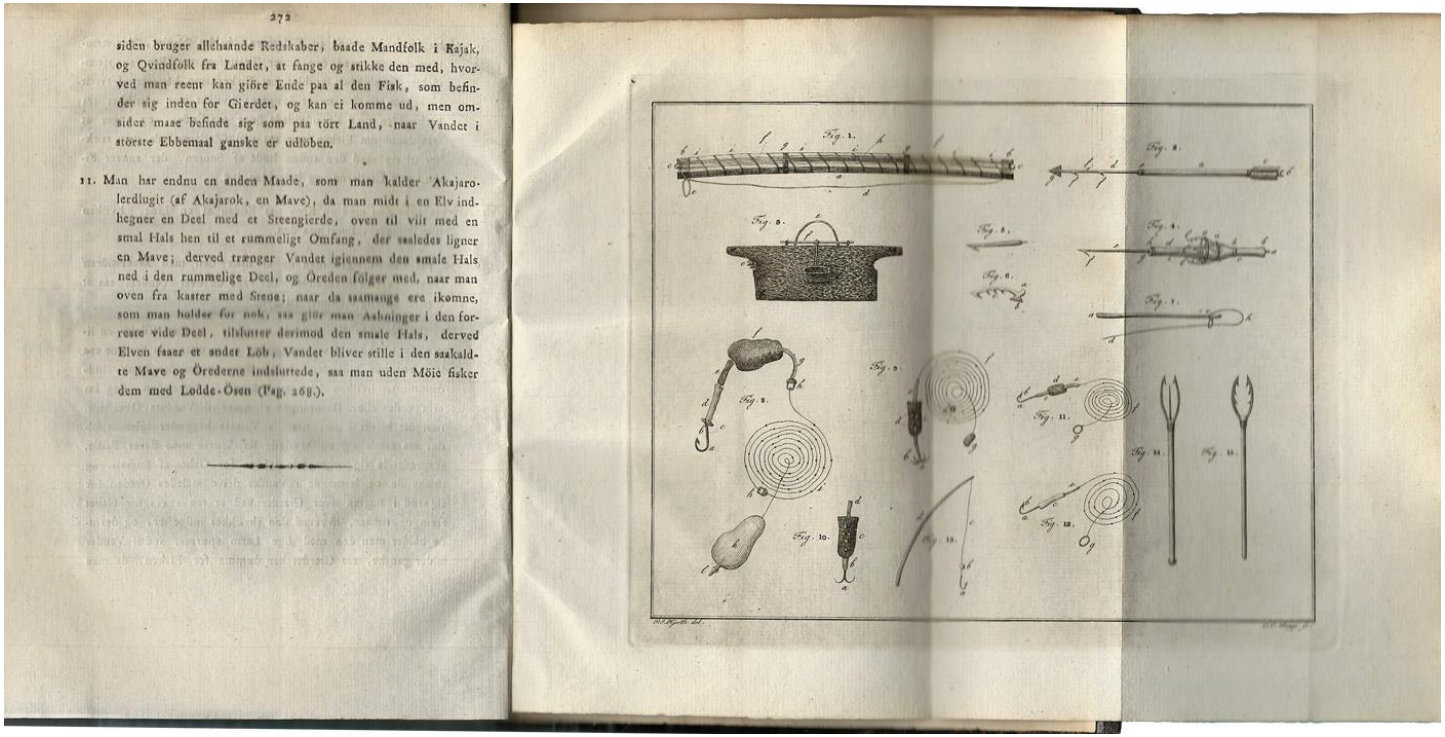
WorldCat lists only one copy; Danish National Library, dated 1807. No listing for the second title.

Gadd. History of Greenland. V2. - Of the successive missionaries. Otho Fabricius was the most gifted.



The coal-mining failures revealed how ill-informed were those stationed in Greenland, the managers of the Trade at home and even high-ranking Government officials. Through the constantly repeated instructions to the traders to report on anything note that was observed, and by the diligent perusal of journals, reports and letters, it was sought to obtain the

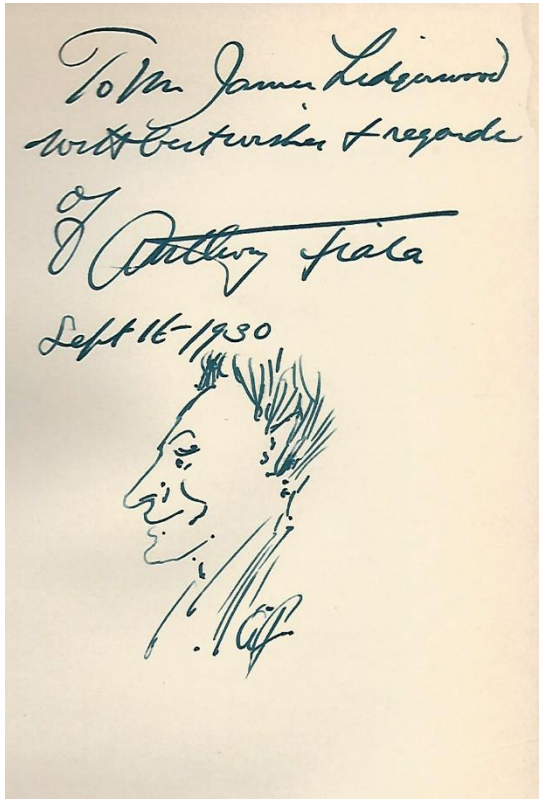
necessary knowledge. The need for an expert description of Greenland was pressing.



The missionary Otho Fabricius was fully aware of this. When he returned from Greenland in 1774 he began working out his idea of a topographical description of the country, to replace Hans Egede's Perlustration and give far more factual and accurate information than the Moravian, David Cranz, had been able to contribute. Fabricius must have begun work while still in Greenland, because in October 1774 he had already submitted a plan of the work, part of which was ready for making a fair copy, the rest could be written out if he received the necessary facilities. Before Fabricius went off to his Norwegian benefice, however, two tasks were officially entrusted to him - one the description of Greenland, following his own suggestion, the other a new dictionary. However, this great work never emerged. Until 1783, Fabricius' duties took him to parishes far from the centers of knowledge where the sources he needed could be found, and the requisite description of districts in Greenland which he did not know personally eluded him. The demand made of the missionaries that they should describe their districts could not be met with the means of transport available to them, and without several years of continuous travel, and their missionary work would have suffered. Several missionaries declined outright to comply with his requests. This is most likely why in 1780 he printed the part of the work that he had already started. This was his famous Fauna Groenlandica, the first systematic description of its kind, which showed to the world the richness and variety of the subarctic fauna, although based mainly on his own observation over a short period and on a limited stretch of coast. Of the comprehensive description of Greenland, only fragmentary drawings and some drafts still exist.

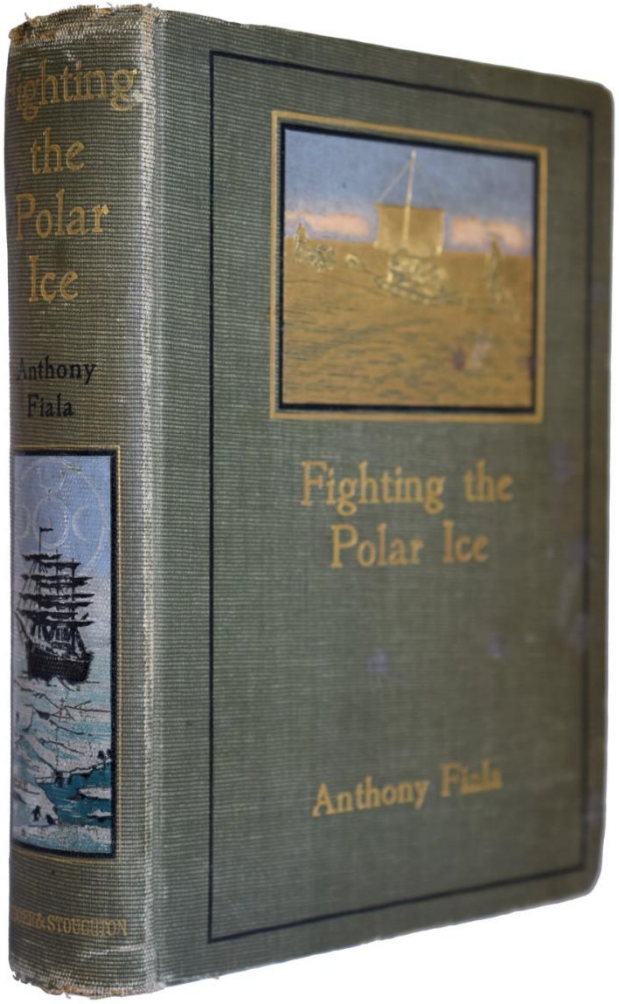
20. FIALA, Anthony

Fighting the Polar Ice. Illustrations from photographs and sketches by the author, also eight, from paintings, in colour. London. Hodder & Stoughton. 1907. sm4to. 26cm, First London Edition, xxii,296,[5]p., appendices, colour frontis plus 8 colour plates, 148 sepia tone plates and illustrations from photographs including maps and portraits, rear folding map, original cross ribbed light green book linen, gilt titles on the spine and cover, pictorial colour illus on the spine and gilt pictorial illustrations on the upper cover, title page soiled and chipped (expertly repaired), some wear on the edges, title and opposite side of the frontis soiled, inner linen hinges, a very good sound copy 500.00



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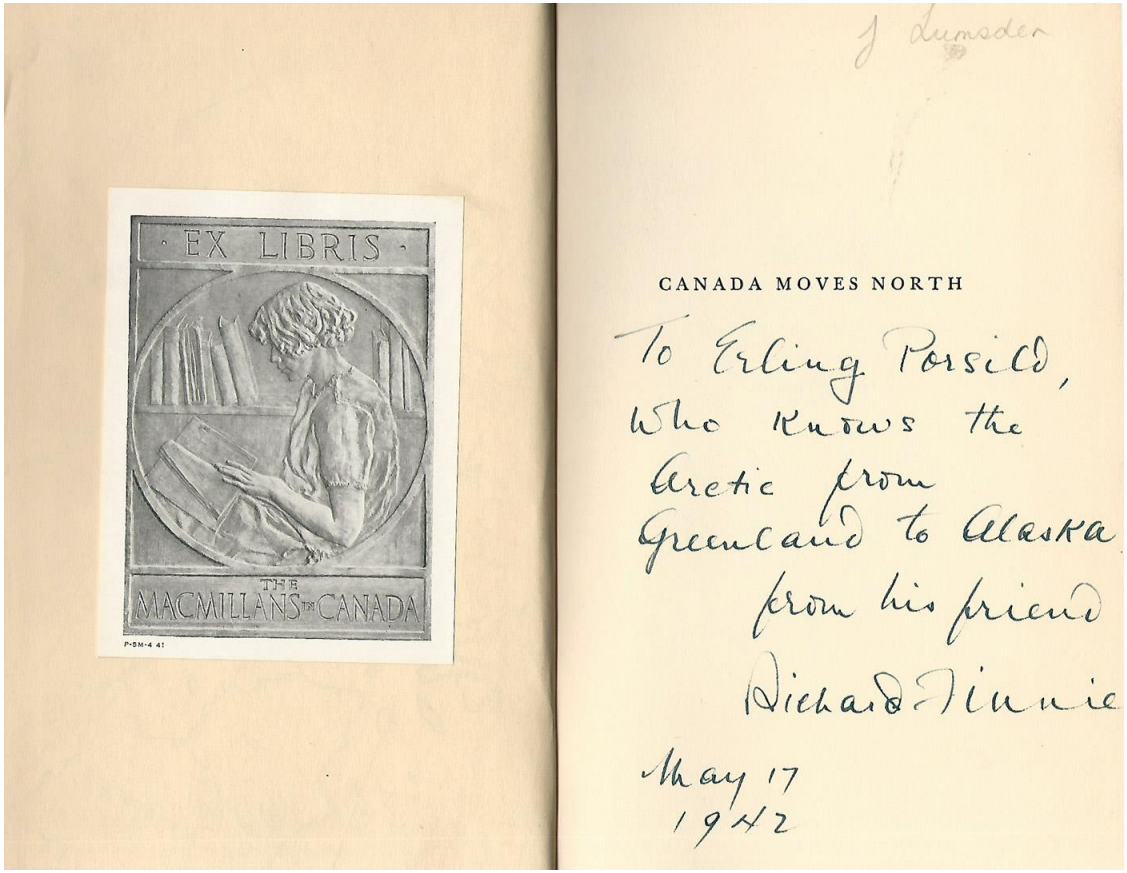


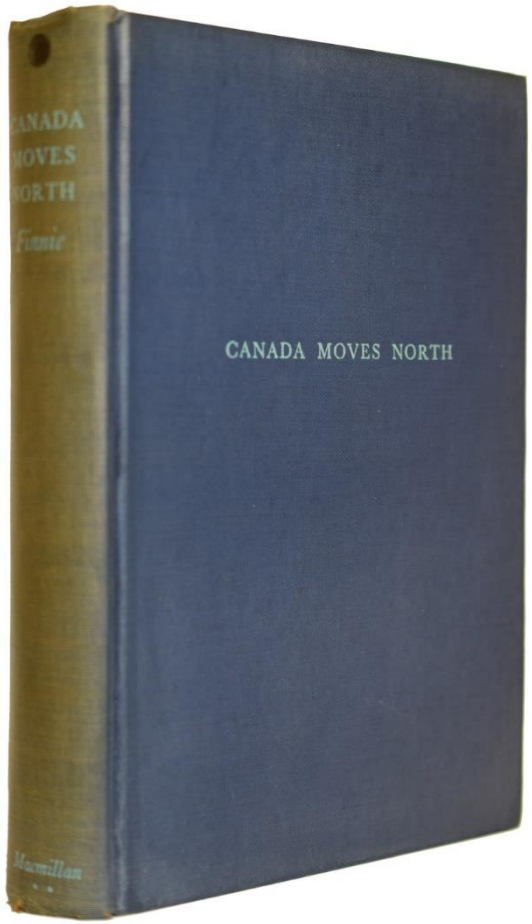
21. FINNIE, Richard

Canada Moves North. Toronto. Macmillan. 1942. 8vo, 21cm, first edition, 227p., with 65 interesting plate illustrations, index, suggested reading, blue cloth, with Macmillan review card loosely inserted, very good

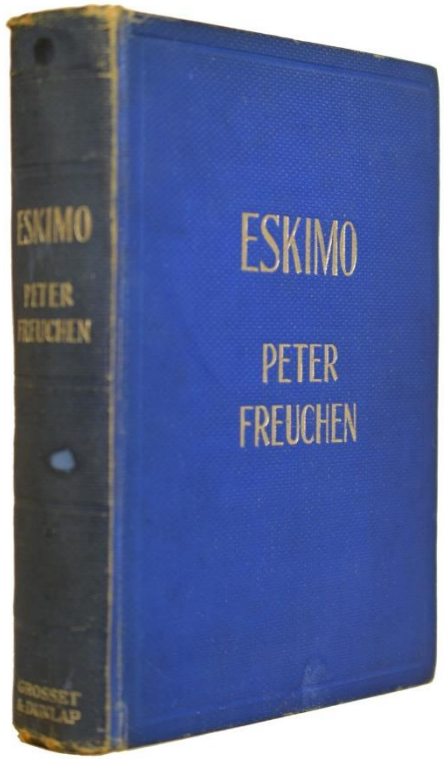
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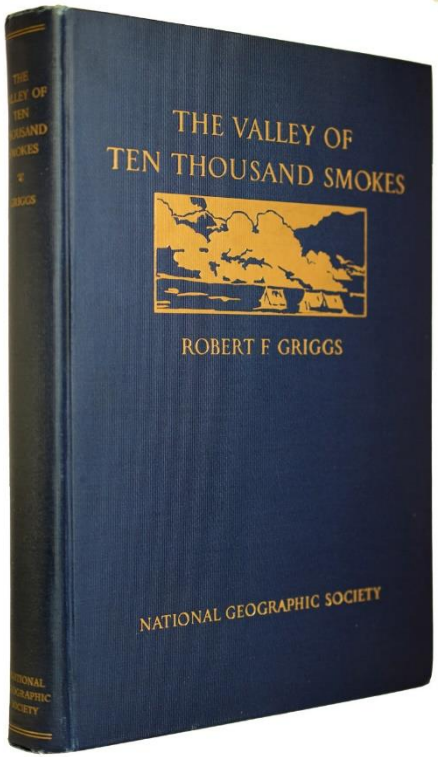


22. FREUCHEN, Peter



Eskimo. Translated by A. Paul Maerker-Branden and Elsa Branden. New York. Grosset & Dunlap, Publishers. (1932). 20.5cm, 504p., frontis by Rockwell Kent, illustrated endpapers, blue cloth, silver titles on the spine and upper cover, edges worn, good to very good 40.00

Signed A.E.Porslid on the title page. Photoplay edition issued to coincide with the release of the MGM motion picture directed by W. S. Van Dyke of a melodrama of Eskimo life shot on location with the real-life Eskimo couple, Mala & Lotus Long, in the leads supported by a cast the included roles by author Peter Freuchen and director Van Dyke. The endpapers are photographic collages of stills from the film.



23. GRIGGS, Robert F.

The Valley of the Ten Thousand Smokes. Washington. National Geographic Society. 1922. sm4to. 25.5cm, xv,341p. with 9 maps and 233 illustrations (including colour plates & large folding colour map), mapped endpapers, fine 100.00

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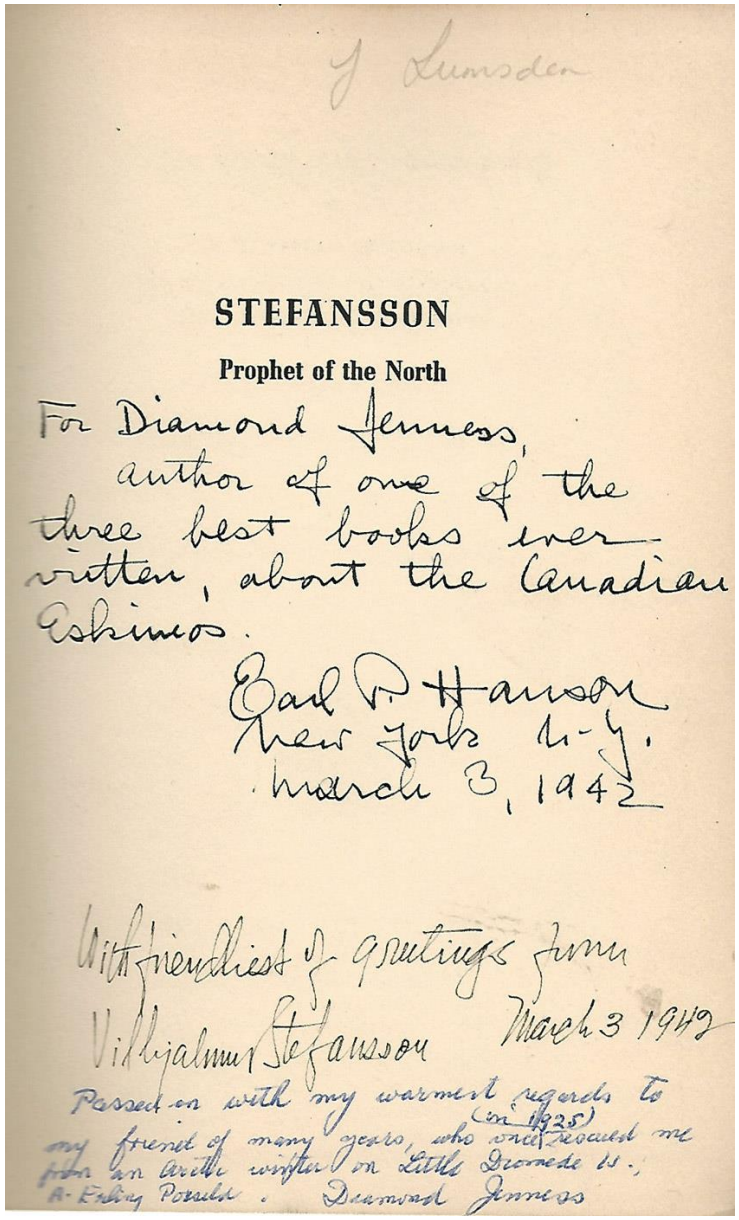
The story of the discovery by the National Geographic Society expedition of one of the wonders of the world, "The Valley of the Ten Thousand Smokes" and the prolonged study of one of the most gigantic volcanic eruptions in history. The eruption occurred on Mt. Katmai, in the Alaskan Peninsula, in 1912, and was one of the dozen greatest in historic times.

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Vilhjalmur Stefansson & Diamond Jenness to Erling Porslid.

24. HANSON, Earl Parker

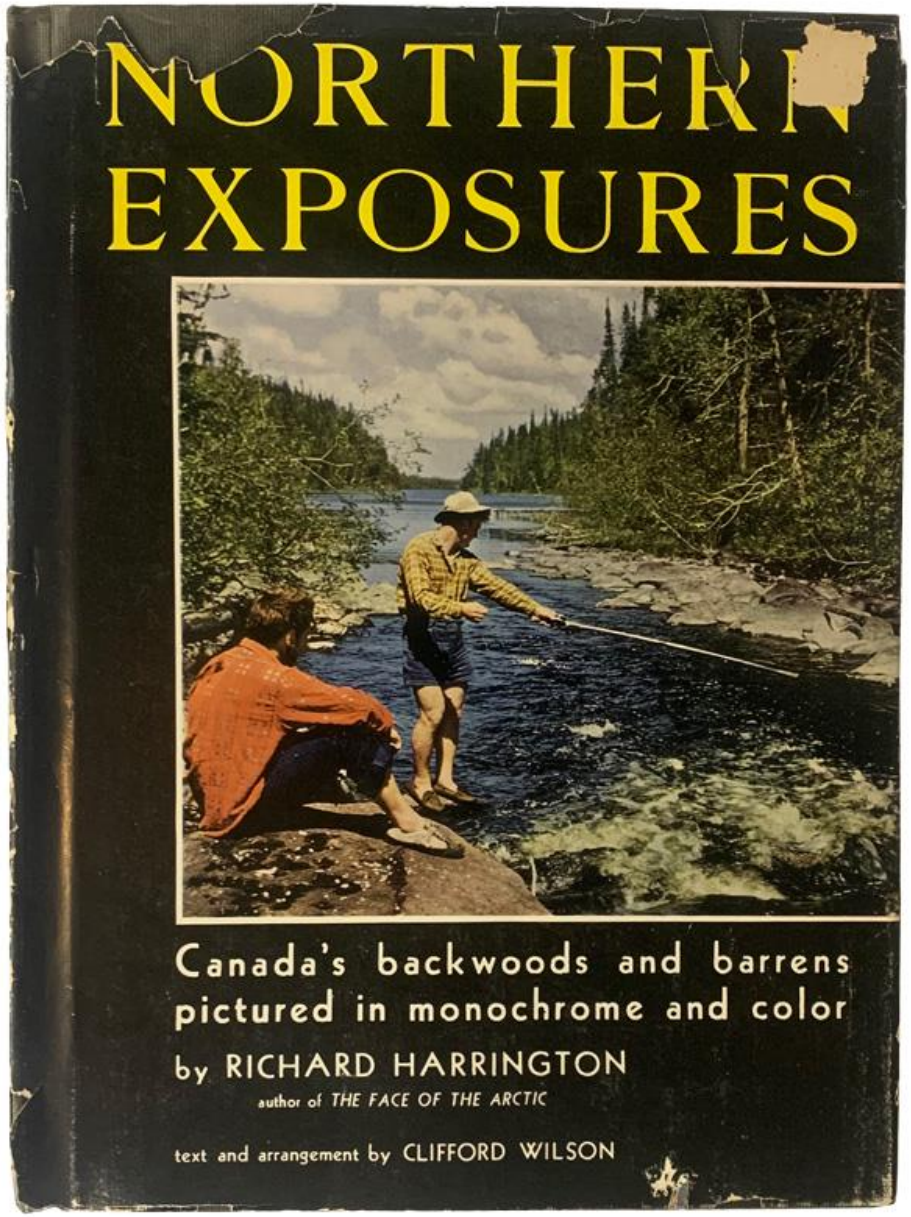
Stefansson. Prophet of the North. New York. Harper & Brothers Publishers. 1941. 8vo., first edition, xiii,241p., with 29 photos, index, grey cloth, light stain on the bottom board else a very good sound coy very good 500.00

An extraordinary presentation copy to Canadian anthropologist Diamond Jenness with three inscriptions a): "For Diamond Jenness, author of one of the three best books ever written about the Canadian Eskimos. Earl P. Hanson. New York, N.Y. March 3, 1942". B): "With friendliest of greetings from Villjalmur Stefansson. March 3 1942". C): "Passed on with my warmest regards to my friend of many years, who once in 1925 rescued my from an Arctic winter on Little Diomede Island, A Erling Porsild. Diamond Jenness."



