

Guide to John Buchan's writing – issue no. 6

Please contact me for full details of any book which may be of interest.

Section A

Women's Suffrage (1911)

Omitted from the last issue. Not listed in Blanchard. A leaflet published by the Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association in which JB expresses his support for women's franchise. Extremely rare.

- No copies in stock at present.

Nelson's Map Book of the World Wide War (undated)

This was published in several editions through the war with more maps included as time went on. Although not compiled by JB a note in the endpapers states "In selecting the place-names, the Publishers have taken 'Nelson's History of the War,' by John Buchan, as the authority. All the chief places mentioned in that work will be found in the maps of this Atlas." It is a helpful book to have at hand when reading the 24-volume history.

- No copies in stock at present.

A29 Britain's War by land (1915)

This was originally written as an article for translation into Russian and publication in the Russian press. It was published in the UK in the Oxford Pamphlets series. Originally issued unbound, it is sometimes seen bound up in red paper covers and is identified as No. 66 of Oxford Pamphlets, 1914-1915, Series XV. It gives a brief account of the war to date and deals with some misconceptions then current.

- No copies in stock at present.

A30 Salute to Adventurers (1915)

A novel largely set in the Virginia colony in the late 17th century. The hero, Andrew Garvald, is shunned by Virginia society for his efforts to reform trading practices and also meets resistance in his efforts to woo Elspeth Blair. Later, he comes into contact with those who are aware of a potential attack on the colony by Native Americans and he carries out a hazardous journey in an endeavour to stave off the attack. More in the mould of *Prester John* than earlier novels.

This title was published in the Nelson Uniform edition and in the Nelson 1/6 novels series but not in Hodder & Stoughton's Yellow Jacket edition.

Copies available (02.10.19)

- First edition – 3 copies £40 to £50.
- US first edition – 2 copies £25 each.
- Nelson Uniform green leather edition – 1 copy £15.
- Nelson 1/6 novels edition – 1 copy £6.
- Other Nelson reprints – 4 copies £3 to £12.
- Houghton Mifflin reprint - £15.
- Hutchinson reprint with dustwrapper - £7.

A31 The Achievement of France (1915)

A collection of articles which originally appeared in *The Times*. "This important series of articles forms the first connected statement of the great achievement of France in stemming the German attack". Extremely rare.

- No copies in stock at present.

Section B

B8 The Nations of Today (1923/1924)

A series of books (A New History of the World) edited by JB. His "General Introduction" appeared in each volume but the books themselves were written by a range of different writers. 12 volumes were published and each included a note stating "Other Volumes in Preparation" but none of these "other volumes" appeared. Presumably sales were insufficient to justify the publication of further volumes.

The volumes which actually appeared were *Japan, Italy, British America, Yugoslavia, France, The Baltic and Caucasian States, Great Britain (2 volumes), India, Belgium and Luxembourg, Bulgaria and Roumania and Ireland*.

As well as the binding described in Blanchard there were also copies produced with a binding with some blind-stamped decoration and stating the publisher as The Waverley Book Company. Waverley was a trading name of Hodder & Stoughton and I believe that volume of this nature were purchased through a subscription scheme.

Copies available (02.10.19)

- The Baltic and Caucasian States – 2 copies £20 each (1 UK edition, 1 US edition).
- France – 6 copies £15 to £25.
- Great Britain volume II – 2 copies £22 to £25 (both Waverley Book Co.)
- Italy – 2 copies £20 each (1 Waverley, 1 H&S)
- Japan – Waverley edition with dustwrapper – 1 copy £35.
- Japan – H&S edition – 1 copy £20.
- Yugoslavia – 2 copies £20 each (both Waverley)

Section C

C19a Mystery Ships by Alfred Noyes (1916)

Inadvertently omitted from issue no. 5.

The mystery ships were armed merchant ships with their armaments concealed/disguised and were used to combat U-boats. The book contains no mention of John Buchan but Blanchard, in his supplement, notes that a copy presented to JB by Noyes bears the inscription "John Buchan from Alfred Noyes. A bad book with one merit, that one yarn comes from the author of Greenmantle". It is thought that the story *The Lusitania Waits* is by JB.

Copies available (02.10.19)

- First edition – 1 copy £35.

C21 The German Fury in Belgium by L Mokveld (1917)

Mokveld was a Dutch journalist who was able to travel reasonably freely in German-occupied Belgium. The book describes the harsh treatment of the Belgian people by the occupying forces. It gives a harrowing picture of an aspect of World War I rarely considered. The 3-page preface is by JB. Quite scarce,

Copies available (02.10.19)

- US first edition – 1 copy £40.

C22 Alastair Buchan (1917)

Alastair, JB's youngest brother, died of wounds received at the Battle of Arras in April, 1917. This work was prepared by Anna Buchan and privately printed in very small numbers. It includes the poem *A.E.B. which was later included in the 1936 revised edition of Poems Scots and English*. This work is extremely rare.

- No copies in stock at present.

C23 The Rev RAC Macmillan (1917)

This is another World War I tribute booklet, this one to Rev. RAC Macmillan who was an army chaplain and also minister of St John's Presbyterian Church, Kensington. He was killed 2 days after Alastair Buchan and in June 1917 JB gave an address at a memorial service at St John's. The booklet contains a short extract from that address. Another extremely rare work.

- No copies in stock at present.

C24 A History of the British Navy During the War by HC O'Neill

O'Neill rewrote several chapters from *Nelson's History of the War* dealing with naval engagements and also added some original material to produce this account of the Navy's wartime activity. JB wrote a 2-page preface. Very rare.

- No copies in stock at present.

Books about JB and His work (these are not in Blanchard)

This is not an exhaustive list but is simply compiled from my own collection. There are other books about JB and if you feel they should be included, please let me know. There are around 100 further books to be added to this section so be patient!

I do not carry a wide range of these titles but if there is one you would like please let me know and I will try to find it for you.

My Life by Annie S Swan (1934)

Annie S. Swan was a prolific writer, journalist, novelist and short story writer of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. She was also a founder member of the Scottish National Party. Though widely read in her day little of her work has endured although a few of her novels have been reprinted in recent years, mostly in POD editions. This autobiography includes some references to JB.

- No copies in stock at present. I do, however, have a copy of *The Letters of Annie S Swan* which also contains a number of references to JB. First edition - £7.50.

Parody Party edited by Leonard Russell (1936)

An amusing collection of short stories written by well-known authors of the day in the style of other, lightly disguised authors, e.g. EC Bentley in the style of D*r*thy S*y*rs. JB Moron contributes *The Queen of Minikoi* in the style of J*hn B*ch*n.

- No copies in stock at present.

Moments of Memory by Herbert Asquith (1937)

An autobiographical work by the second son of HH Asquith, UK Prime Minister from 1908 to 1916. He was a poet, novelist and lawyer. He was married to Lady Cynthia Asquith who edited *Sails of Gold* and *The Silver Ship* to both of which JB contributed. There are a number of references to JB in this book.

- No copies in stock at present.

Render Unto Caesar by Charles N Cochrane (1938)

Cochrane was a Canadian historian and philosopher. This work is a lengthy review of JB's *Julius Caesar* and was published by the University of Toronto as a stand-alone booklet.

- No copies in stock at present.