25. HARRINGTON, Richard

Northern Exposures. Canada's Backwoods and Barrens Pictured in monochrome and colour. Text and arrangement by Clifford Wilson. New York, Schumann & Toronto, Nelson. 1953. 4to. 28.5cm, 119p. over 150 plates and illustrations from photographs, many in colour, blue cloth, very good to fine copy in chipped jacket 50.00

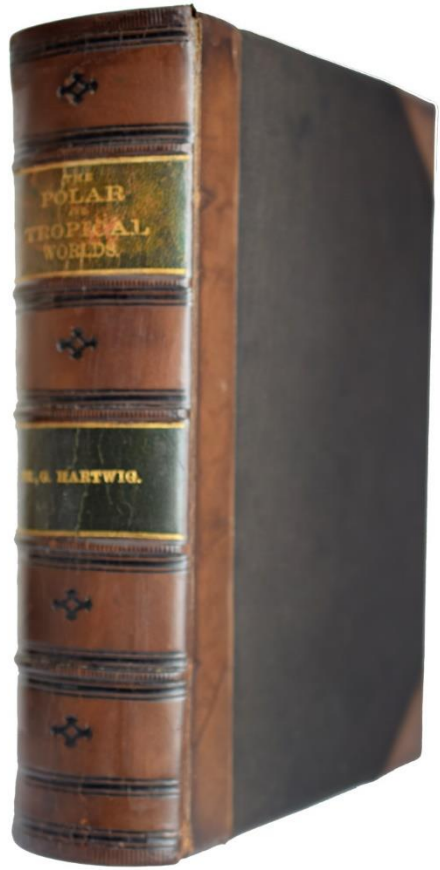


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26. HARTWIG, G.

The Polar and Tropical Worlds: A Description of Man and Nature in the Polar and Equatorial Regions of the Globe... embracing also an account of the Expeditions of all the Arctic Explorers... With an Account of Hall's Last Expedition, a Summary of Arctic Explorations & New Maps of the Arctic Regions. Guelph, Ontario. Sold Only By Subscription, J.W. Lyons. **1875**. thick8vo. 24cm, new edition, 811p. with c.200 plates and illustrations from wood-engravings, maps, in half calf, raised black ruled bands, double morocco labels, cloth boards, marbled endpapers and edges, bevelled boards, a fine copy

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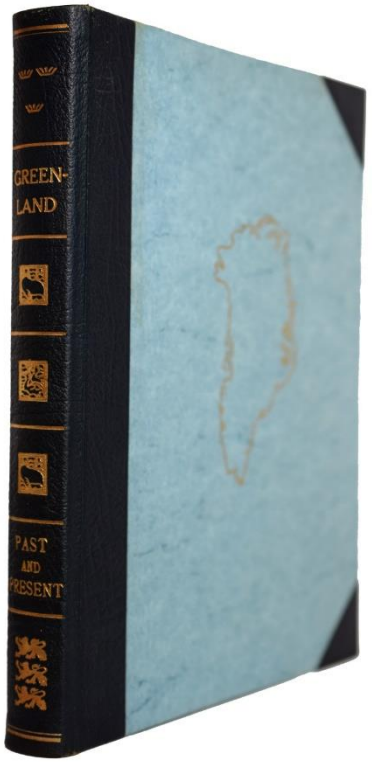
24th of July, Hall accompanying. Three days after, they encountered a violent snow-storm, and were beset by icebergs. On the 8th of August they anchored in a bay in latitude 63° 20′, called by the natives Ookoolear, but by Hall named Cornelius Grinnell Bay. Here and hereabouts the whalers went to work, and Hall began his acquaintance with the Esquimaux at home.

WOMAN AND CHILD. (Drawn and Engraved by AN INNUIT.)

First published in German in 1858 and first published in English in London and New York in 1869. Rosove 1135. A.B. 6733. Hartwig provides a good deal of information on the flora and fauna of the Arctic and Antarctic regions, along with ethnographic notes on the Eskimo and a brief account of some of the voyages and expeditions to each.

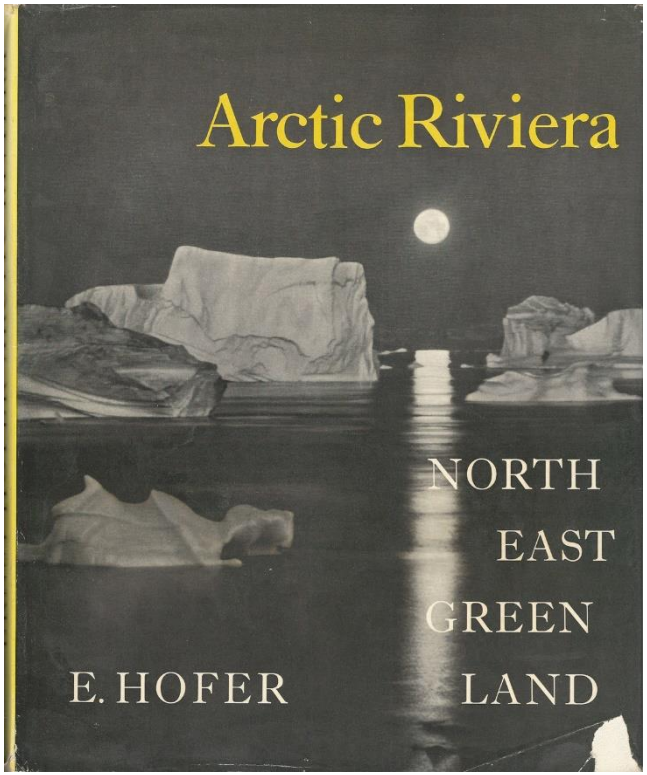
"Mother and Child" is considered the first published illustration of an Inuit drawn by an Inuit.

27. HERTLING, Knud & Others



Greenland, Past and Present. Copenhagen. Published by Edvard Henriksen. n.d. [1970]. 4to. 27.5cm, 370p. numerous illustrations and plates, maps (inc. many colour illustrations), half bound in dark blue morocco, gilt titles and decorations, blue paper over boards, a fine copy 100.00

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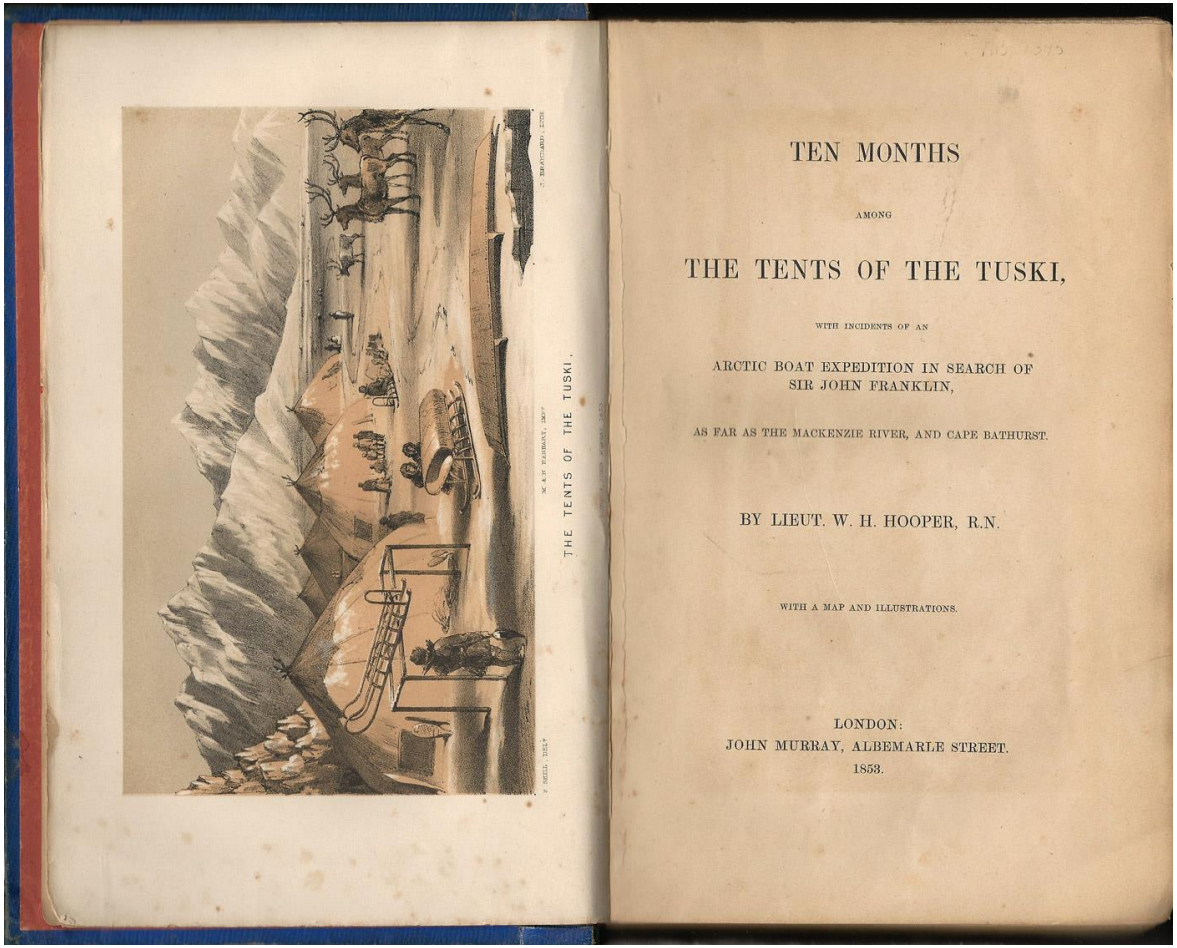
28. HOFER, Ernst

Arctic Riviera. A Book About The Beauty of North-East Greenland. Berne. Kummerly & Frey, Geographical Publishers. 1957. folio. 30cm, first edition, 125p., with 3 maps, 12 color plates, 66 plates and illustrations, smooth white fabrikoid, gilt titles and decorations (maps) on the spine and upper cover, , a near fine copy in very good jacket With A.E. Porsild's signed in pencil on the free fly 50.00

One of the Earliest Searching Expeditions for Franklin

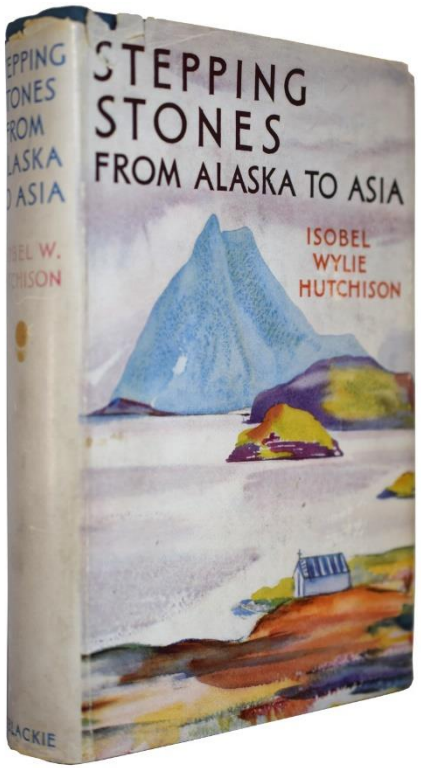
29. HOOPER, W.H.

Ten Months among The Tents of the Tuski, with incidents of an Arctic Boat Expedition in Search of Sir John Franklin, as far as the Mackenzie River, and Cape Bathurst. London. John Murray. **1853**. 8vo, 22cm, the first edition, xv,[1],417,[2]p ads., with 4 tinted (one colour) lithographed plates, 7 illustrations from engravings and a rear folding map (partly coloured), in the original ornately blind decorated blue cloth, gilt spine titles, gilt pictorial decorations on the upper cover, text toned, expertly restored, a very good sound copy complete with half-title 1,500.00



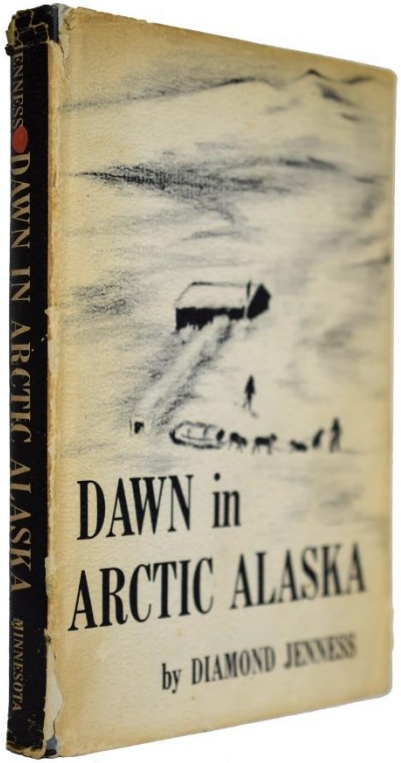
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30. HUTCHISON, Isobel W.



Stepping Stones From Alaska to Asia. London & Glasgow. Blackie & Son. 1937. 8vo, 21.5cm, first edition, 246p. with 20 plates (4 being colour plates from water-colours by the author) & 2 maps (one folding.), appendix, mapped endpapers, blue cloth, fine in very good colour illustrated jacket, with printed presentation slip tip laid in "With the Author's Compliments" 75.00

A.B. 7601. The story of a visit to the Aleutian Island in 1936 to collect botanical specimens. Appendices list curios & plants collected for the British Museum.

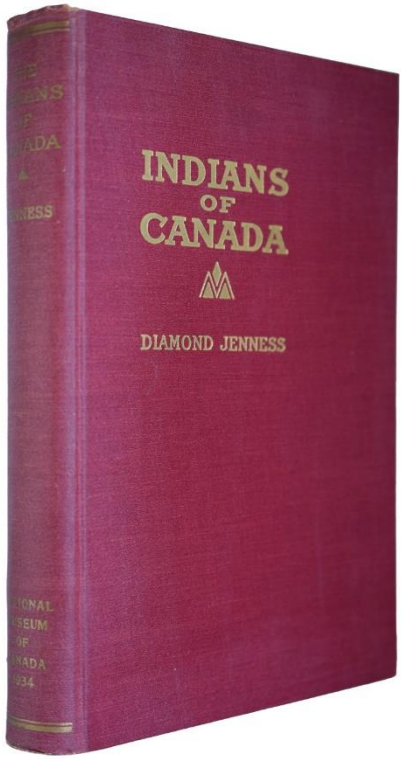


31. JENNESS, Diamond

Dawn in Arctic Alaska. Minneapolis. University of Minnesota Press. 1957. 21.5cm, first edition, 222p. with illustrations by Giacomo Raimondi, map, a fine copy in very good jacket 100.00

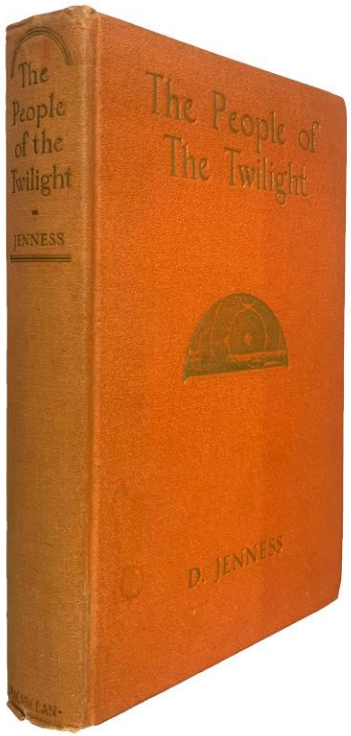
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32. JENNESS, Diamond



The Indians of Canada. Ottawa. National Museums, Bulletin 65. n.d. [1934]. 24.5cm, the second edition, x,446p. with 134 plates & illustrations, (including several colour plates), errata leaf at p401, rear folding pocket map, wine cloth, gilt titles, a very good to fine copy ~ A.E.P., from the author, in pencil on the free fly 75.00

A sweeping ethnological study of the major aspects of Canadian Eskimo and Indian life. Political, social, and religious facets of native life are outlined in this seminal study by one of this century's major anthropologists.



33. JENNESS. Diamond

The People of The Twilight. New York. Macmillan Co. 1928. 8vo, 21.5cm, first edition, 247p., with 18 plates & drawings, map, mapped endpapers, orange cloth gilt titles and decoration, very good to fine 75.00

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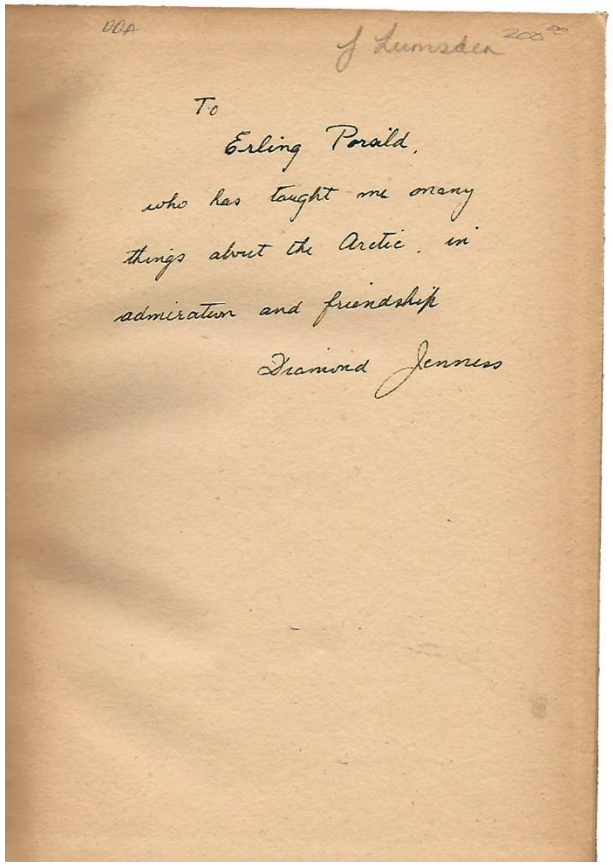
"A quiet and understanding book; one of the best that has ever been written on Eskimo. Anyone who knows Jenness would expect a book of this restrained and yet penetrating type. The unassuming work of one of the finest ethnologists in north America". - P.G. Downes, 1941.

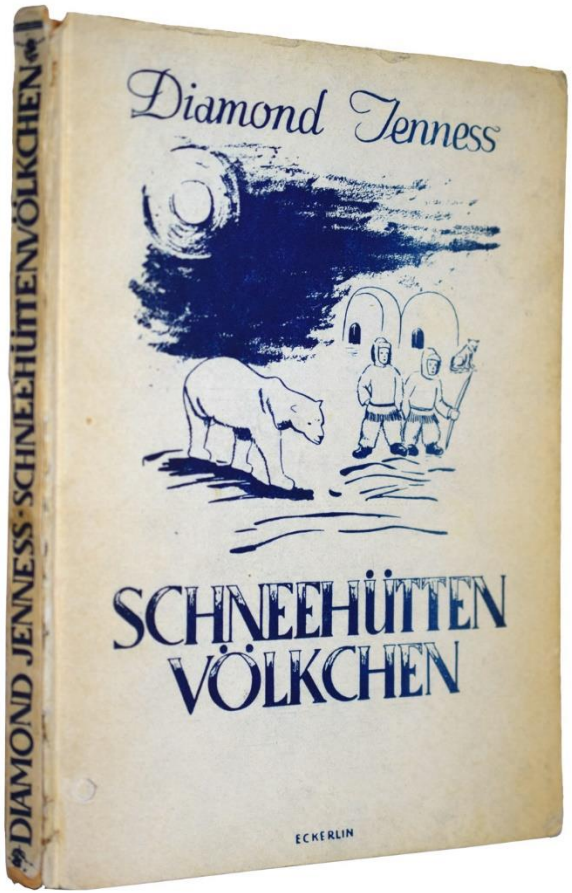
A.B. 8048. Jenness' narrative of life with Coronation Gulf Eskimos during the Canadian Arctic Expedition of 1914-17.

34. JENNESS. Diamond

Schneehutten Volkchen. Ein Reisebericht aus der Arktis. [The People of The Twilight]. Wiesbaden. Verlag Dr. Herta Hartmanshenn. 1947. 8vo, 20.5cm, 139,[1]p., on newsprint type paper, fragile, bound in illustrated paper over boards, spine side edge worn else a very good copy, scarce 200.00

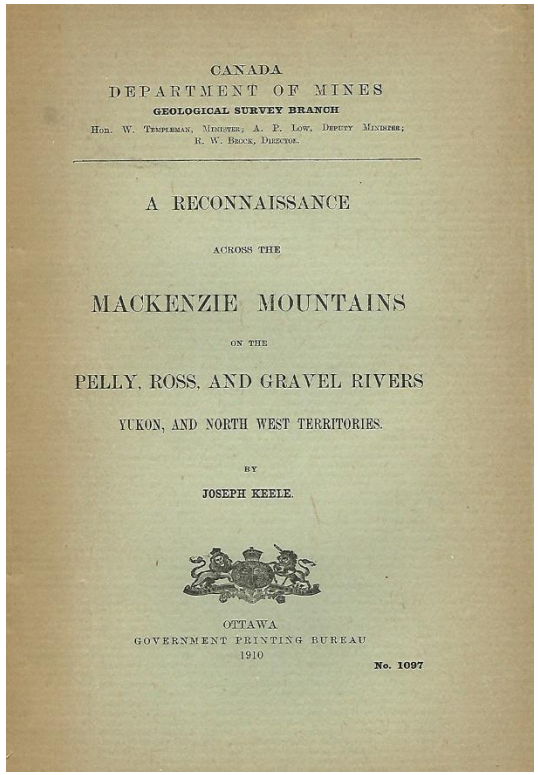
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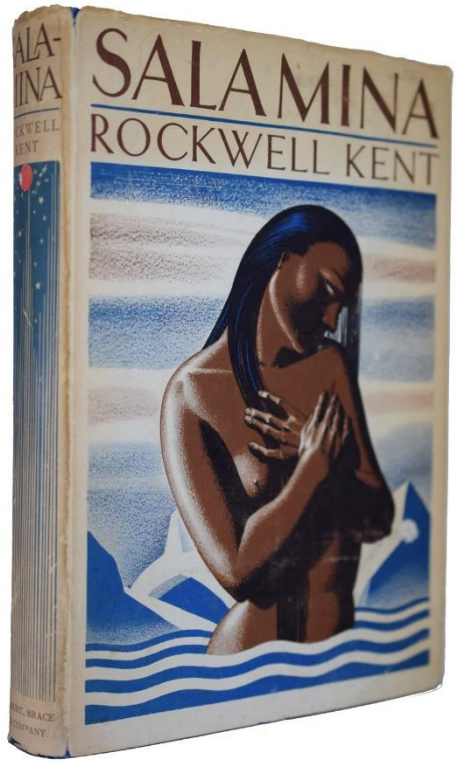
35. KEELE, Joseph

A Reconnaissance Across the Mackenzie Mountains on the Pelly, Ross, and Gravel Rivers, Yukon, and North West Territories. Ottawa. Department of Mines, Geological Survey Branch. 1910. tall8vo, 25cm, 54,7p., with 19 illustrations, very large rear folding map, original printed wraps, upper wrap loose else very good internally fine 50.00


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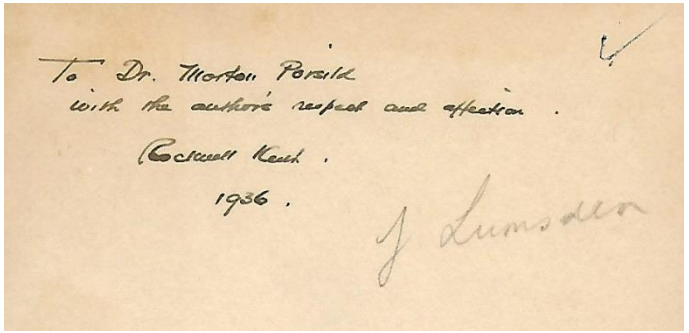
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36. KENT, Rockwell

Salamina. Illustrated by the author. New York. Har-court, Brace and Company. 1935. 8vo, 22cm, the first trade edition, xix,[1],336p., illustrated by Kent with a double-page map and 84 illustrations, including 22 sepia tone plates, original blue cloth, with the full spine titles and aurora illustrations stamped in silver, a fine copy in very good complete illustrated jacket 400.00

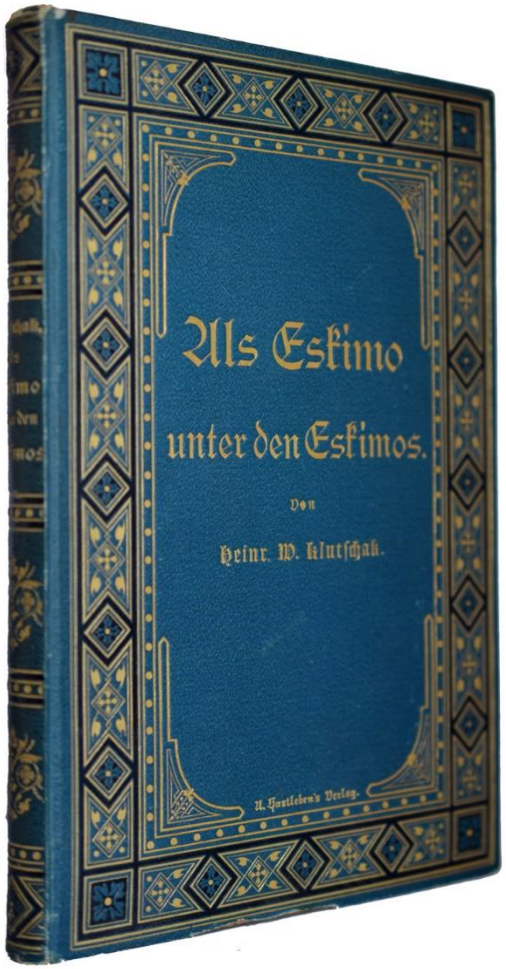
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37. KLUTSCHAK, Heinrich W.

Als Eskimo Unter Den Eskimos. Eine Schilderung der Erlebnisse der Schwatka'schen Franklin - Aufsuchungs - Expedition in Den Jahren 1878-80. Vienna. A. Hartleben's Berlag, **1881**. 8vo, 23.2cm, The First Edition, [viii],247,[1]p., frontis and many plates and illustrations from engravings, with 3 maps (inc. 2 large folding maps), complete with half title, wanting front free fly, in the original dark green pebbled cloth, gilt decoration, borders and titles repeated in blind on the bottom cover, two inch wear abrasion on the bottom edge of the upper cover, otherwise in fine condition, rare

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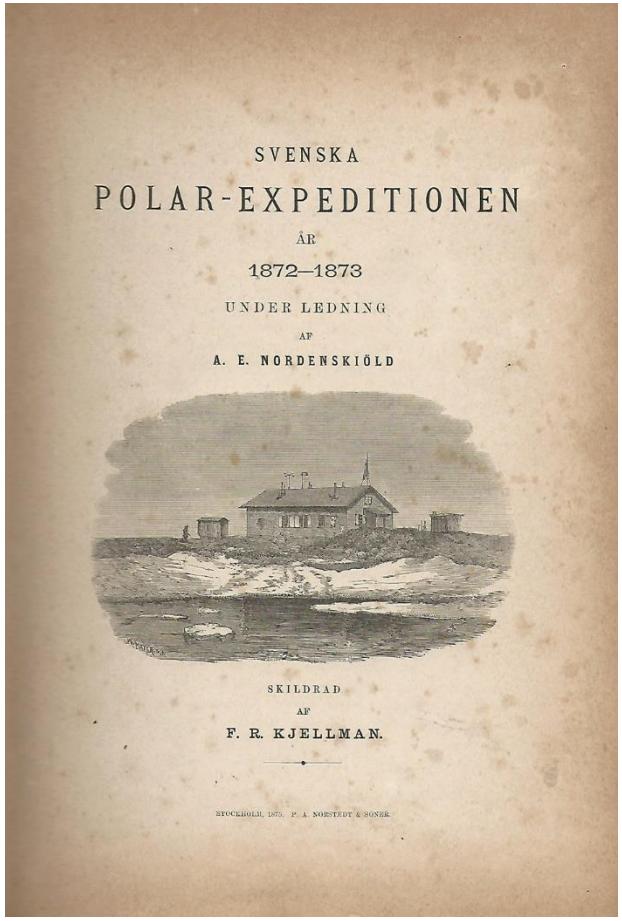
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Not in A.B. Account of Schwatka's expedition in search of Franklin 1878-80 by the artist and surveyor on the expedition Heinrich Wenzel Klutshak (1848-90). "Sponsored by the American Geographical Society to follow up on recent Eskimo reports that records and journals of the Franklin expedition might still be preserved on King William Island . The sledge journey to King William Island, covering 5,287 KM in 50 weeks, was a record distance for any sledging expedition by whites at that time and has rarely been surpassed." Holland - Arctic Exploration p.310-11. - Klutschak recounts his experiences participating in Frederick Schwatka's 1878-1880 search for Sir John Franklin’s lost expedition. He additionally details his interactions with the Eskimo community. Arctic Bib. 23306.

38. KJELLMAN, F. R.

Svenska Polar-Expeditionen år 1872-1873, under ledning af A. E. Nordenskiöld. Skildrad af F.R. Kjellman. Stockholm. P.A. Nordstedt & Soher, **1875**. tall8vo, 24.5cm, the first edition, [ll],352,[1]p., with 10 illustrations from engravings (inc. title vignette) & 2 folding panorama view from a photographs (Foulbay & Skansberget vid Skansbay), in the original pebbled brick brown cloth, gilt titles and gilt illustrations (Vinterbostad) on the upper cover in blind and black stamped borders, inner linen hinges, some wear on the edges, some foxing and toning in the text, Stockholm booksellers ticket on front endpaper, a very good copy 300.00

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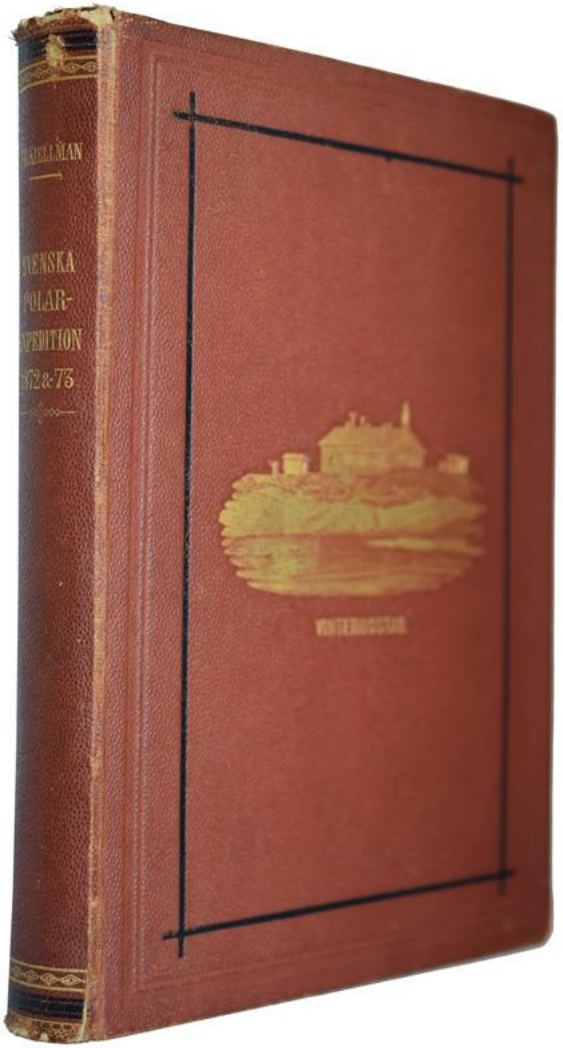
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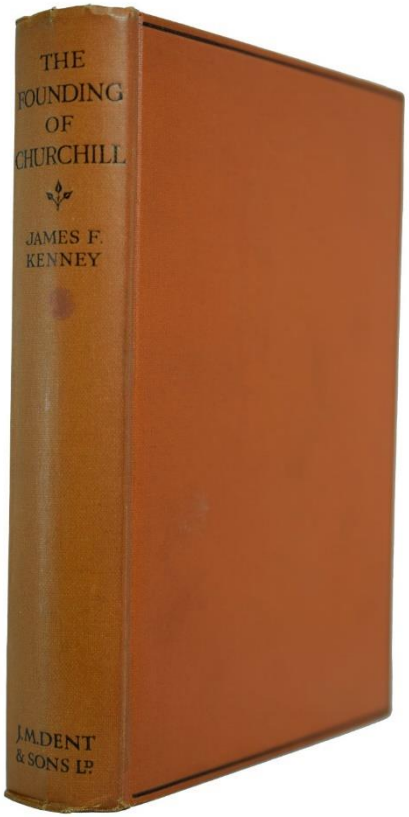
A.B. 8792. Narrative of the Swedish Polar Expedition to Spitsbergen, 1872-1873, written for the general public by the expedition's botanist. He gives an account of the voyage, the sledge trips and the wintering at Mossel Bay; describes the arctic winter of 1872-73, its hazards and difficulties; and discusses plant and animals' life of West Spitsbergen.



39. KNIGHT, James

The Founding of Churchill. Being the Journal of Captain James Knight, Governor-in-Chief in Hudson Bay, from the 14th of July to the 13th of September, 1717. Edited with historical introduction & notes by James F. Kenney. Toronto, London, Vancouver. Dent. 1932. 19.5cm, first edition, 213p. with 5 illustrations, orange cloth, titles stamped in black, fine, Signed E. Porsild in pencil on the free fly 125.00

Peel 7. Story p410. "Knight, who was made governor of the posts of the Hudson's Bay Company in 1713, built Fort Churchill in 1716-17. In 1719 he was placed in comm-and of an expedition to find the mythical `Strait of Anian' but perished when his ships were wrecked at Marble Island, Hudson's Bay..."

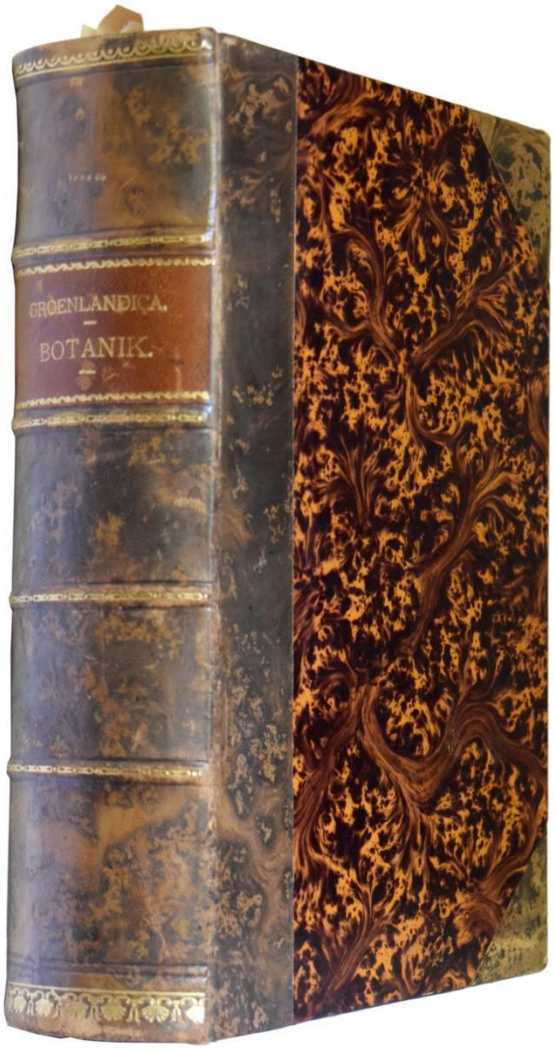


40. LANGE, Johann; J.S.D. Branth; & others

Meddelelser om Groenland. Tredie Hefte. [Conspectus Florae Groenlandicae autore Joh. Lange. Oversigt over Groenlands Flora]. Copenhagen. C.A. Retzel. 1880-1893. thick8vo., 22cm, first editions, l, 1016 pp., with 6 folding maps, 2 plates, text figures, part indexes, in contemporary half tree calf, raised gilt decorated bands, matched marbled boards and edges, floral decorated endpapers, typed contents leaf tipped-in, fine

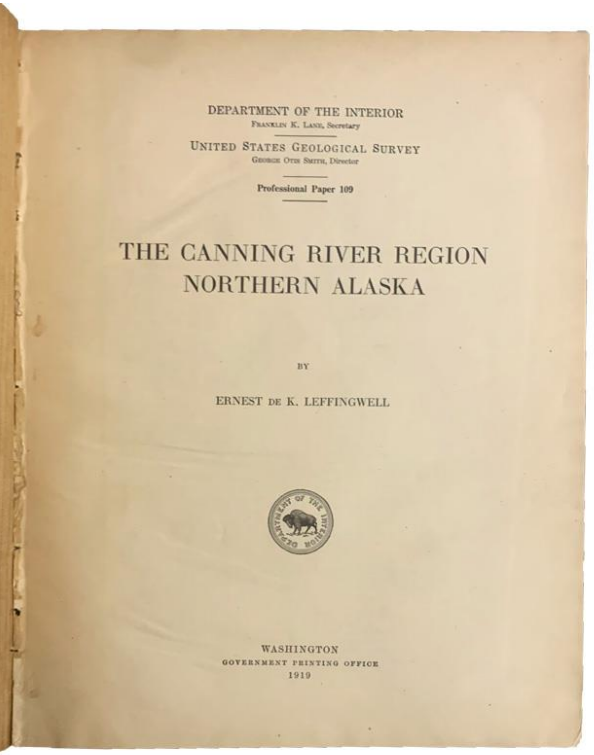
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Text in Danish. "Monographs of Greenland". A collection of writings on the flora of Greenland. Parts I & II: Flowering plants and ferns. (Lange, 1880/1887). Part III: Various essays on vascular plants and ferns of Greenland (Branth, Rostrup, Kolderup, Groenlund. 1887-1893). Danish botanist Johann Lang (1818-1898) was Director of the Botanical Gardens in Copenhagen and edited "Flora Danica" from 1858 to 1883. An seminal work from the library, with stylized bookplate, of Danish botanist, Morton P. Porsild (1872-1956) who worked most of his life in Greenland. The very useful contents leaf tipped-in is thought to be by Porsild.



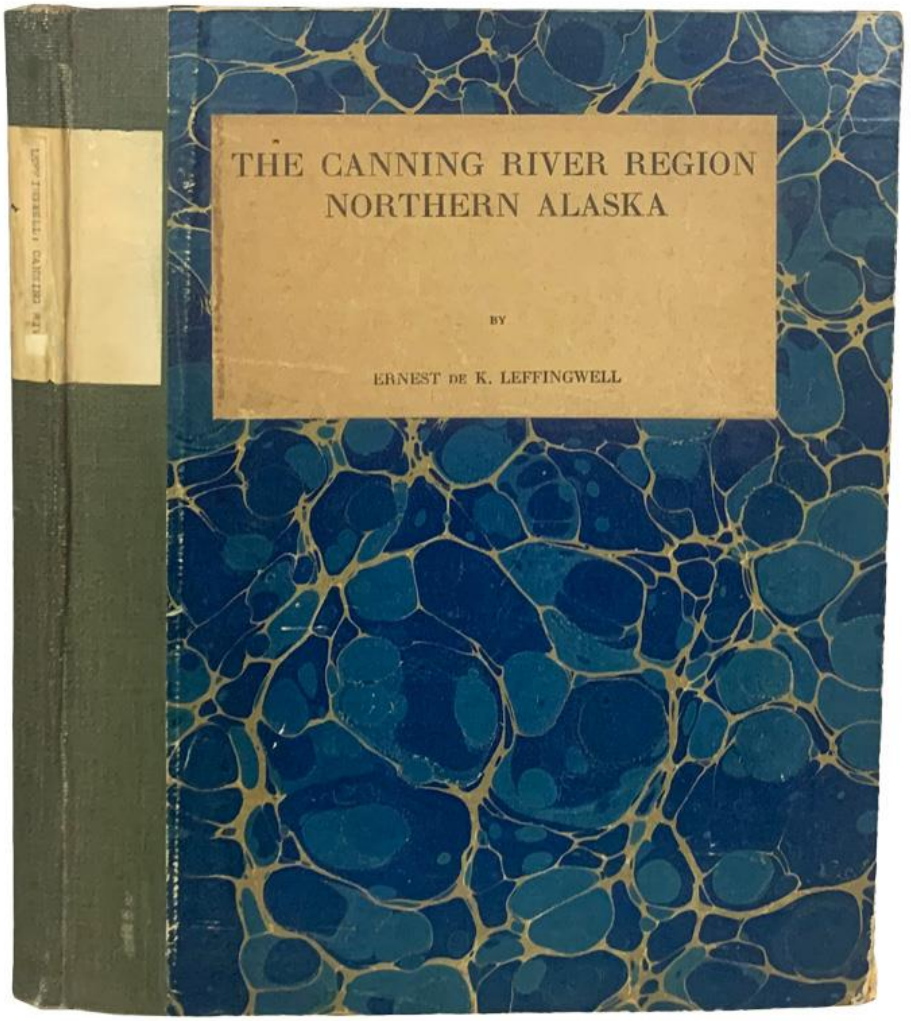
41. LEFFINGWELL, Ernest De K.

The Canning River Region Northern Alaska. Department of the Interior United States Geological Survey Professional Paper 109. Washington. Government Printing Office. 1919. 4to, 28cm, 251p., plus 35 plates of illustrations, many figure & text illus., 7 rear folding maps, index, contemporary rebinding of quarter book linen backed marble boards, typed spine label and with title (probably from the original wraps) laid down on the upper cover, very good to fine thus, rare 150.00


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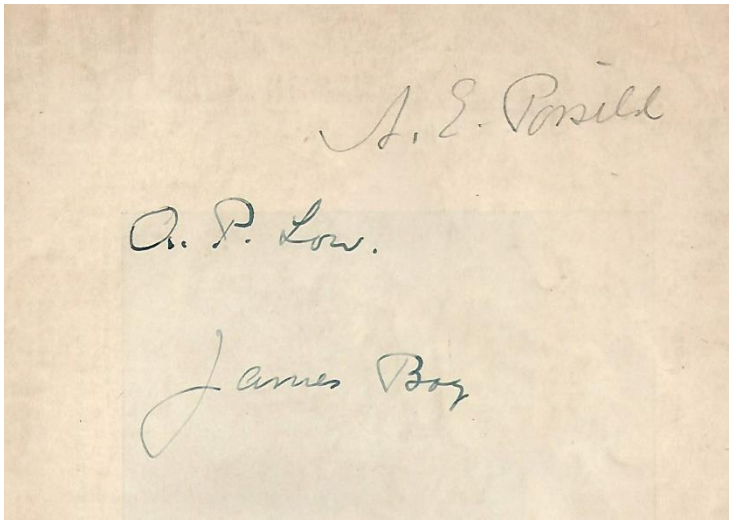
A.E. Porsild, signed in pen, on the free fly

A.B. 9835. Report on the results of the Anglo-American Polar Expedition (Mikkelsen-Leffingwell Expedition), 1906-07, and on the author's investigations, 1908-14, in the area south of Camden Bay.

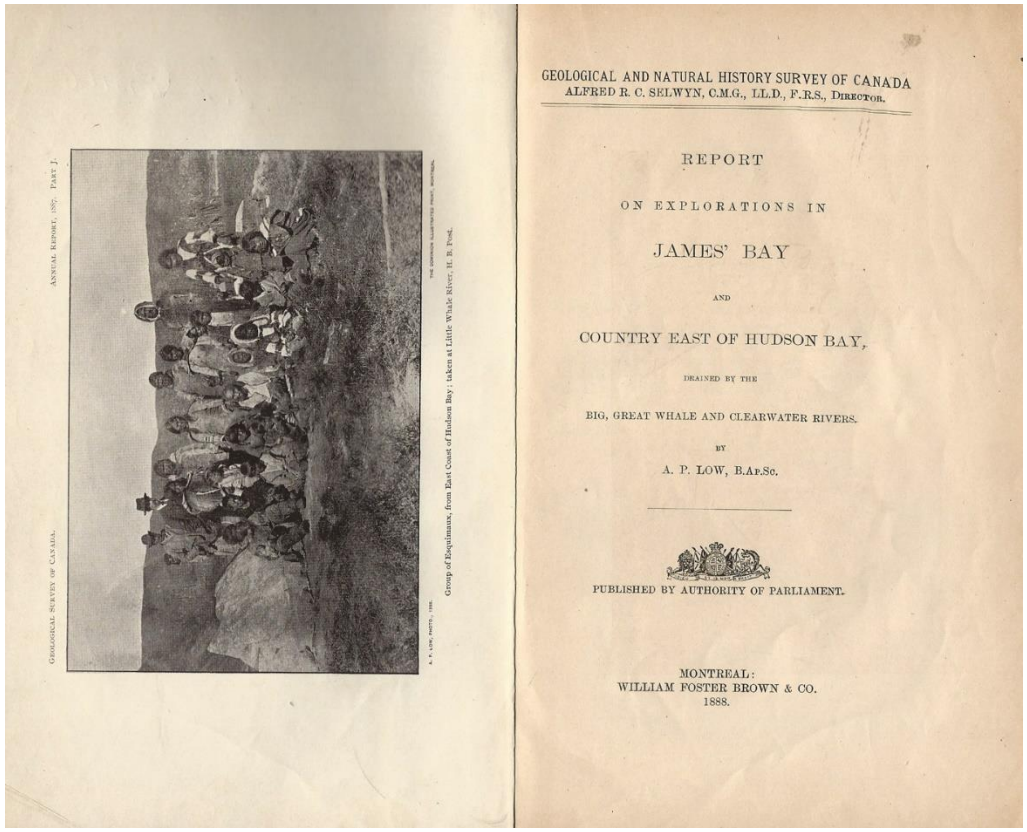


42. LOW, A.P.

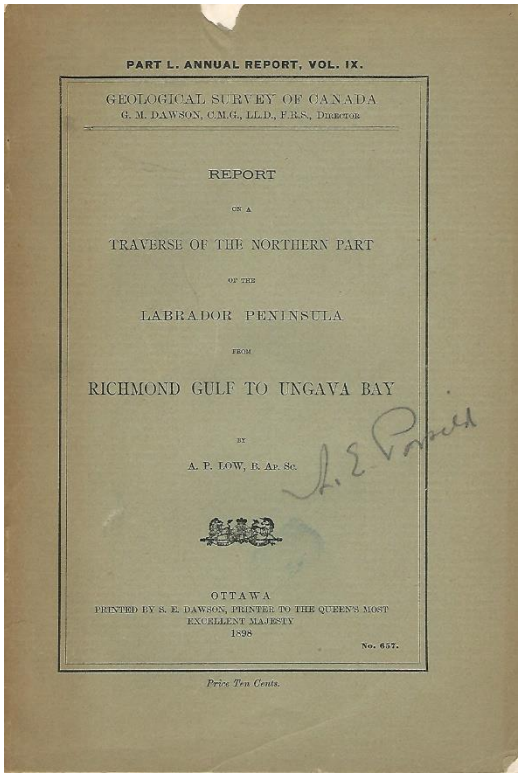
Report on Explorations in James' Bay and Country East of Hudson Bay, drained by the Big, Great Whale and Clearwater Rivers. Geological and Natural History survey of Canada. Montreal. William Foster Brown & Co. **1888**. 8vo, 25cm, 94p., 2 plates & 2 large colour folding maps in rear pocket, contemporary binding in quarter dark brown cloth backed marbled boards, fine 200.00



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43. LOW, A.P.


PART L. ANNUAL REPORT, VOL. IX.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA
G. M. DAWSON, C.M.G., LL.D., F.R.S., Director

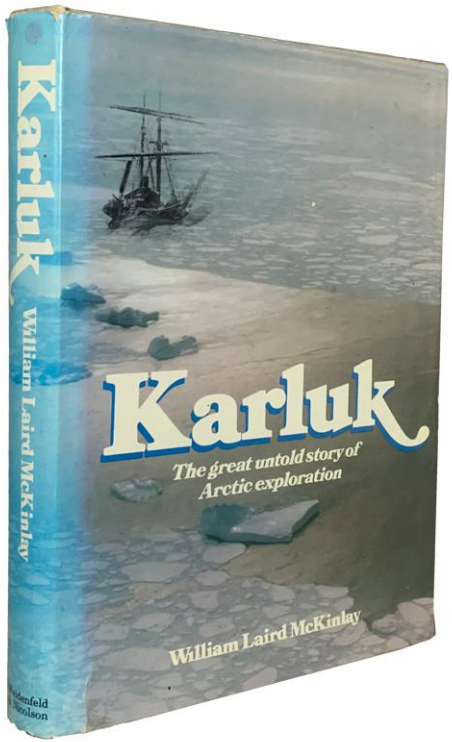
REPORT
ON A
TRAVERSE OF THE NORTHERN PART
OF THE
LABRADOR PENINSULA
FROM
RICHMOND GULF TO UNGAVA BAY
BY
A. P. LOW, B. Ap. Sc.

OTTAWA
PRINTED BY S. E. DAWSON, PRINTER TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
1898
No. 657.

Price Ten Cents.

Report on a Traverse of the Northern Part of the Labrador Peninsula from Richmond Gulf to Ungava Bay. Geological survey of Canada. Ottawa. Printed by S.E. Dawson. 1898. tall8vo, 25cm, 42p., plus 4 plates illustrations, original printed wraps with title reprinted on the upper cover, spine chap chipped, else very good to fine 50.00

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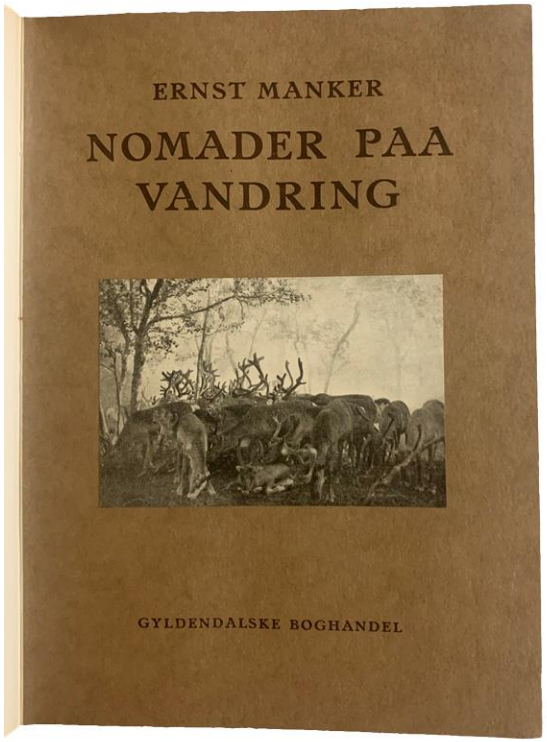
44. McKINLAY, William Laird

Karluk. The Great Untold Story of Arctic Exploration. Foreword by Magnus Magnusson. New York. St. Martin's Press. 1976. 24.5cm, 170p. plus 48 illustrations and plates, 3 maps, grey cloth, a fine copy in very good jacket

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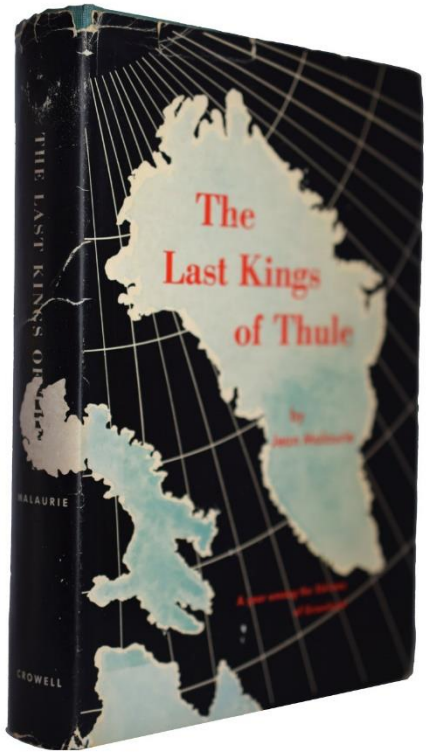
Inscribed: To Erling [Porslid) from .... (unknown)

45. MANKER, Ernst,



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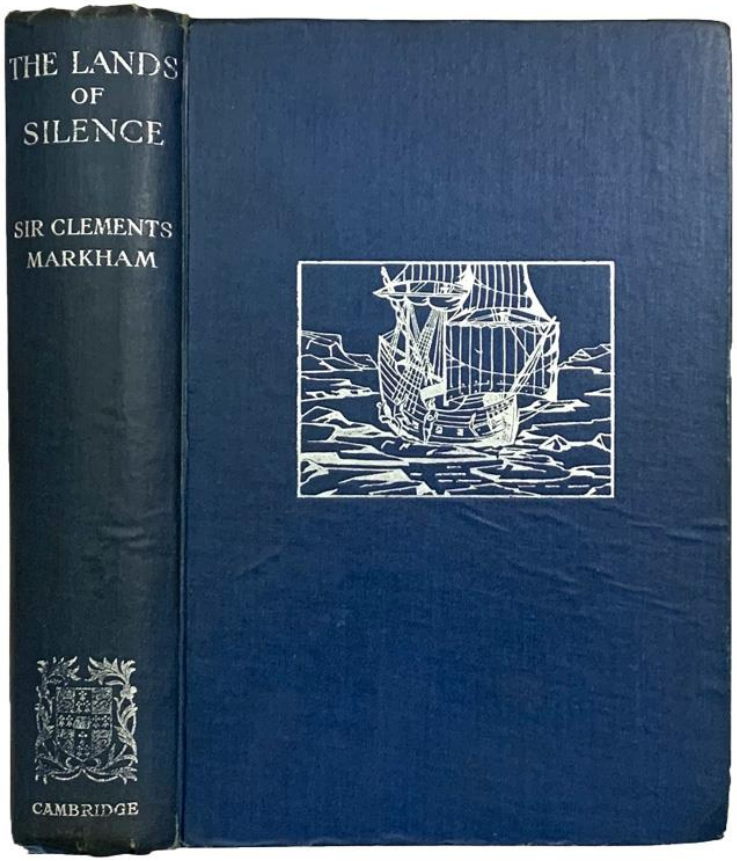
46. MALAURIE, Jean

The Last Kings of Thule. A Year Among the Polar Eskimos of Greenland. Translated by Gwendolen Freeman, with a preface by G. De Poncins. New York. Thomas Y. Crowell Company. 1956. 22cm, 295p., errata leaf, with 15 plates, 6 maps, numerous text illustrations, green cloth, fine in very good jacket 50.00

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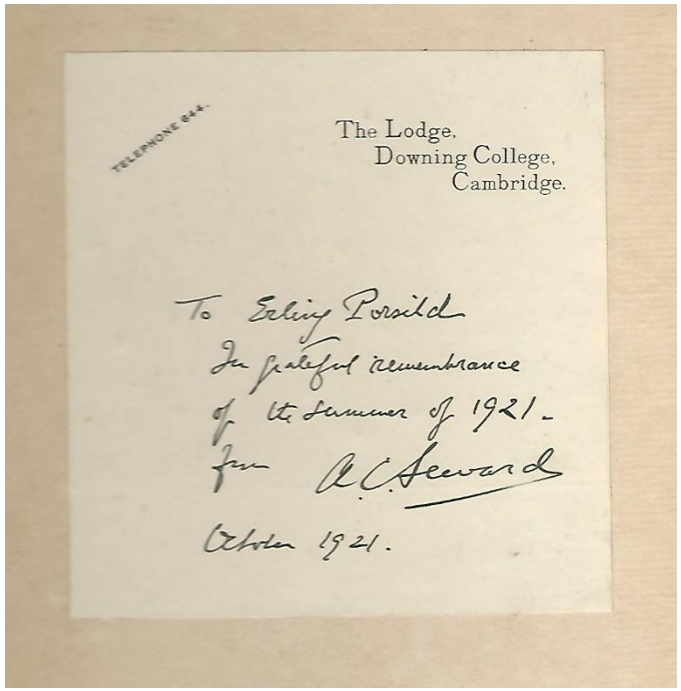
Jean Malaurie made six expeditions to the Arctic, from 1948 to 1982. A strong spokesman for the Inuit, Malaurie also authored "The Last Kings of Thule", which remains the best-selling book of the Inuit ever.

47. MARKHAM, Sir Clements R.



The Lands of Silence. A History of Arctic and Antarctic Exploration. Cambridge: at the University Press. 1921. tall8vo, 24cm, the first edition, xii,539p., photogravure frontis and with 51 plates and illustrations from photographs, (14 maps), original blue cloth, titles and pictorial decorations stamped in silver (includes an image of a sailing ship on the upper cover), some transfer on the portrait and title page, a very good copy 450.00

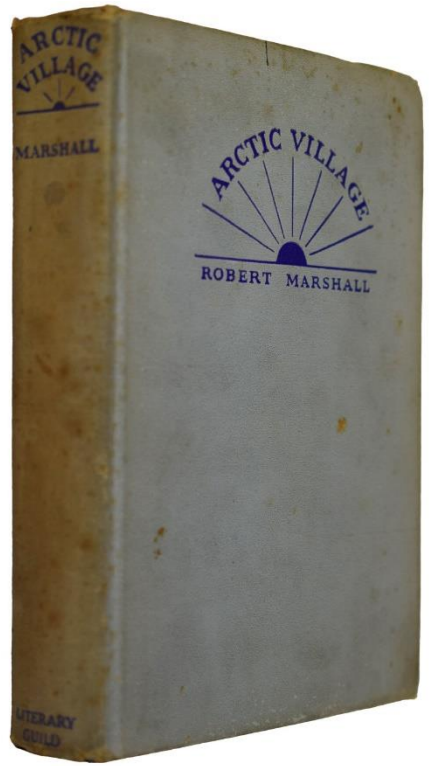
With Presentation Bookplate: To Erling Porsild, In grateful remembrance of the Summer of 1921, from A.C. Seward, October, 1921. Including a printed address: Telephone 644. The Lodge, Downing College, Cambridge.



Albert Charles Seward, 1863–1941) was a British botanist and geologist who lecturer at Cambridge.

A.B. 10939. Spence 755. Markham participated in the Franklin search under Captain Austin (1850-51) and was with Sir George Nares expedition (1875) to northern Green-land. He was president of the Royal Geographical Society from 1893 to 1905. A scarce and important history on polar exploration by one who was there.

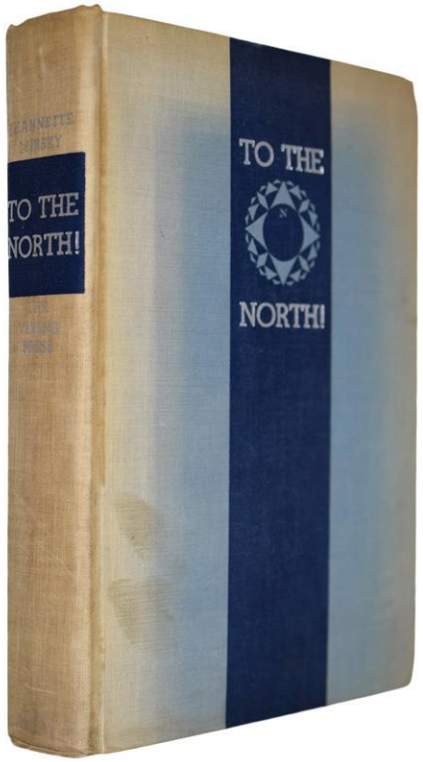
48. MARSHALL, Robert



Arctic Village. New York. The Literary Guild. 1933. 8vo, 22cm, 399p. frontis & 50 illustrations, mapped endpapers, index, binding dust soiled, internally very good 50.00

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With presentation “Best wishes from East Arctic, and from West Arctic, Edith Scemman, Erus & Abbe”



49. MIRSKY, Jeannette

To The North! The Story of Arctic Exploration from Earliest Times to the Present. New York. Viking Press. 1934. tall8vo. 23.5cm, first edition, xx,386p. with 14 maps (inc. rear folding colour map) & 39 illustrations, original light blue cloth, some fading on the spine and boards as usual, (titles and stamping clear), very good 200.00

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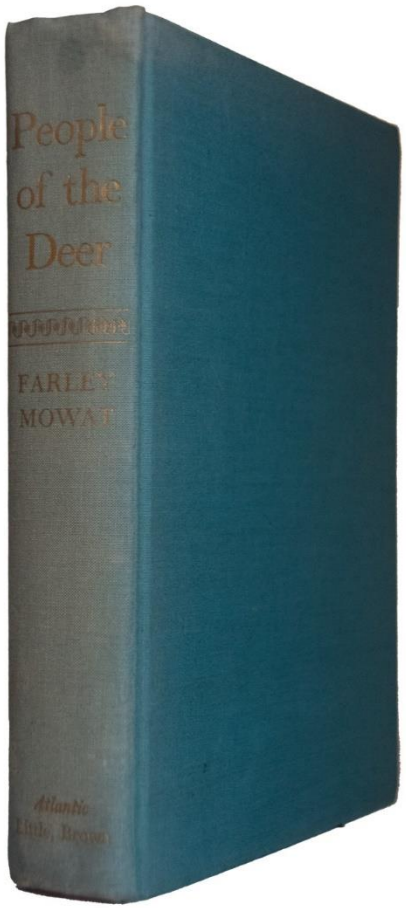
A.B. 11528. "The book was withdrawn shortly after publication because of a threat of libel by Frederick Cook. Mirsky had included some unflattering remarks about Cook. It was revised and republished in 1948 as “To The Arctic".

50. MOWAT, Farley

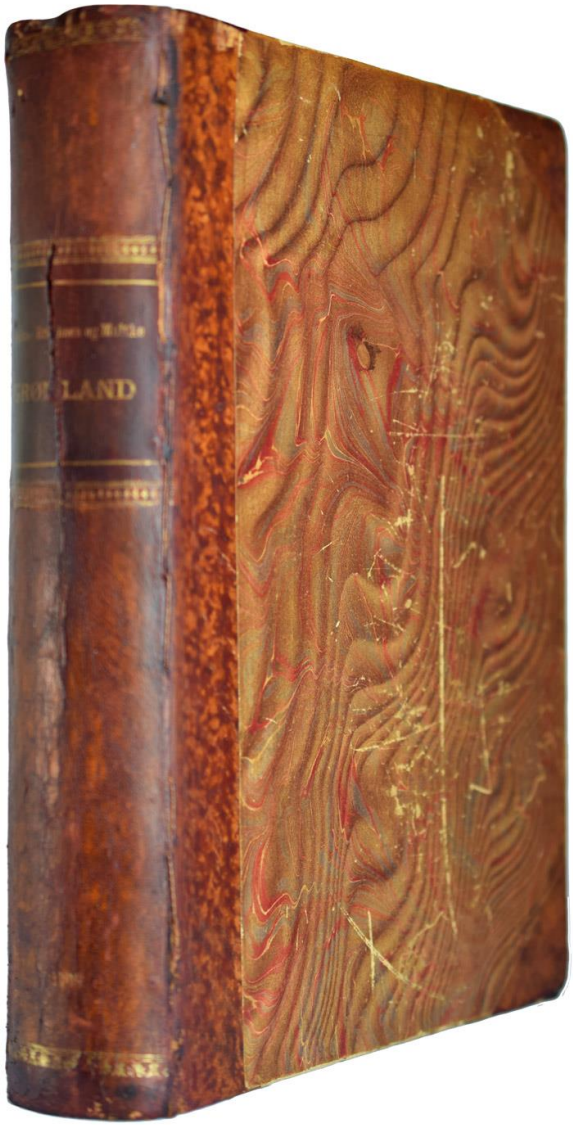
People of the Deer. With drawings by Samuel Bryant. Boston. Little, Brown. 1952. 8vo, 1st ed., green cloth, very good sound copy 50.00

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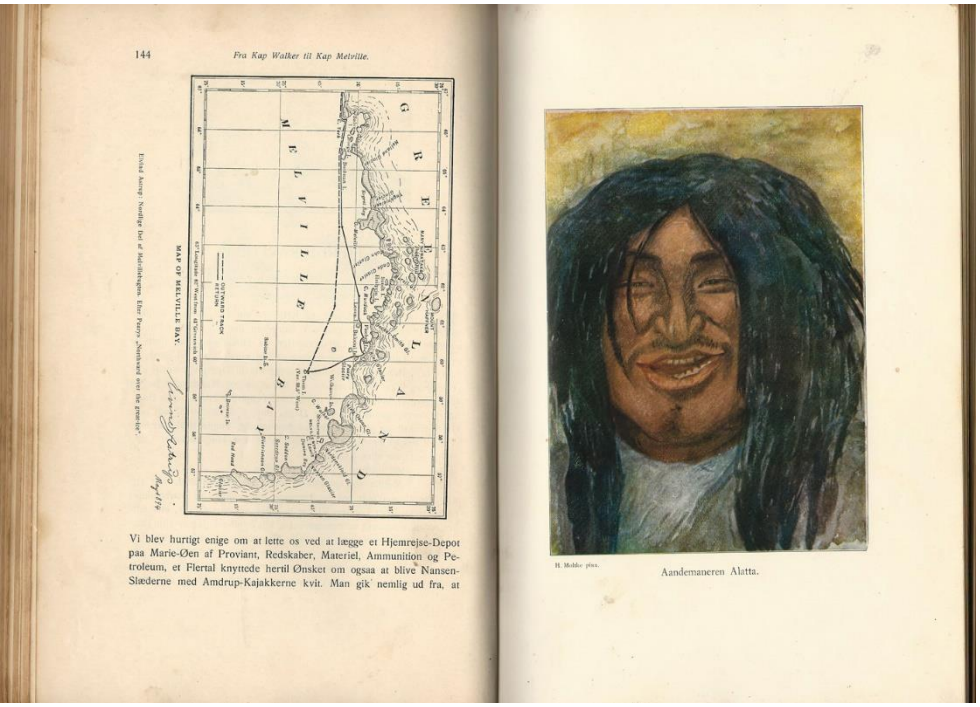
Note loosely inserted by E.P.'s daughter, "Erling wrote the critique of the book which created a lot of public attention... in the end this banter (letters in the journal or citizen) sold a lot of books.



51. MYLIUS-ERICHSEN, L. & Harald Molke



Gronland. Illustreret skildring af den Daske Literae Groenlandsekspeditions Rejser I Melvillebugten og Ophold Blandt Jordens Nordligst Boende Mennesker-Polar-eskimoerne. 1903-1904. Kobenhavn & Kristiana. Gyldendalske Boghandel Nordisk Verlag. 1906. tall8vo, 25cm, 357,vi,p., with 11 colour plates, 3 rear folding maps, 285 text illustrations, quarter mottled sheep, rebacked, marbled boards, gilt spine titles, covers & spine rubbed, inner hinges crudely repaired with linen, good sound copy 250.00


144 Fra Kap Walker til Kap Melville.

MAP OF MELVILLE BAY.

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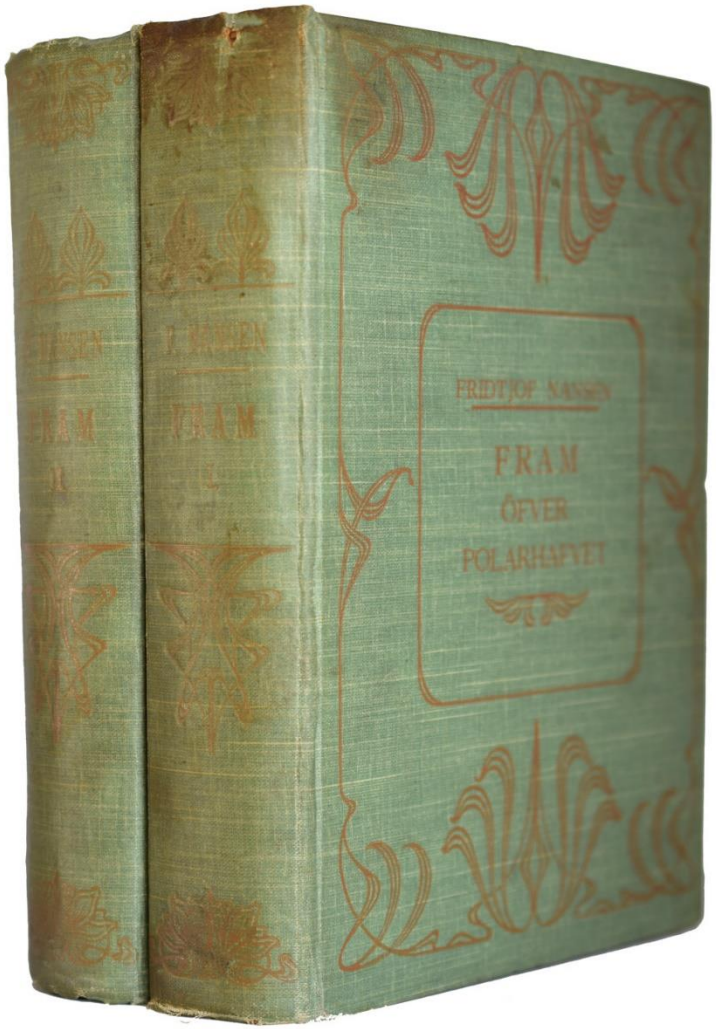
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52. NANSEN, Fridtjof

Fram Ofver Polarhafvet. Den Norska Polarfärden 1893-96. Med ett Tillägg af Otto Sverdrup. Bemyndigad Ofversättning Från Norskan under Tillsyn af A. G. Nathorst. Stockholm. Albert Bonniers Forlag. **1897**. 8vo, 22cm, in 2 volumes, [vii],539 & [vi],570pp., with 233 plates and illustrations (inc. 2 frontis portraits & 2 colour plate views) , 4 folding maps, in the original decorated light green cloth, final page and map loose in volume one, otherwise very good

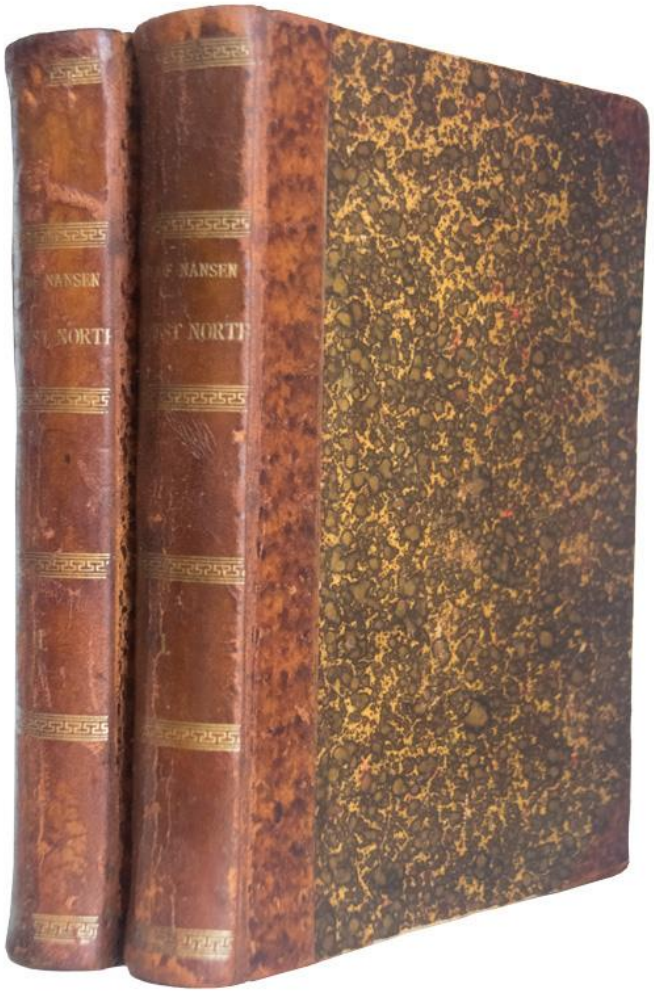
With E.A. Porsild signature on the free fly in pencil, in Volume One. 100.00



53. NANSEN, Fridtjof

Farthest North. Being the Record of a Voyage of Exploration of the ship "Fram" 1893-96 and of a Fifteen Months' Sleigh Journey by Dr. Nansen and Lieut. Johansen. With an Appendix by Otto Sverdrup, Captain of the Fram. London. George Newnes. **1898**. 8vo. 23.5cm, in 2 volumes, 480 & 456pp., with 120 full-page and numerous text illus., including folding colour map, (some plates in facsimile from Dr. Nansen's own sketches), in contemporary quarter brown speckled sheep, marbled boards, gilt titles and borders, wear on the edges and on the bottom board edges, good to very good, sound ~with a small (7x 10.5cm) stamped envelope addressed to M. Porsild, containing a small slip of paper with NANSEN'S and with his name in ink on the verso 300.00

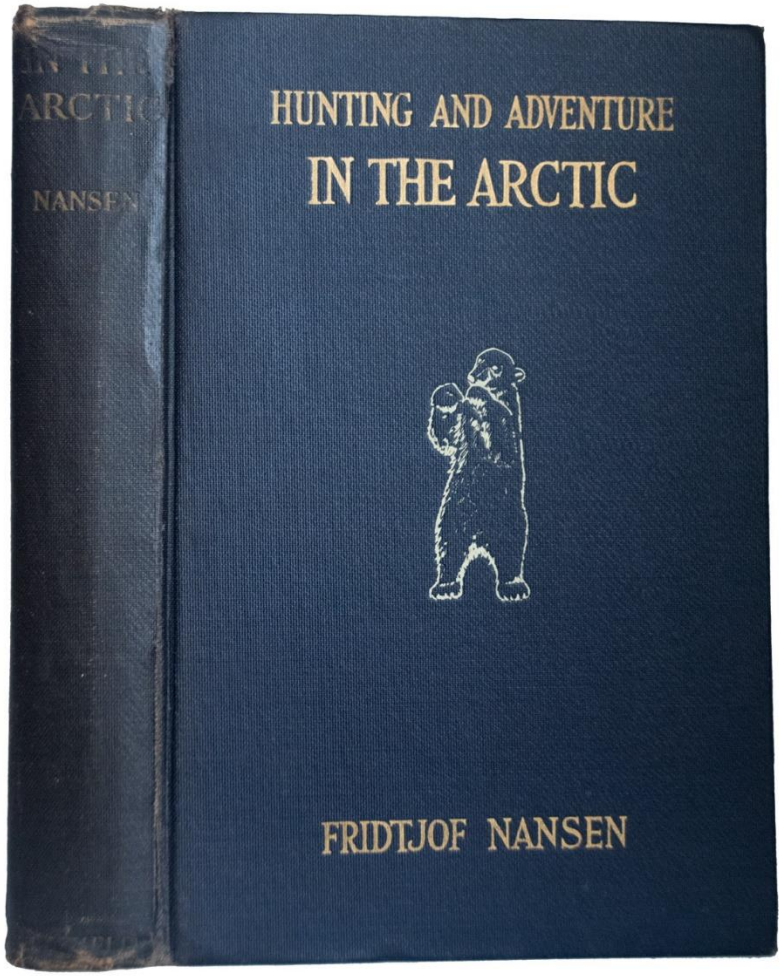
Nansen was one of the most significant figures in the history of Arctic exploration. One of the most attractive nineteenth century cloth pictorial bindings.



54. NANSEN, Fridtjof

Hunting and Adventure in the Arctic. New York. Duffield and Company. 1925. tall8vo, 23cm, [iv],462p., frontis portrait & 75 plates and illustrations & maps, in the original dark blue-black cloth, gilt spine and cover titles with white stamped illustrations (polar bear) on the upper cover, spine titles slightly faded, edges worn, good to very good, scarce 200.00

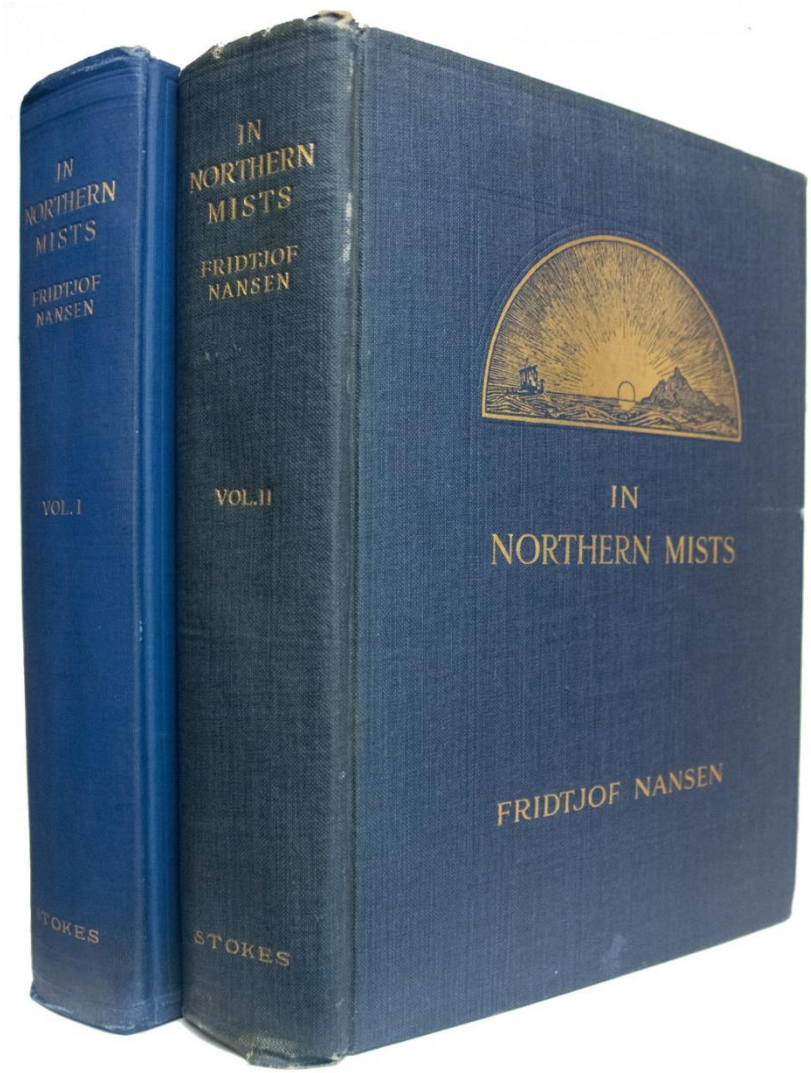
Signed in pencil on the free fly A.E. Porsild



55. NANSEN, Fridtjof

In Northern Mists. Arctic Explorations in Early Times. New York. Frederick A. Stokes. 1911. sm4to. 25.5cm, the first US edition, in 2 volumes, xi,384 & [i],416pp., with colour frontis plates and 162 plates and illustrations and maps, original ribbed dark blue cloth, gilt pictorial decoration and blind stamped borders and gilt titles on the upper covers, gilt spine titles, inner linen hinges, volume two is a slightly darker blue cloth, very good to fine

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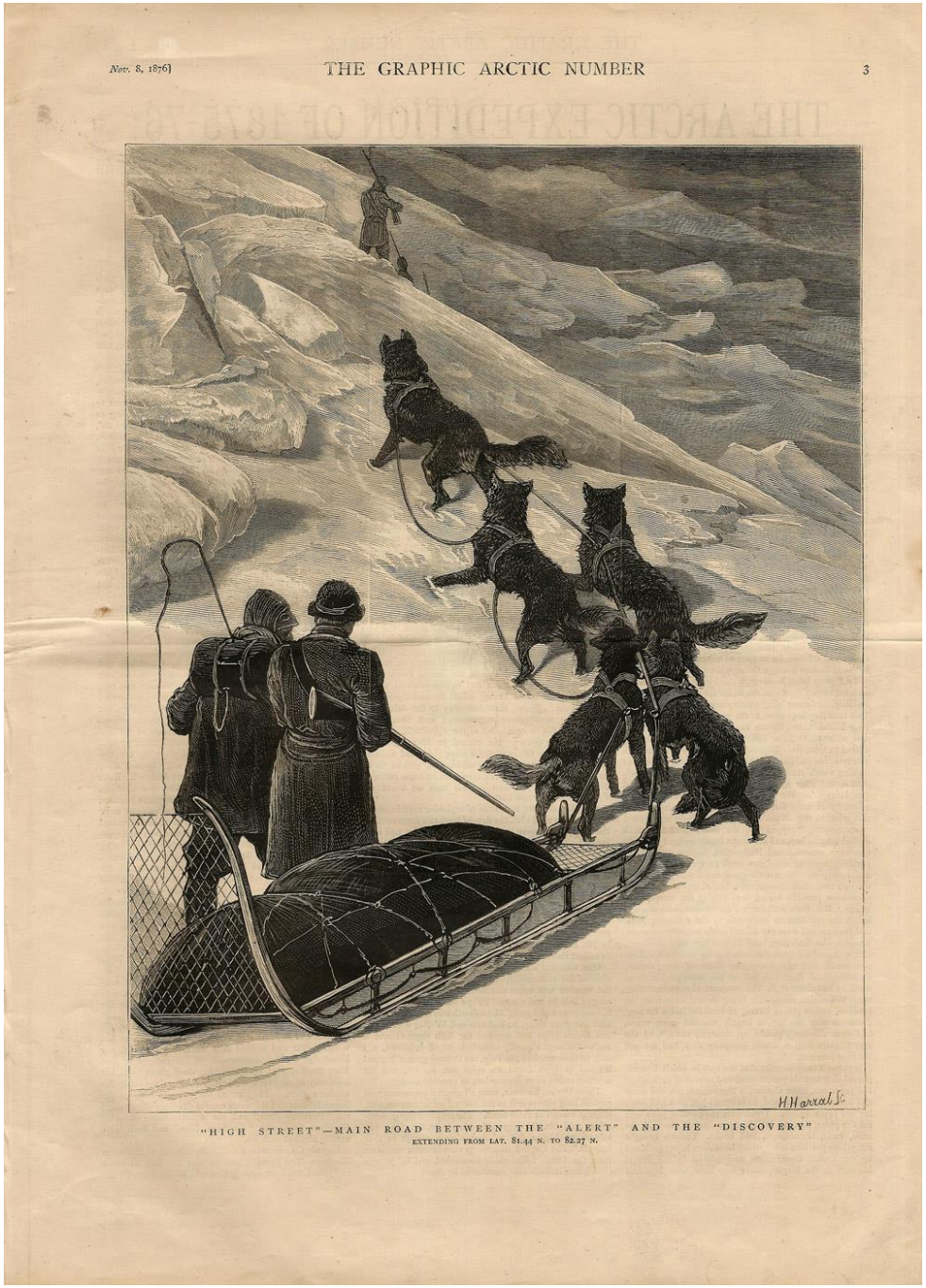
A.B. 11993. A basic work. Includes the discovery of Iceland and Greenland, voyages to uninhabited parts of Greenland in the middle ages, the decline of the Norse settlements, early whaling and sealing, etc. Not indicated but sheets and binding appear to be identical to the first London edition.

"A history of Arctic voyages by the well-known Arctic explorer (the first to cross Greenland on skis) and professor of oceanography at Christiania University, Fridtjof Nansen. The author notes: 'It appeared to me that the natural foundation for a history of Arctic voyages was in the first place to make clear the main features in the development of Knowledge of the North in early times. By trancing how ideas of the Northern World, appearing first in a dim twilight, change from age to age, how old myths and creations of the imagination are constantly recurring, sometimes in new shapes, and how new ones are added to them, we have a curious insight into the working of the human mind in its endeavour to subject to itself the world and the universe". (Prefaced).

56. [NARES, Capt. G.S.]. - The Graphic.

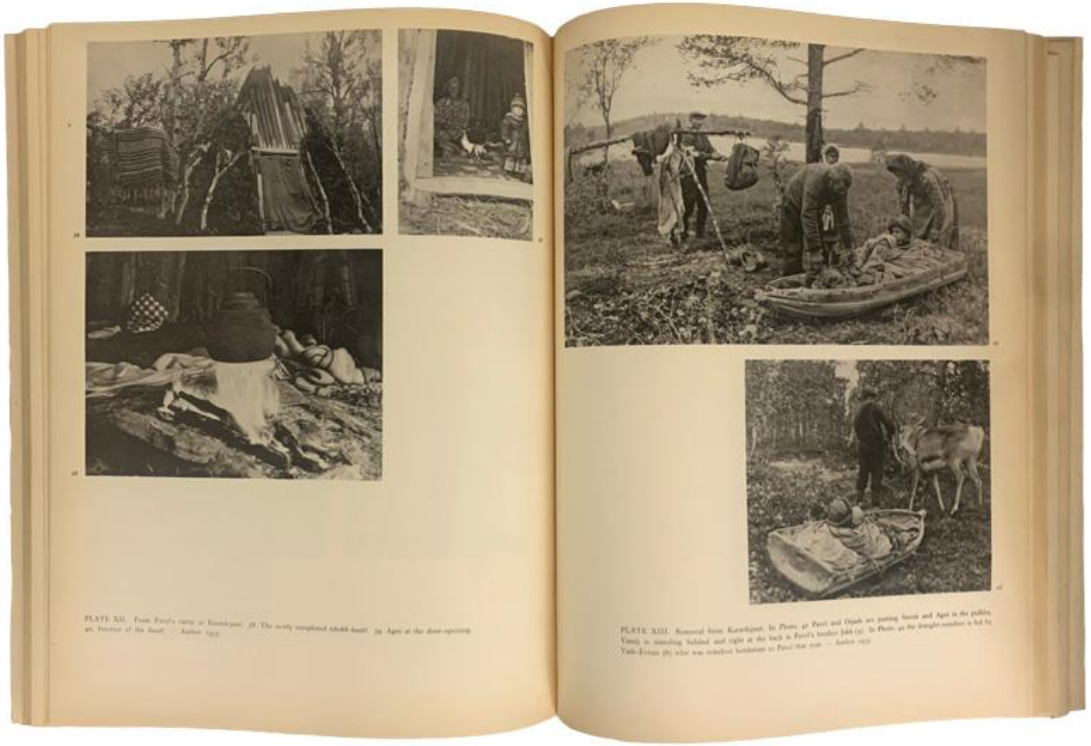
THE GRAPHIC ARCTIC NUMBER. Nov. 8, 1876. The Arctic Expedition of 1875-76: A narrative of the endeavors made to reach the North Pole by the officers and crews of H.M.S. "Alert" and "Discovery" under the command of Capt. G.S. Nares, and Capt. H.F. Stephenson. Special number of the Graphic. London. The Graphic. **1876**. crown folio, 40.5x 30cm, 32p (lacks the wrappers), with 27 illustrations from engravings, (inc. 1 double page & 10 full page), 1 map., folded, very good 225.00

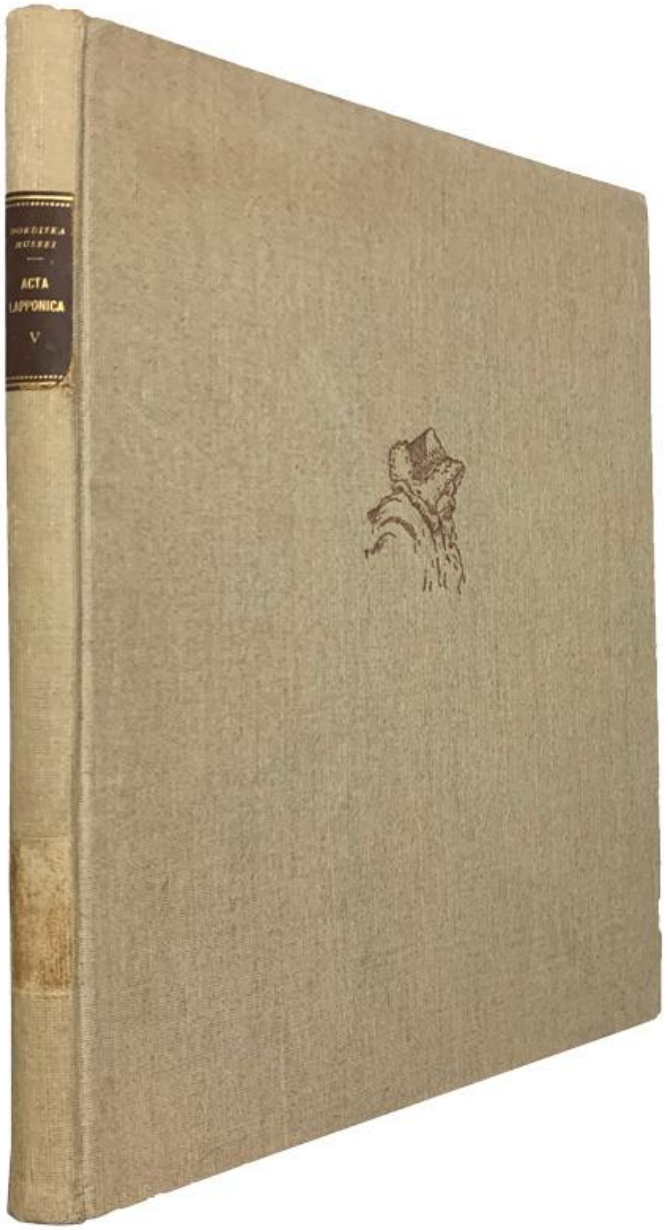
A special Arctic edition of The Graphic, a Victorian periodical noted for its documentary realism.



57. NICKUL, Karl

The Skolt Lapp Community SUENJELSIJD, during the year 1938. Editor, Ernst Manker. Mordiska Museet: Acta Lapponica. V. Stockholm. Hugh Gebers, Forlag. (Uppsala). 1948. Folio. 32.5cm, 90p., plus 64 plates containing 230 illustrations, rear folding map, biblio., index, in full tan linen, brown leather label and vignette illustration stamped in brown on the upper cover, very good to fine 200.00



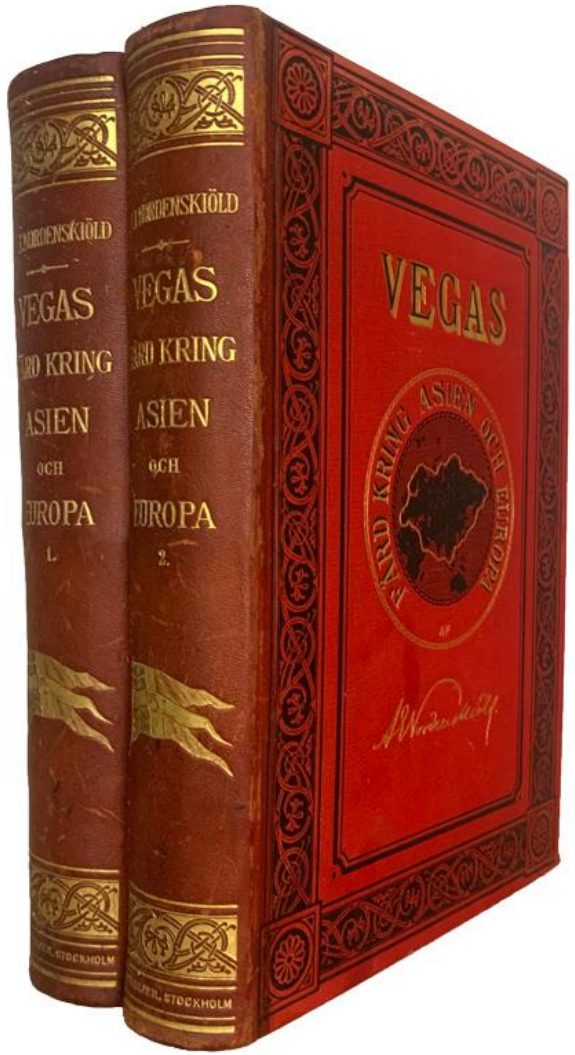


58. NORDENSKIOLD, A.E.

Vegas Färd Kring Asien och Europa, Jemte en Historisk Aterblick pa Foregående Resor Langs Gamla Verldens Nordkust. In Two Volumes. Stockholm. F. & G. Beijers, Forlag. **1880**. 8vo, 23.8cm, the first edition, xc,[iii],510 & ix,[1],486,[1]pp., with 2 engraved frontis portraits, rubricated titles page with map vignette, 301 plates and illustrations from engravings, & 10 rear folding maps, (the large folding route map in colour), quarter crimson calf backed crimson cloth boards, elaborate black and gilt decorations, titles and boarders on the spine and upper cover repeated in blind (with ship vignette) on the bottom boards, inner linen hinges, the endpapers and acidic and fragile, a near fine set, uncommon thus 350.00

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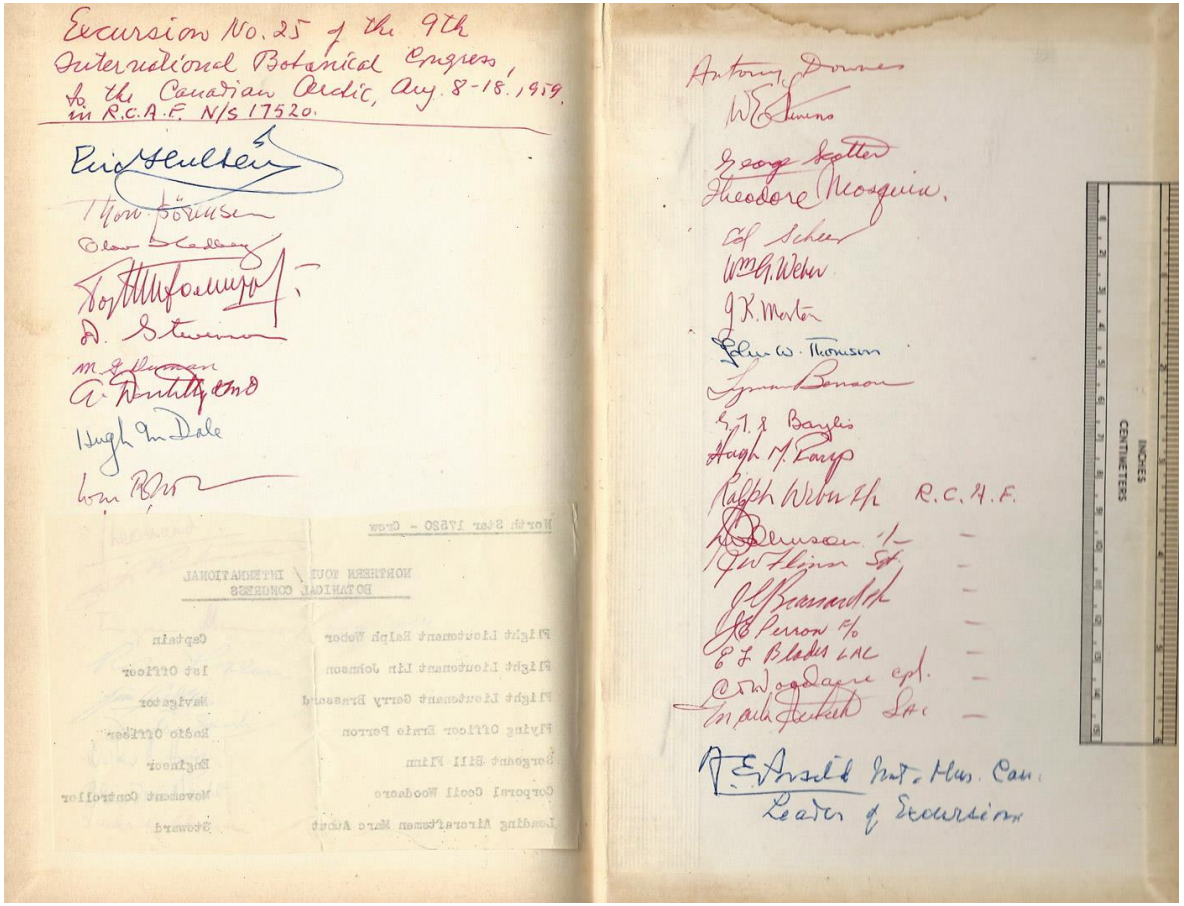
A.B. 12443. Narrative of the Vega Expedition, 1878-1880, led by Nordenskiold, for the purpose of proving the Northwest Passage navigable by steamship and of doing research in the geography, hydrography, geology and history of the Siberian arctic regions.



59. PORSILD, A. E.

Illustrated Flora of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago. Ottawa. National Museum of Canada. Bulletin No. 146. 1957. 8vo. 24cm, 209p., numerous text line specimen illustrations and numerous text maps, botanical vocabulary, index, in full wine cloth, gilt spine and cover titles, a fine copy 450.00

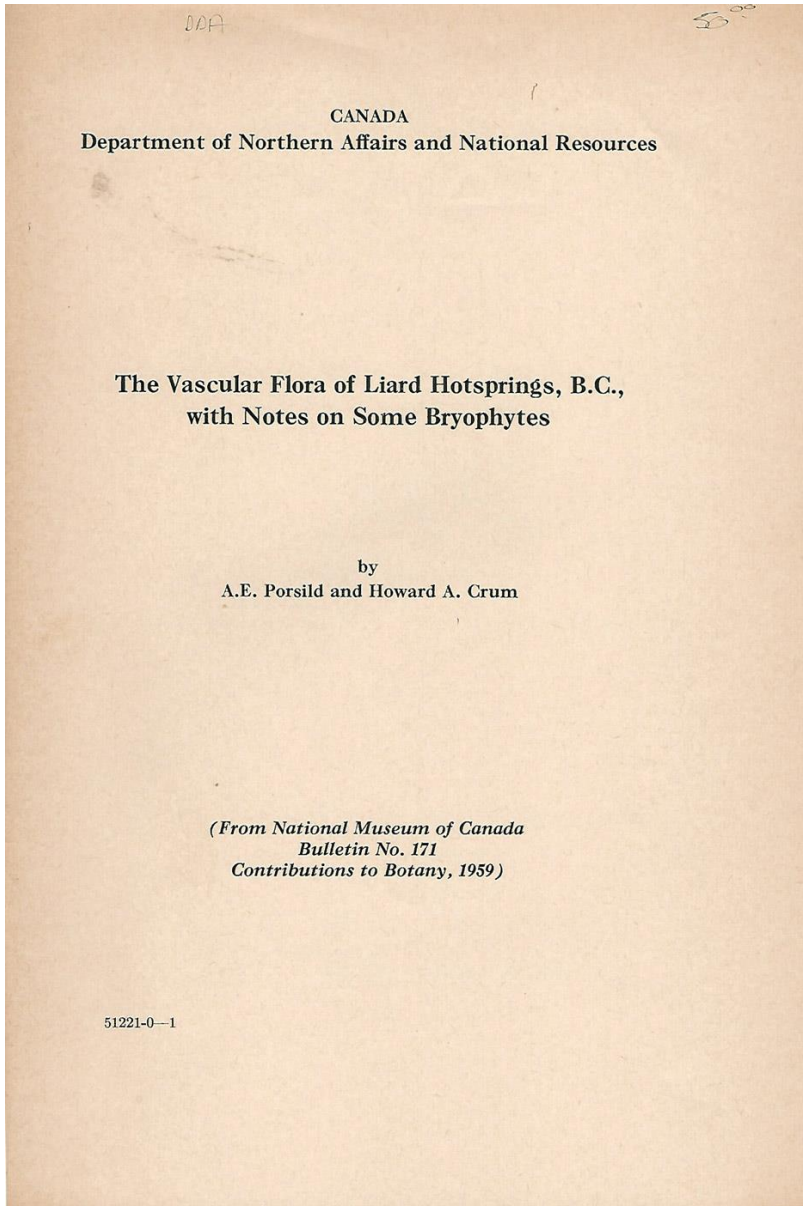
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60. PORSILD, A. E. and Howard A. Crum

The Vascular Flora of Liard Hotsprings, B.C., with Notes on Some Bryophytes. From the National Museum... Bulletin No. 171. Ottawa. Dept Northern Affairs... 1959. 8vo, 24.5cm, 131-197pp., 4 illustrations, map, printed self wraps, fine copy 50.00



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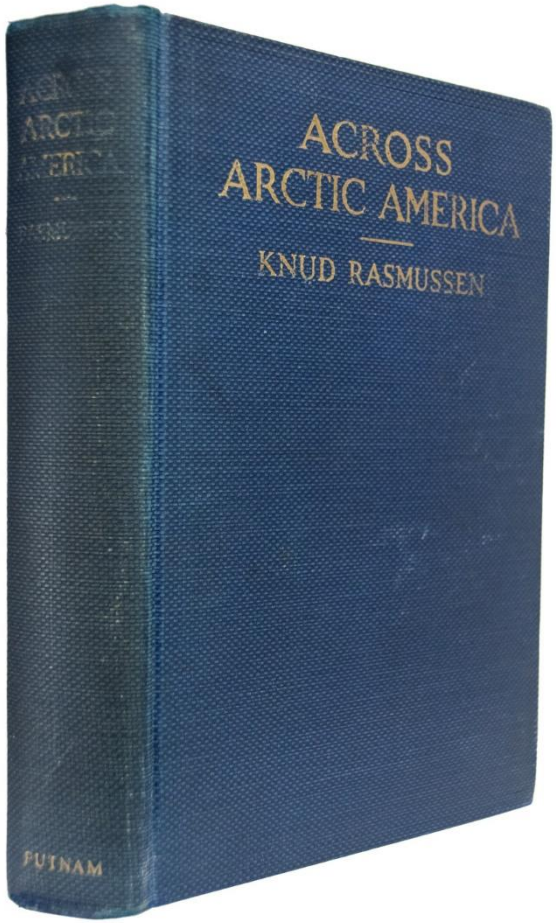
61. [RASMUSSEN], Knud

Across Arctic America. Narrative of the Fifth Thule Expedition. New York & Lon-don. G.P. Putnam's. 1927. 23.5cm, first edition in English, xx,388p., with 66 plates & 4 maps (one folding), mapped endpapers, original dark blue full linen, gilt titles, t.e.g., edges and hinges expertly restored, spine titles faded, else a fine copy

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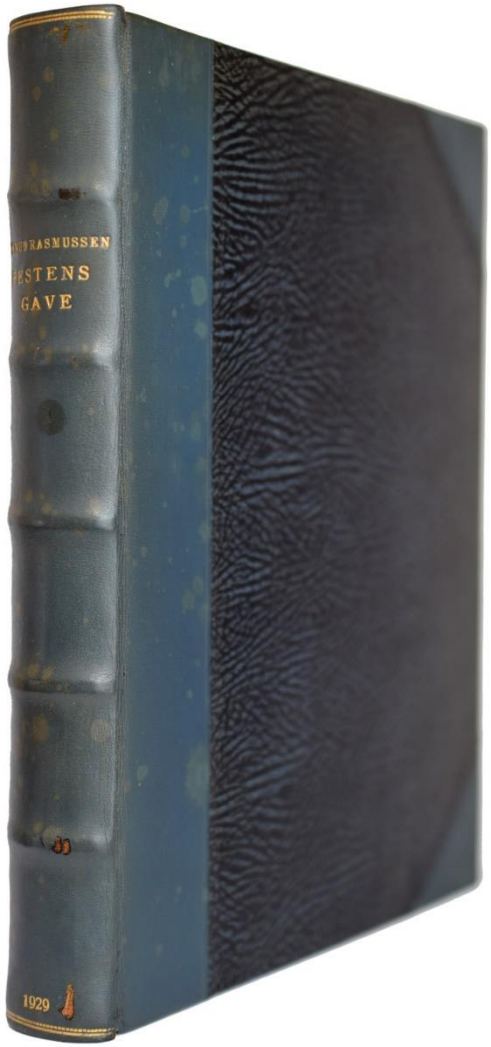
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A.B. 14179. Rasmussen led this expedition across the breadth of the Canadian Arctic, studying the Eskimo, living and dead. They reached as far as East Cape, Siberia.



62. RASMUSSEN, Knud

Festens Gave. Eskimoiske Alaska-Æventyr. Med Tegninger Af Ernst Hansen. [Title Tr. : The Eagle's gift; Alaska Eskimo Tales, with illustrations by Ernst Hansen.Kobenhavn. Published by Gyldendal, Nordisk, Forlag. 1929. 8vo, 207,[3]p., colour frontis plate, 10 colour plates, 18 b.& w. plates, map, with colour illustration & titles on the upper stiff wrap, bound in contemporary half blue calf, raised bands, decorated grain boards, gilt spine titles, a very good to fine copy 250.00



Erling father's copy "Morten P. Porsild" with his name in ink-stamped on the free fly.

A.B. 14192. A selection of Eskimo folk tales collected in Alaska in the course of the Fifth Thule Expedition, here presented in popular from but adhering to the original as closely as good idiomatic usage permits. Includes small pictorial map of northern and central Alaska. Imaginative illustrations.

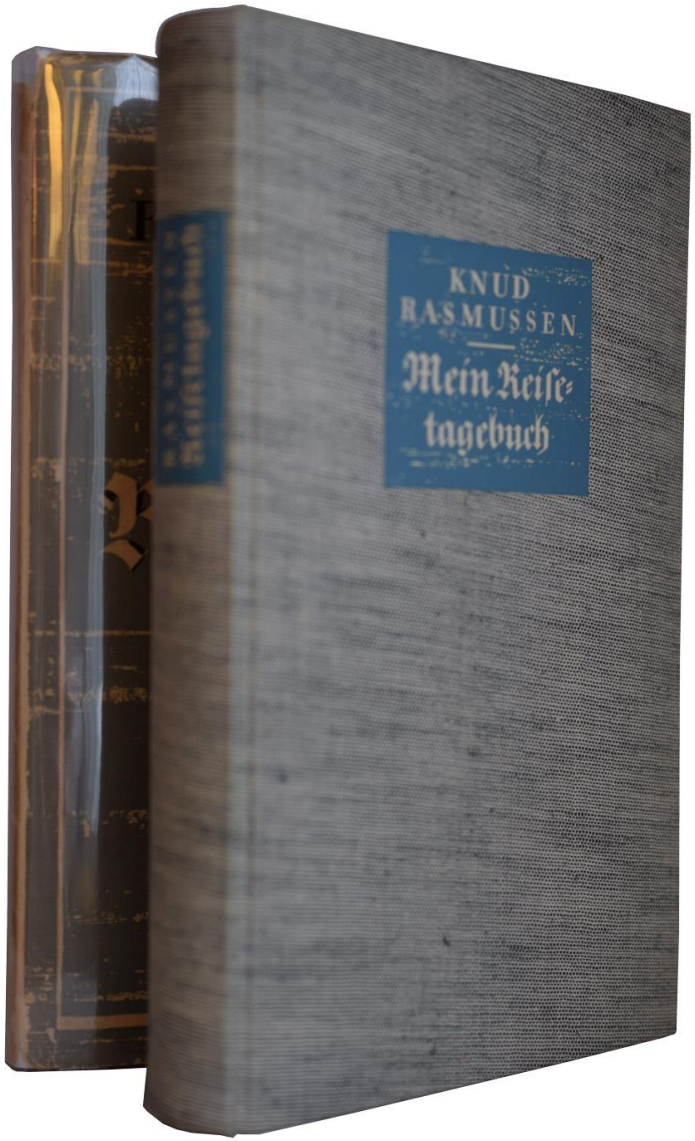


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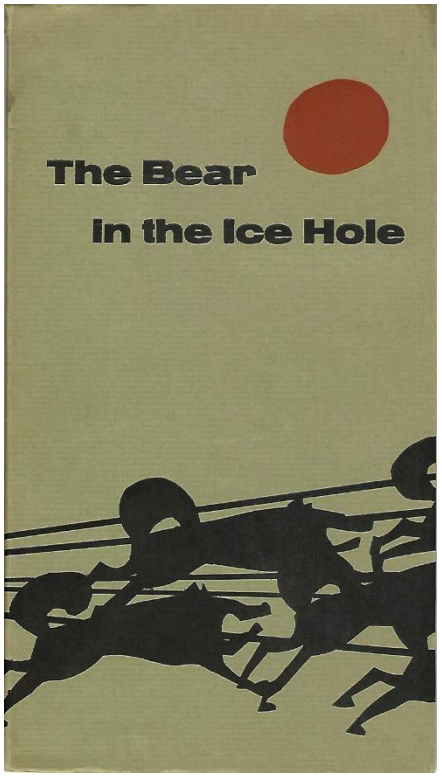
Mein Reisetagebuch. Uber das Gronländische Inlandeis nach dem Peary-Land. Berlin. S. Fischer. 1938. 8vo, 20.5cm, xl,221p., with 10 plates illustrations inc. a frontis portrait of Rasmussen, rear folding map, original pattern book linen, paper spine and cover label a near fine copy in very good jacket 85.00

Translated from the Danish by Aenne Schmucker and inscribed by her

A.B. 14218. Diary from my journey; across the Greenland inland ice to Peary Land.

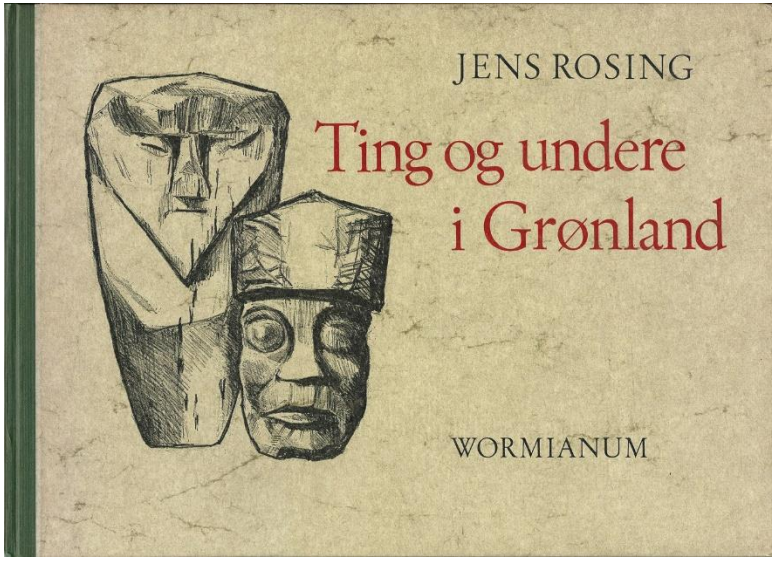


64. RASMUSSEN, Knud



The Bear in the Ice Hole. ~ together with: Greenland and its People. By P.H. Lundsteen. Edited by Bent Rying. Christiansborg, Copenhagen. Royal Danish Minister of Foreign Affairs. 1962. 8vo, 23cm, 39p., many illustrations, stiff illustrated wraps with flaps, fine 75.00

With numerous annotations, check marks, corrections and underlining in pencil, by Porsild, throughout. For example the text states: In 1924 the Danish captain Ejnar Mikkelsen founded a new colony on the east coast... Underlined with the comment... He did not.

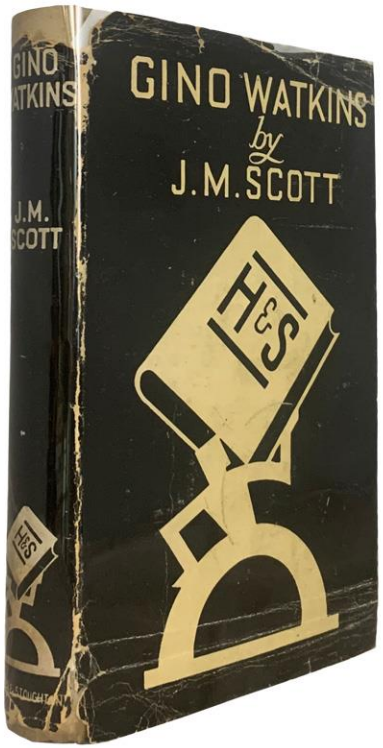


65. ROSING, Jens

Ting Og Undere i Grønland. Vi nu tale om de ting og undere som er I Gronland eller Gronlandshavet. Kongspejlet ca. 1250. Wormianum. 1973. oblong folio, 25.5x 35cm, with 29 colour plates from watercolurs, many text illustrations, quarter green cloth backed illustrated boards, fine 50.00

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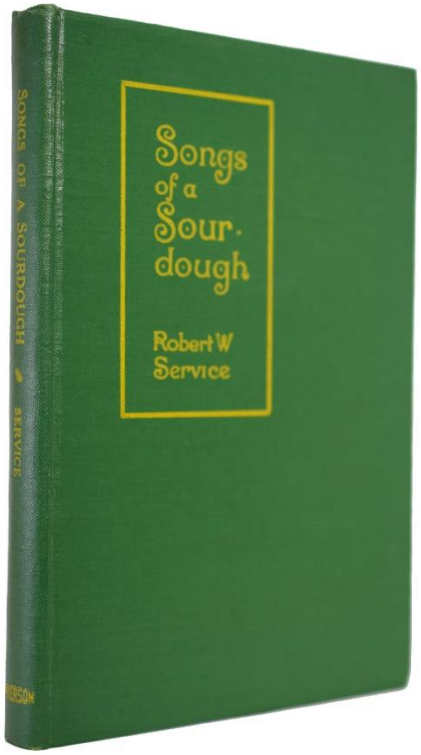
66. SCOTT, J.M.



Gino Watkins. London. Hodder & Stoughton. 1937. 12mo, 18cm, 4th edition, first in this format, 352p., 5 maps, grey cloth, very good to fine copy in tired jacket 50.00

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Spence 1044. AB 15636. Watkins, an English arctic explorer and leader of the British Arctic Air Route Expedit-ion was lost in an accident in Greenland in 1933.



67. SERVICE, Robert W.

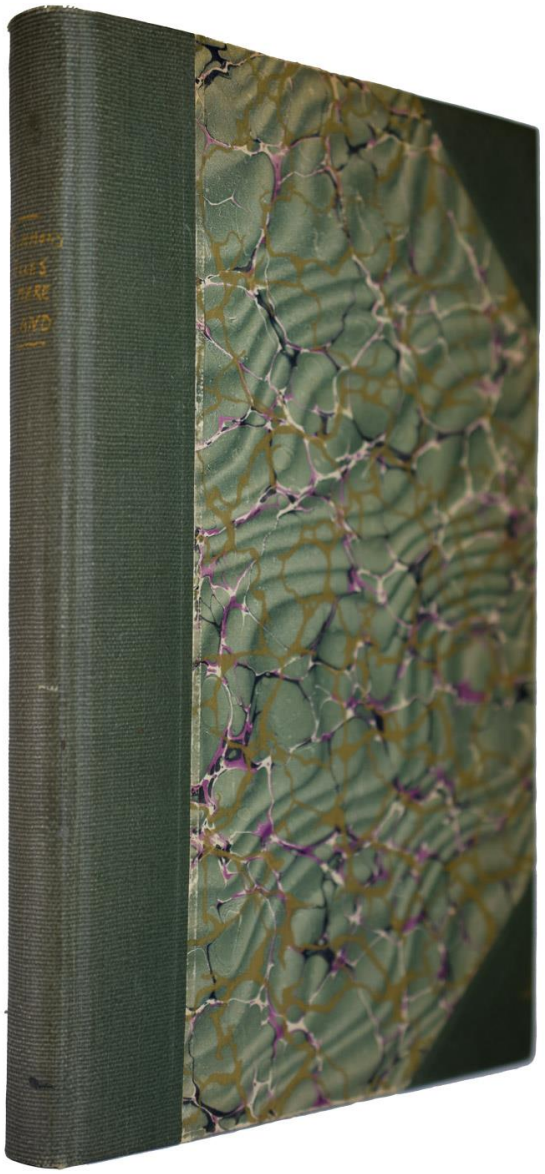
Songs of a Sourdough. Toronto. William Briggs. 1955. 18.5cm, 108p., green cloth, fine - presented to Erling Porsild... (in Danish)... summer 1956 30.00

68. SIMMONS, H[erman] G[eorg].

The Vascular Plants in the Flora of Ellesmereland. Report of the Second Norwegian Arctic Expedition in the Fram, 1898-1902. No. 2. Kristiania. Printed by A.W. Brogger. 1906. 26cm, 197,[1],p., plus 10 plates, maps, in contemporary style rebinding, half green book linen and marbled boards, with the original wraps bound in, hand lettered spine title, damp stained along the bottom text edge, else a very good sound copy, Erling Porslid copy, signed in ink on the free fly, some notations 250.00

A.B. 16111. List of one hundred twenty-five (including one new) species with descriptions, notes on locations and distribution. Bibliography (269 items). Index is included in the author's Stray contributions to the botany of North Devon. q.v.

Latin descriptions and critical notes on fourteen of these species new to Ellesmere Island were also published as Plantae novae vasculares florae EllesmereIndica, in Reportorium specierum navoae regni vegetablilis, 1910.

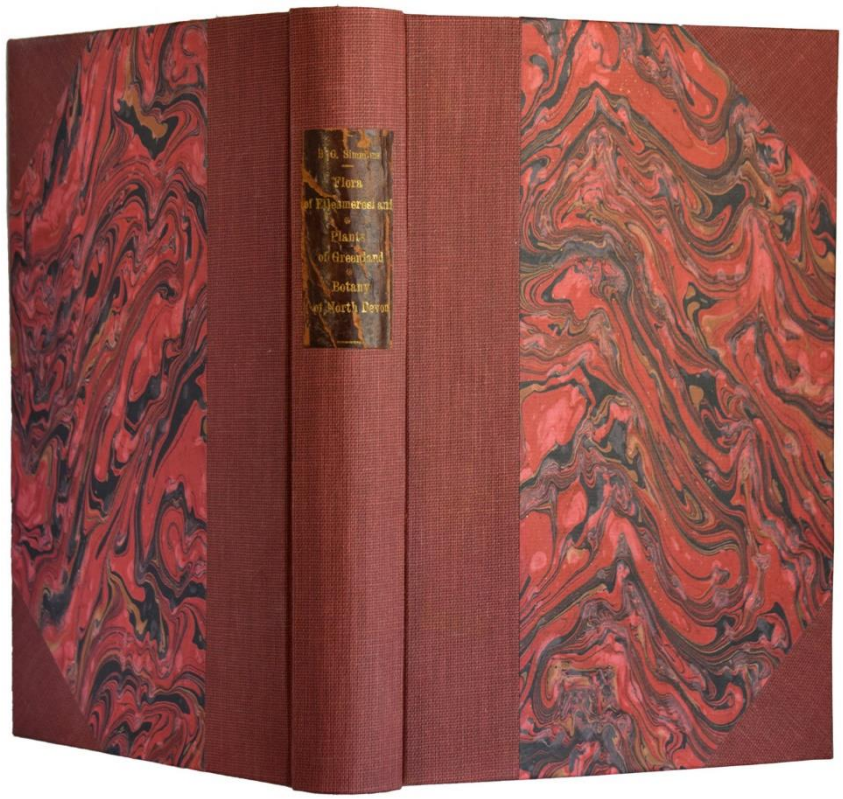


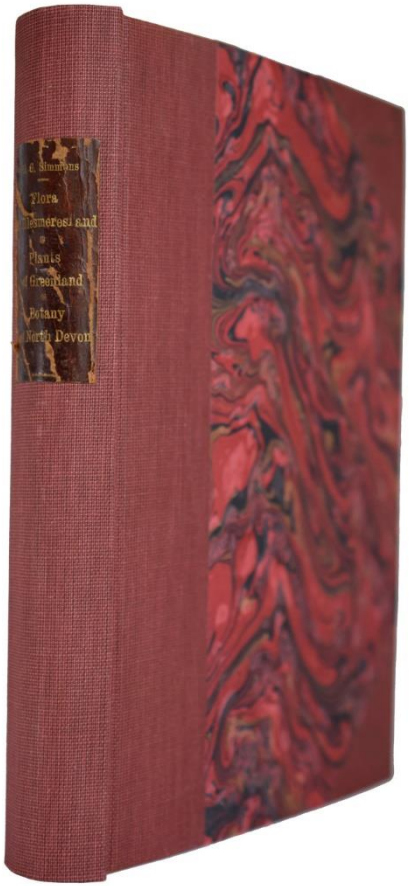
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69. SIMMONS, H.G.

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Kristiania, Denmark. Videnskabs-Selskabet I Kristiania (The Society of Arts and Sciences of Krisitiania). 1906 & 1909. sm4to. 25 cm, 197,110, & 36pp., with 10 plates, 5 figures, 3 text maps, bibliographies, index to the 3 papers, neat annotating throughout, new endpapers, re-bound in modern quarter burgundy buckram over marbled boards, original spine leather title with gilt titles, fine thus 300.00





Inscribed to Morten P. Porslid. Three botanical reports following Otto Sverdrup's 2nd Fram Expedition in northwest Greenland and the Islands of northeast Canada (Nunavut). Swedish botanist, Herman Georg Simms (1866-1943), was the botanist with the Fram Expedition, 1900-1902. Important studies, with much detail, published at the expense of the Fridtjof Nansen Fund for the Advancement of Science. In very attractive bindings.

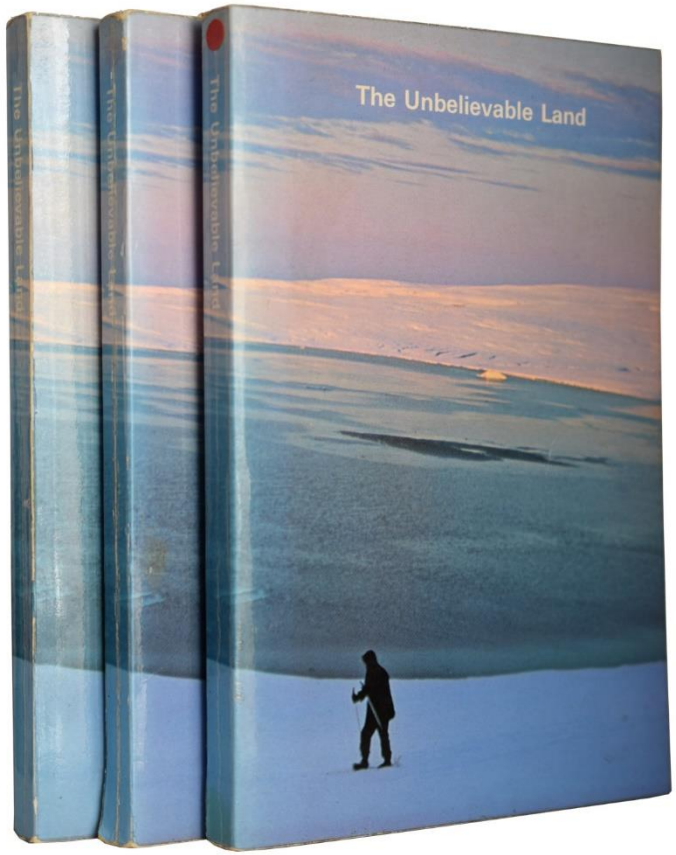
70. SMITH, I. Norman [E.A. Porsild is a contributor]

The Unbelievable Land. 29 Experts Bring Us Closer to the Arctic. Ottawa. Northern Affairs. 1966. 21.5cm, 140p. with 34 illustrations, mapped endpapers. stiff colour illustrated wraps, very good - contains: Plants in the Arctic, by A.E. Porsild.

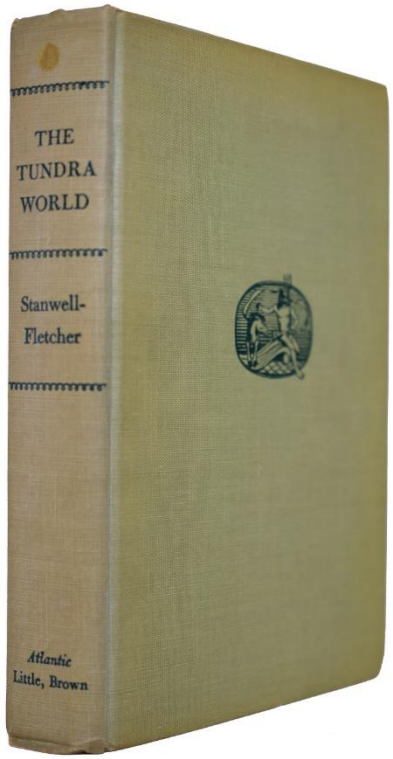
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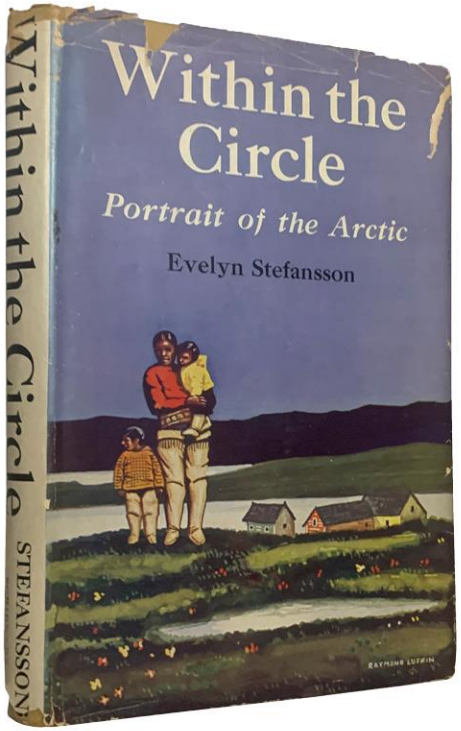
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71. STANWELL-FLETCHER, Theodora C.



The Tundra World. Boston. Little, Brown. 1952. 8vo, xiii, 266p., colour frontis, light green cloth stamped in dark green, very good copy 40.00



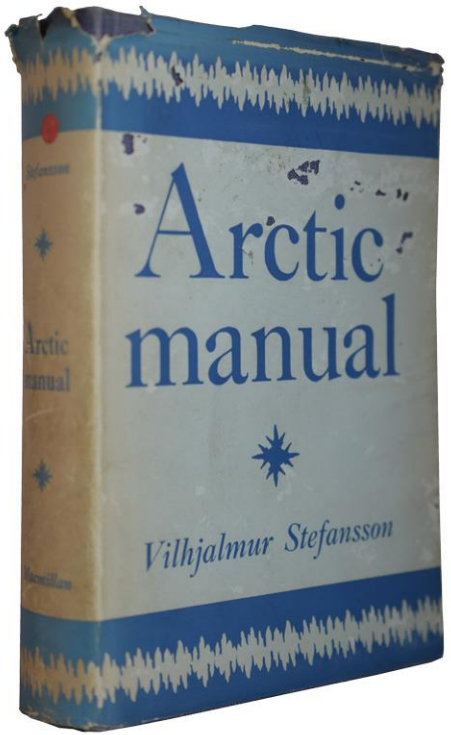
72. STEFANSSON, Evelyn

Within the Circle. Portrait of the Arctic. Maps by Richard Edes Harrison. New York. Charles Scriber's Sons. 1945. tall8vo. 24cm, first edition, vii,160p., numerous plates and illustrations from photographs, maps, tan cloth, very good in frayed tired jacket 150.00

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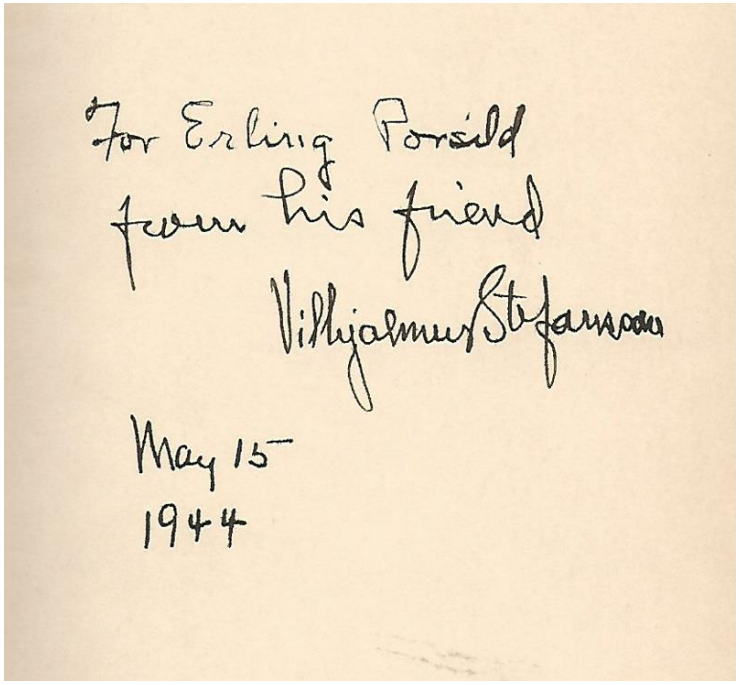
A.B. 16772. Descriptions for the general reader of contemporary conditions in Greenland, Iceland, Lapland, Siberia and the Northern Sea Route, Alaska and the Northwest Territories.

73. STEFANSSON, Vilhjalmur



Arctic Manual. Prepared under direction of the Chief of the Air Corps United States Army. With a special Introduction and Index. New York. The Macmillan Co. 1944. 12mo, 19cm, 556p., illustrated, light blue cloth, a very good to fine copy in good jacket 100.00

For Erling Porsild from his friend, Vilhjalmur Stefansson, May 15, 1944.



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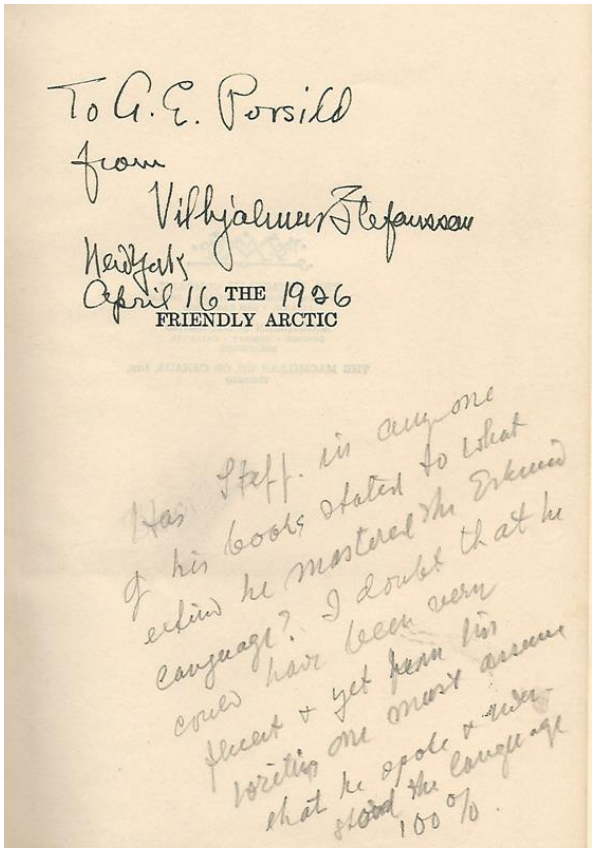
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75. STEFANSSON, Vilhjalmur

The Friendly Arctic. The Story of Five Years in Polar Regions. New York: Macmillan, 1925. thick 8vo., 22.3cm, xxxi,784p., with 69 plate illustrations, maps (including 4 folding & 2 large folding in rear pocket), original dark blue cloth, gilt spine and cover titles, some slight wear on the edge else fine condition

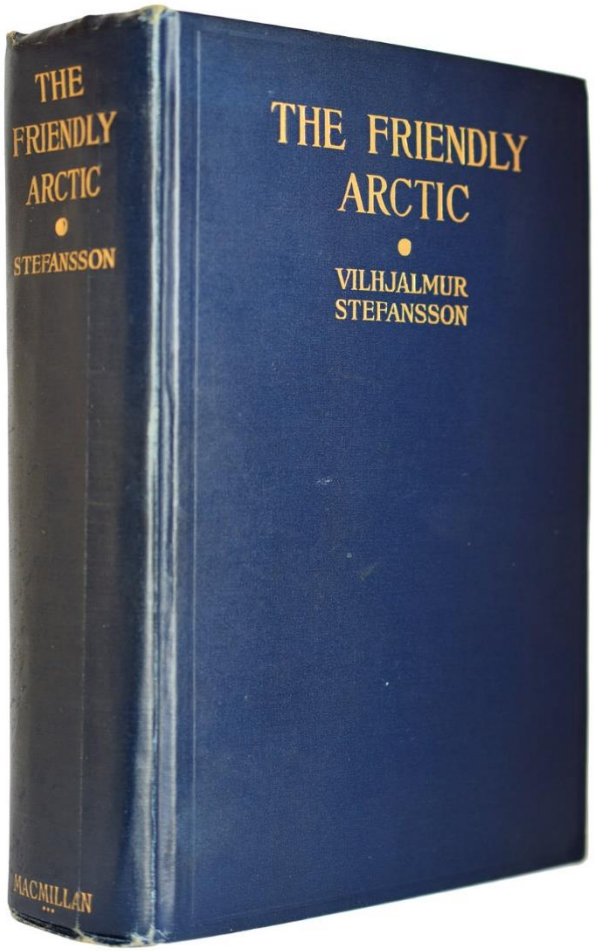
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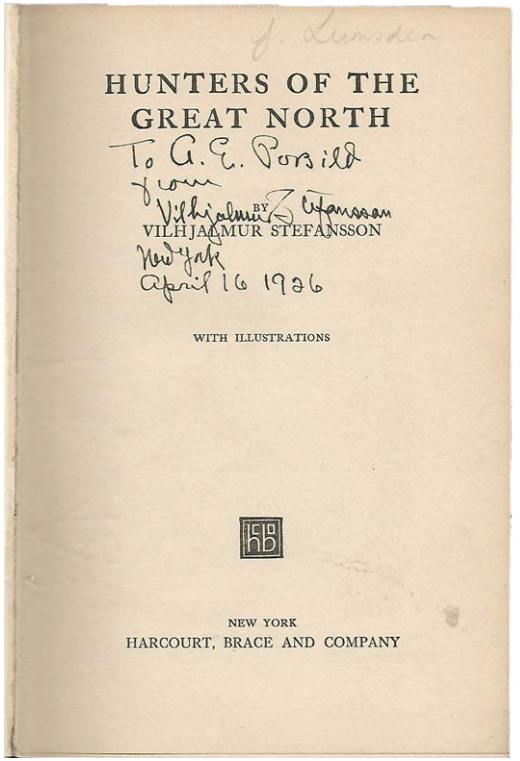
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A.B. 16808 Narrative of the Canadian Arctic Expedition, 1913-1918. "Includes descriptions on Eskimos, sledging, dogs, game ... wolves, reindeer, gulls, ice conditions, travel methods, food, practice of living off the country etc.

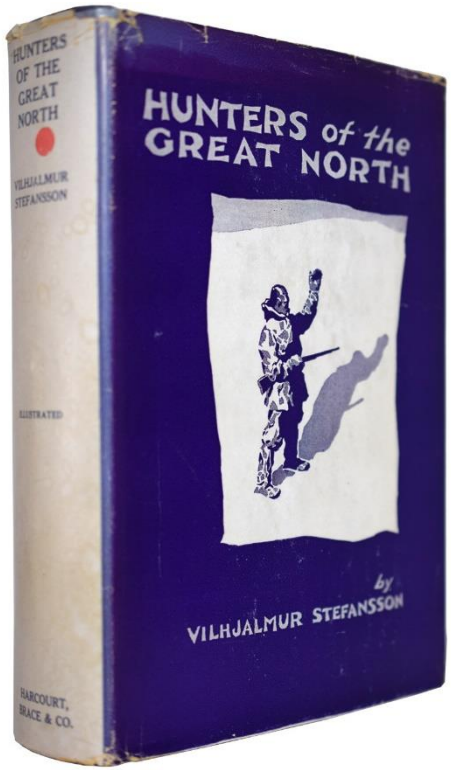


76. STEFANSSON, Vilhjalmur



Hunters of the Great North. New York. Harcourt, Brace... 1922. 20.5cm, vii,288p., with 25 half-tones plates and illustrations, rear folding map, dark blue cloth, spine and cover titles stamped in white, with cover vignette illustration in white, very good to fine 85.00

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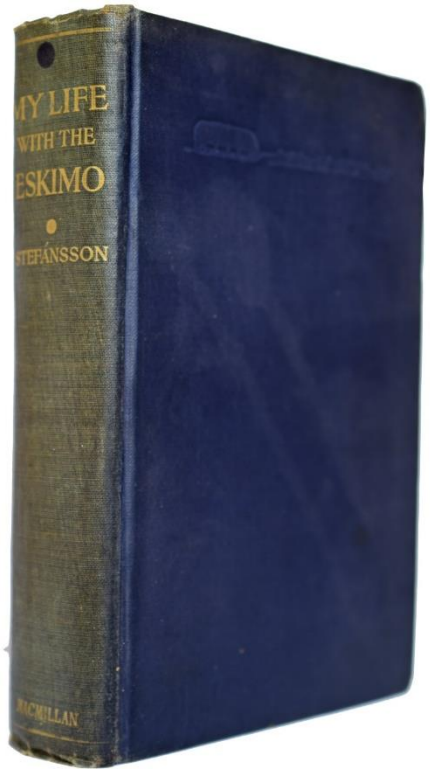
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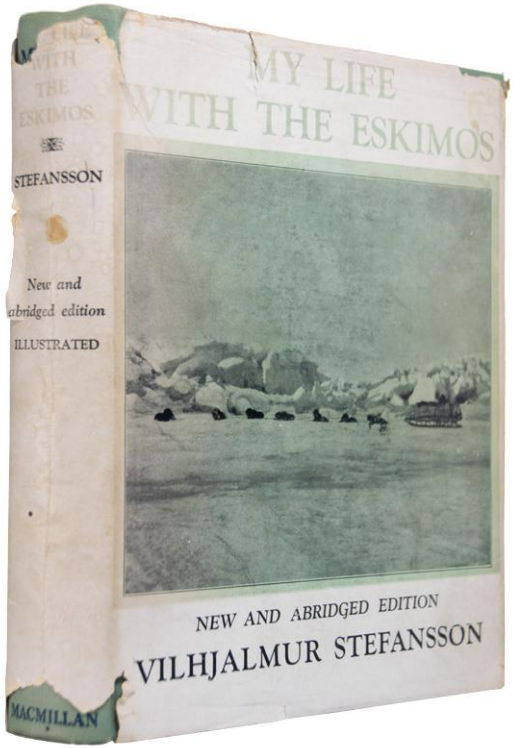
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78. STEFANSSON, Vilhjalmur



My Life With the Eskimo. New York. Macmillan Company. 1921. 8vo, 22.5cm, ix,538p., with 98 plates and illustrations from photographs, 2 rear folding maps, illustrated endpapers, original dark blue cloth, gilt titles, text wrinkled from damp stain, good copy 200.00

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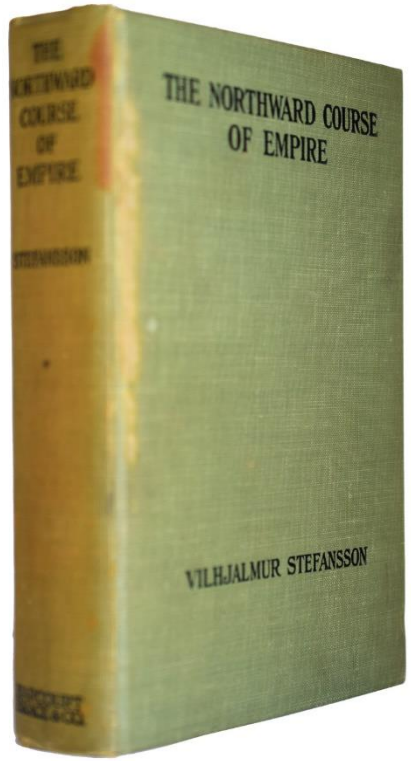
79. STEFANSSON, Vilhjalmur

My Life With the Eskimos. (Abridged Edition). With Forewords by Henry F. Osborn and Reginald W. Brock. New York. The Macmillan Company. 1936. 9vp, 19cm, xvii,[2],382p., frontis and 15 plate illustrations, mapped endpapers, light green cloth, spine and cover titles stamped in black, a fine copy in frayed jacket 150.00

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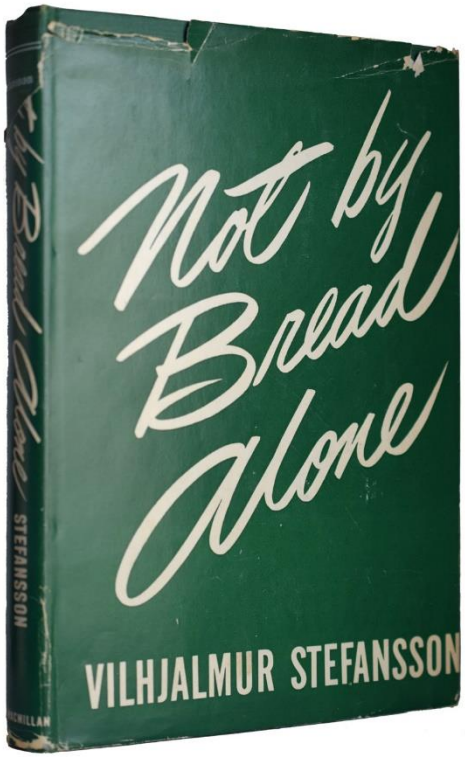
The narratives of the Stefansson - Anderson expedition, 1908-1912.

80. STEFANSSON, Vilhjalmur



The Northward Course of Empire. With an Intro-duction by Dr. Edward William Nelson. New York. Macmillan Company. 1924. 19cm, xx,274p., frontis & 15 illustrations, rear folding map, bibliography, light green cloth, spine and cover titles stamped in dark green, some fade spotting, very good sound copy 50.00

“Morten P. Porsild ... 1924". With an stamped envelope, used a bookmark, addressed to Dr. Erling Porsild, 45 Leonard Ave., Ottawa 1, Ont. From Ellen Binder, Iuivik, N.W.T. - curiously it also contains a 2 page list to references in the book, with the header in red ink “My love Affair with the Arctic. Graham Rowley”, loosely inserted



81. STEFANSSON, Vilhjalmur

Not By Bread Alone. New York. Macmillan Company. 1946. 8vo. 22cm, first edition, xvi,339p., bibliography, index, green cloth, very good to fine in very good jacket 50.00

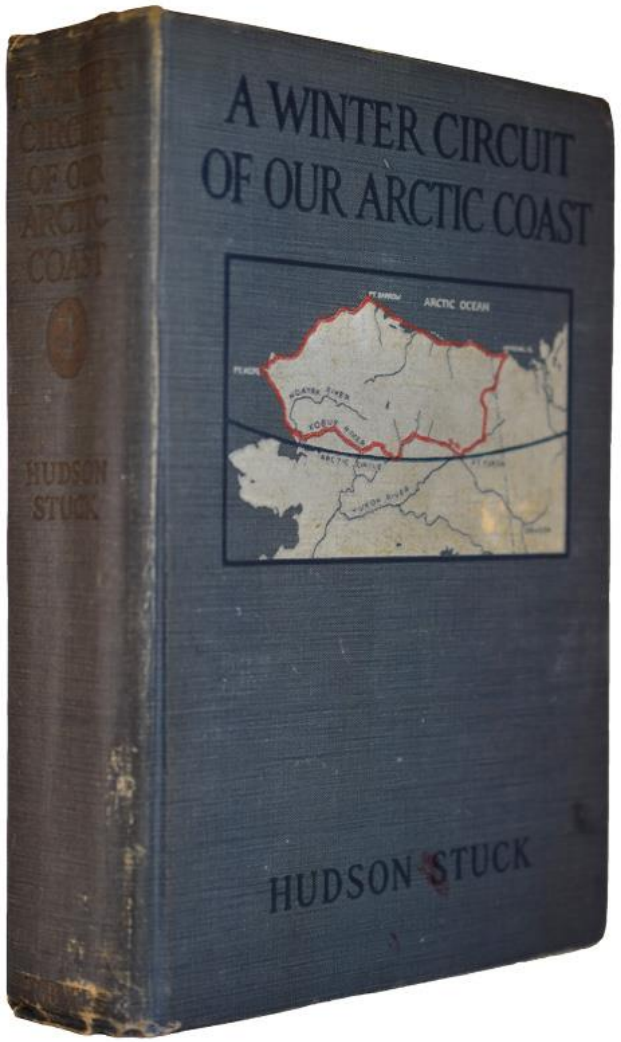
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82. STUCK, Hudson

A Winter Circuit of Our Arctic Coast. A Narrative of a Journey with Dog-Sleds around the entire Arctic Coast of Alaska. New York. Charles Scribner's Sons. 1920. thick8vo. 23.5cm, the first edition, [xiv],(errata slip),360p., with 34 plates illustrations, 2 rear folding maps, two other northern maps loosely inserted probably by E.A.P., original decorated blue cloth, general somewhat faded, spine titles faded, wear on board edges, good to very good working copy 150.00

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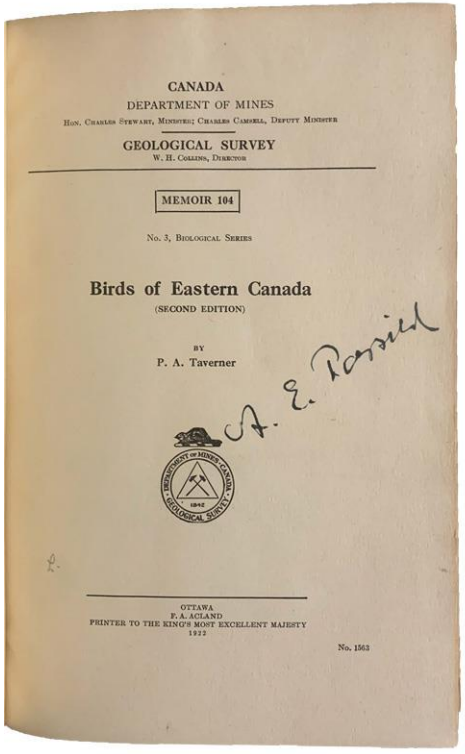
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83. TAVERNER, P.A.

Birds of Eastern Canada. Second Edition. Ottawa. Geological Survey. Memoir 104. 1922. tall8vo, 25cm, iii,290p., with 50 plates (100 colour illustrations), index, original decorated dark blue cloth, gilt titles, borders and decorations, some damp staining near the end, good - Signed by Porslid. 45.00

I believe Porsild and Taverner were friends, neighbours and or had cottages on the same Gatineau lake.



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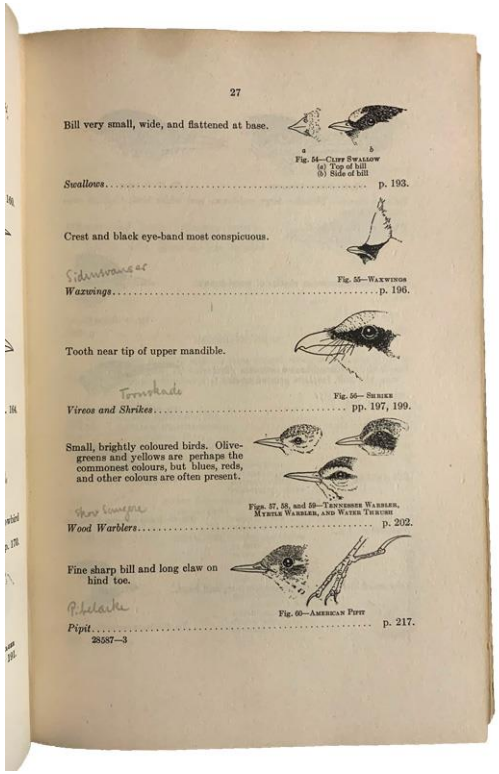
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Bill very small, wide, and flattened at base.

Fig. 54—Cliff Swallow (a) Top of bill (b) Side of bill

Swallows..... p. 193.

Crest and black eye-band most conspicuous.

Fig. 55—Waxwings

Waxwings..... p. 196.

Tooth near tip of upper mandible.

Fig. 56—Shrike

Vireos and Shrikes..... pp. 197, 199.

Small, brightly coloured birds. Olive-greens and yellows are perhaps the commonest colours, but blues, reds, and other colours are often present.

Figs. 57, 58, and 59—Tennessee Warbler, Myrtle Warbler, and Water Thrush

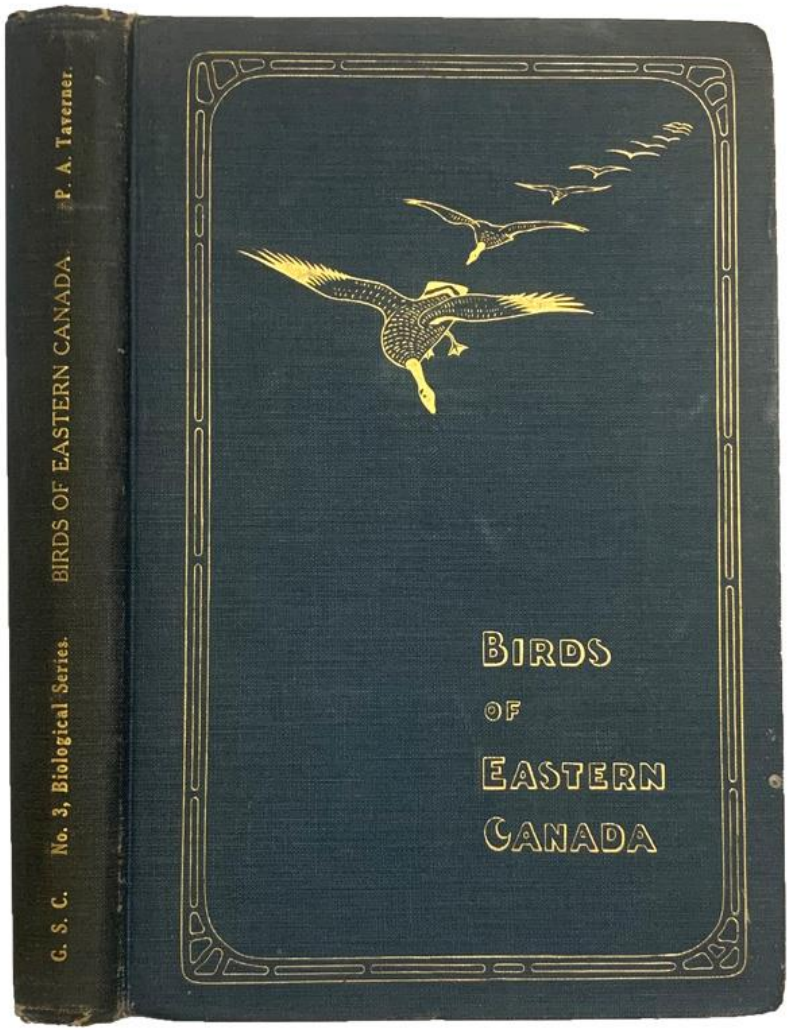
Wood Warblers..... p. 202.

Fine sharp bill and long claw on hind toe.

Fig. 60—American Pipit

Pipit..... p. 217.

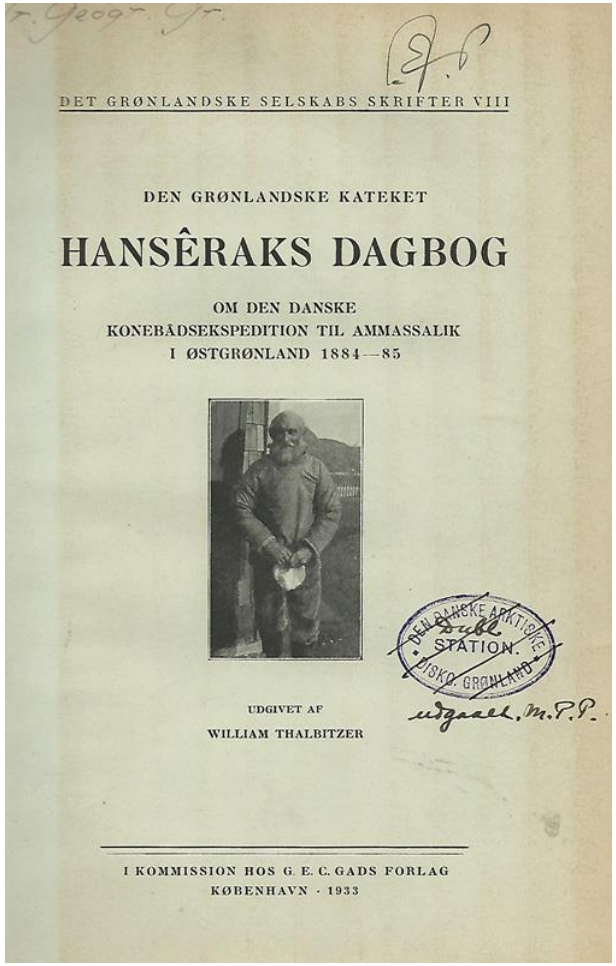
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84. THALBITZER, William

Den Grønlandske Kateket Hansêraks Dagbog Om Den Danske Konebådekspedition Til Ammassalik I Østgrønland 1884-85. (Translates as: The Greenland curate Hansêraks Diary About The Danish Women's Boat Expedition to Ammassalik in East Greenland 1884-85.)) - Danish. Kobenhavn. Published by G.E.C.Gad. 1933. 8vo, 23.5cm, 246,[2]p., illustrations (portraits), in contemporary rebind of half dark green fabrikoid and marbled boards with the original printed wraps bound in, in linen hinges, a fine copy thus 250.00

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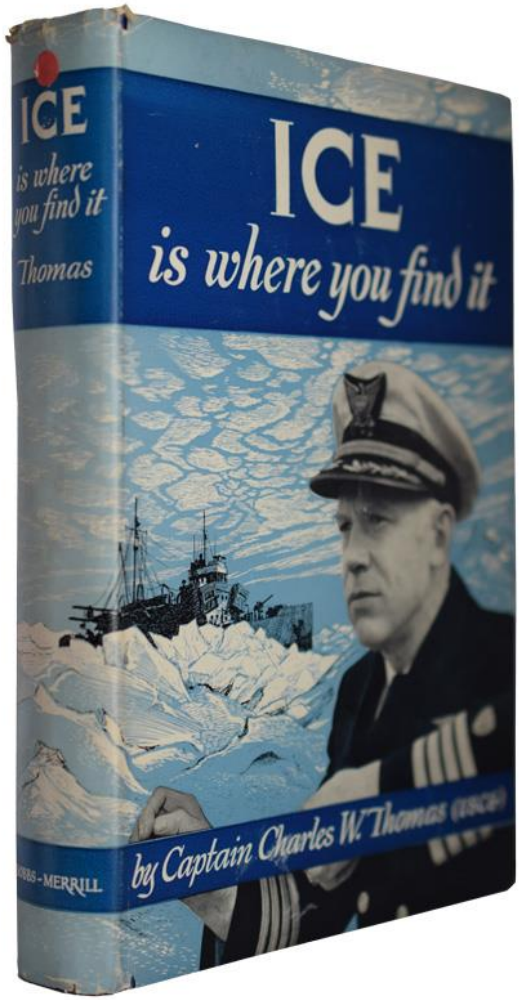


85. THOMAS, Charles W.

Ice Is Where You Find It. Indianapolis & New York. Bobbs-Merrill Co. 1951. 8vo, 22cm, 378p. frontis and 38 illustrations, 5 maps, blue cloth, very good to fine in very good jacket 75.00

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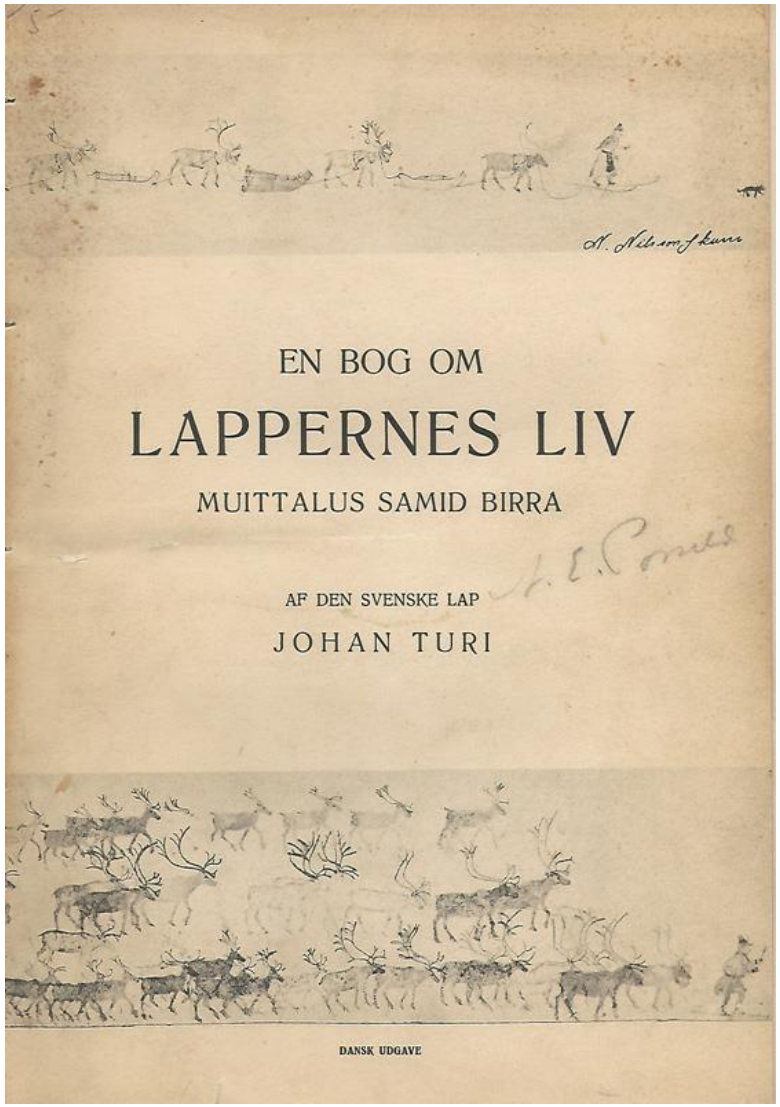
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86. TURI, Johan

En Bog Om Lappernes LIV. Muittalus Samid Birra. Af Den Svenske Lap. Oversat Og Udgivet af Emilie Demant. Paa Foranstaltning Og Med Forord, af Hjalmar Lundbohm. I Distribution. A.-B. Nordiska bokhandeln, Köpenhamn. 1911. tall8vo, 25cm, iii,152p., frontis portrait, plus 12 folded plates of drawings, original illustrated upper wrapper bound in, rebound in contemporary half style green book linen and marbled boards, hand lettered spine titles, (fading) else very good to fine, rare 250.00

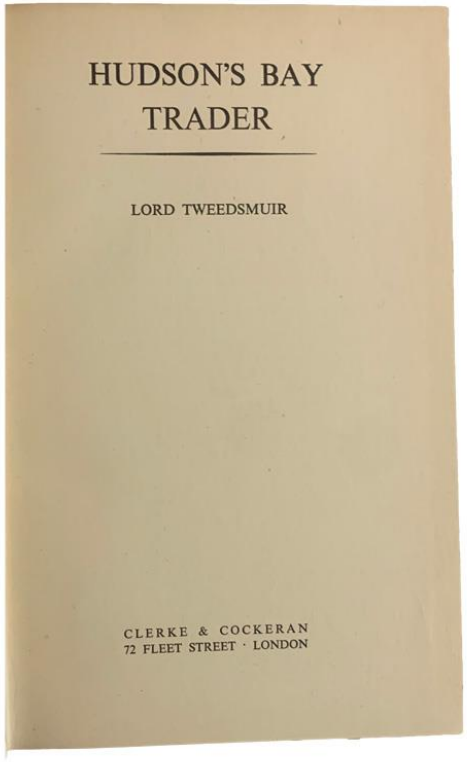
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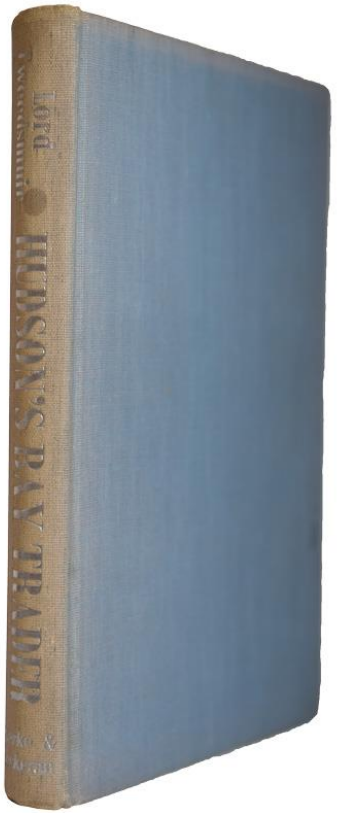


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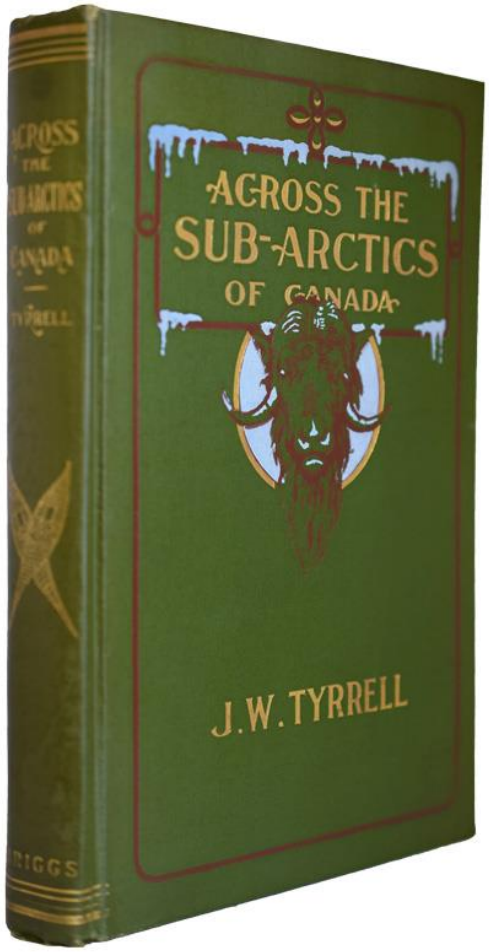


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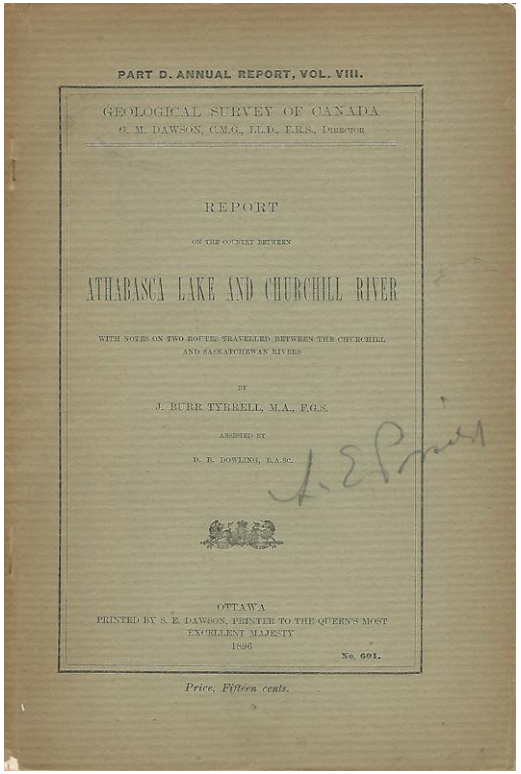
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89. TYRRELL, J. Burr


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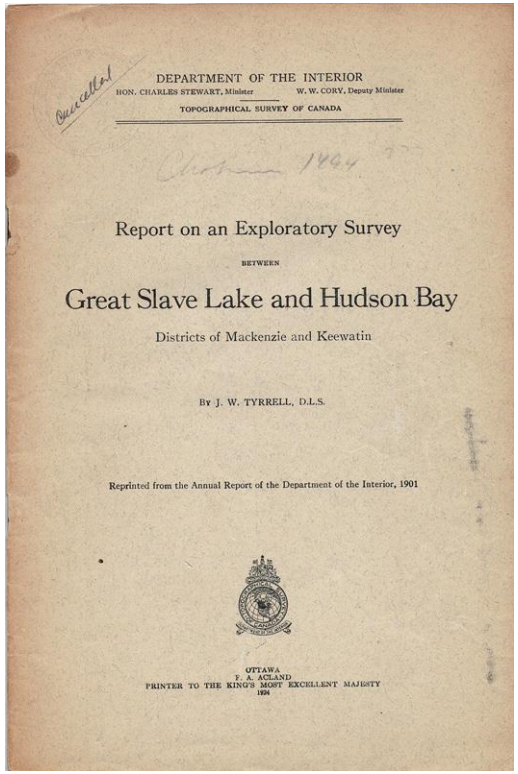
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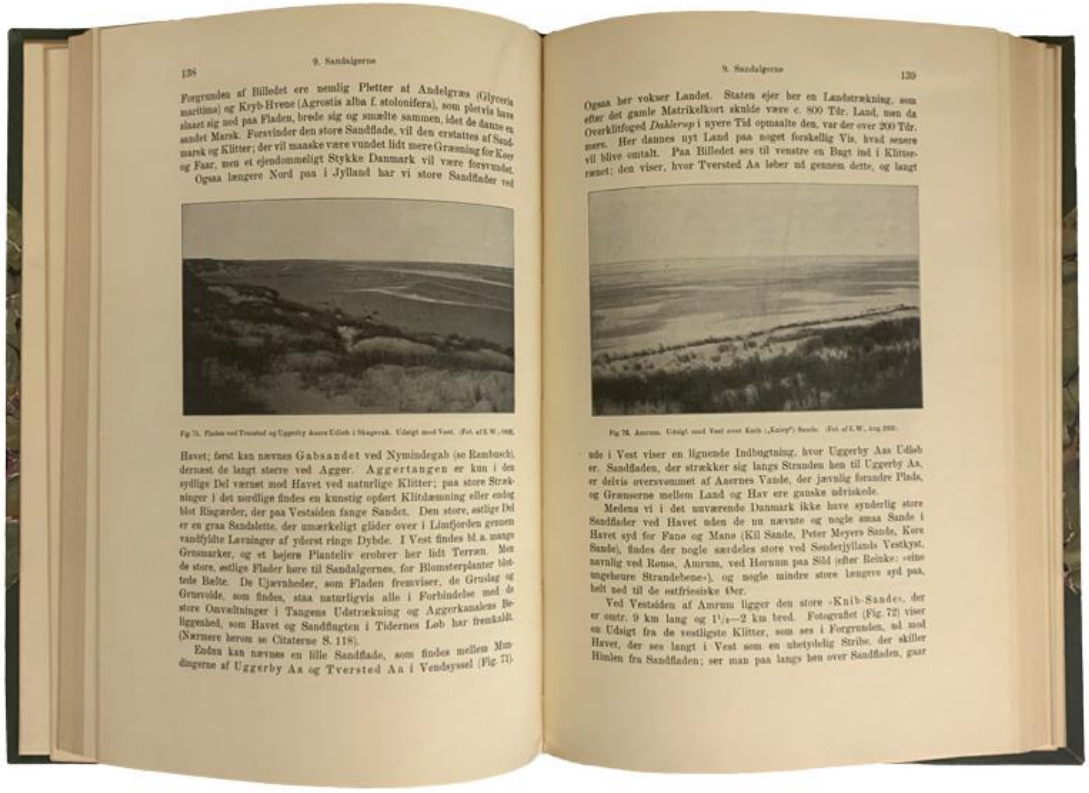
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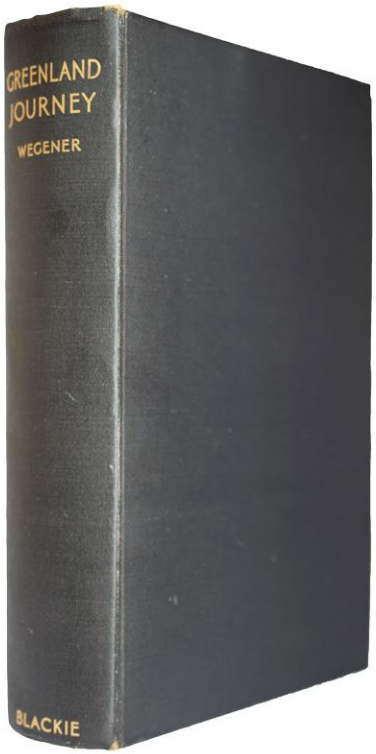
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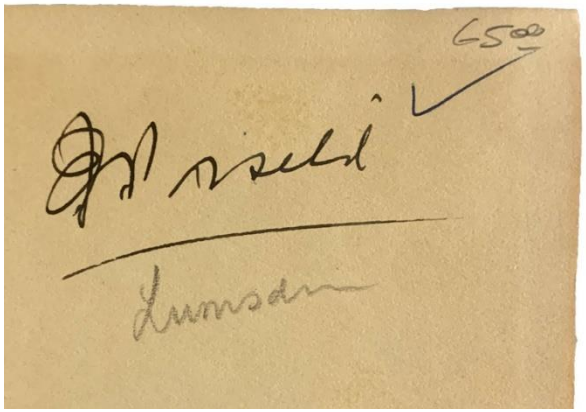


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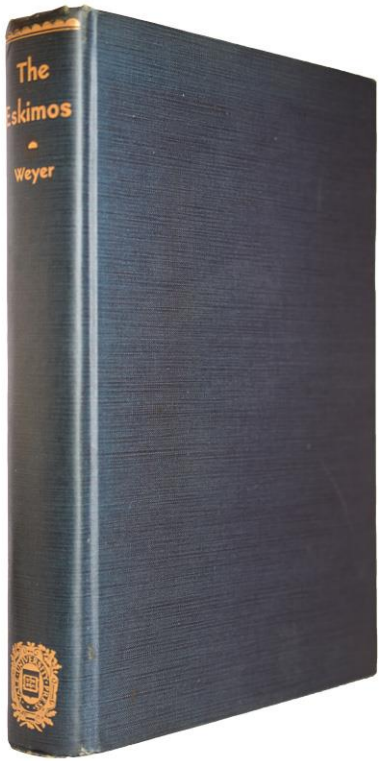


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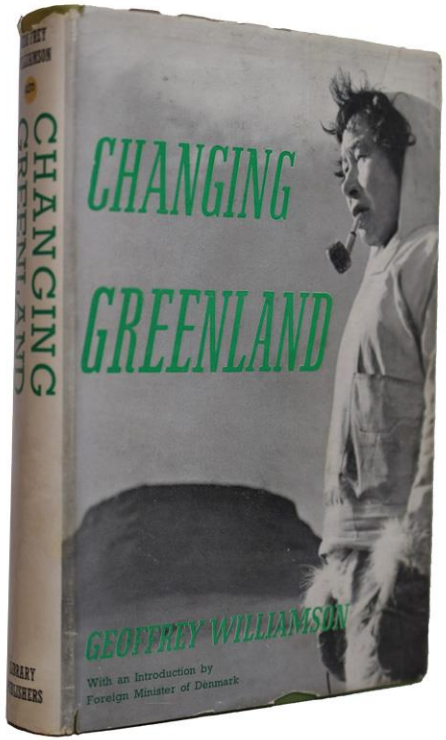


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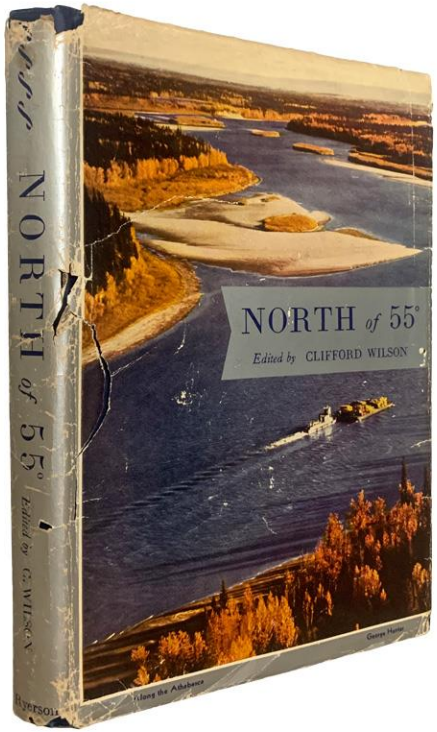
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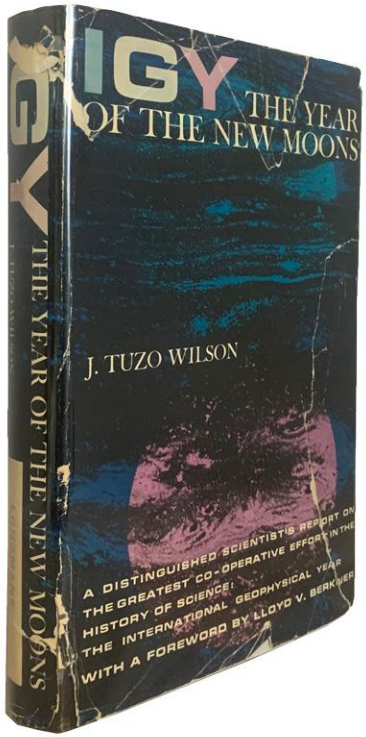
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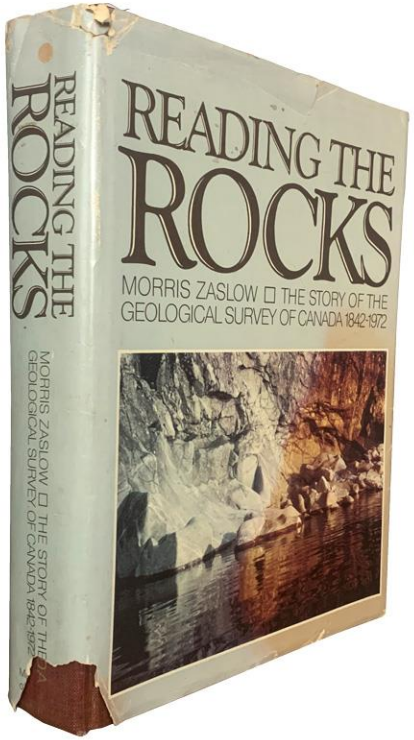
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