

New stock – June 2022

1077 *A Buchan Companion: A Guide to the Novels and Short Stories* by Paul Webb £20

Alan Sutton. First edition, 1994.

A guide to the people and places of Buchan's fiction as well as to the novels and stories themselves. 126 pages. Gold lettering, illustrated. Pictorial dustwrapper. The book is in excellent condition throughout. The dustwrapper has some light creasing near the edges.

1028 *Comments and Characters* by John Buchan, edited by W Forbes Gray £10

Thomas Nelson & Sons, first edition, 1940. Blanchard A130.

From February 1907 until December 1908 Buchan was the editor of *The Scottish Review*, a penny weekly published by Nelson. Buchan wrote the editorials and articles for this magazine and this collection of his pieces was put together by his deputy many years later. It demonstrates the breadth of his writing and his ability to write in a considered and thought-provoking way on a wide range of subjects. Biography, history, literature, religion and politics are all dealt with. 422pp Terracotta cloth, gold lettering. The top edge is dark red. The spine is a little faded but otherwise the book is in very good condition.

***His Majesty's Speeches* Blanchard C94**

As part of the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of King George V this volume was published containing the speeches made by the King on various occasions during these celebrations. There are also 13 illustrations including one of the Royal Family on the Buckingham Palace balcony – a young Princess Elizabeth is included in this photograph. The speech on pp43-44 "The Address From the House of Commons" was written by John Buchan. Within 9 months of the Jubilee the King died and a further issue was made with a white dustwrapper printed in purple rather than red as in the original issue. This version carried the words "Memorial Edition" on the front of the dustwrapper.

1045 *His Majesty's Speeches* (author not stated) £22

King George's Jubilee Trust. Memorial edition, 1935.

The spine is lightly browned but otherwise the book is in very good condition. The purple and white dustwrapper has a lightly browned spine and a few chips and nicks around the edges. There are a couple of internal repairs.

1046 *His Majesty's Speeches* (author not stated) £20

King George's Jubilee Trust. Memorial edition, 1935. As above but some faint marks on the margins of a couple of pages. The spine of the dustwrapper has 3 small pieces missing.

1049 *His Majesty's Speeches* (author not stated) £25

King George's Jubilee Trust. Limited edition, 1935

Internally similar to the standard edition but bound in blue Morocco leather with gold lettering and decoration. Top edge gilt. Number 164 of 2500 copies. In excellent condition.

- 1051 *His Majesty's Speeches (author not stated)*** **£25**
 King George's Jubilee Trust. Limited edition, 1935.
 As above. Number 479. Surface abrasion on the leather at the top of the spine. Bought by Wigan Library and seems to have been stored in the box in which it arrived, which remains with the book.
- 1072 *John Buchan, A Biographical Sketch by Sheila Scott*** **£8**
 Sheila Scott. First edition, 1972.
 A 35-page illustrated sketch of JB's life, written by one of the driving forces behind the original John Buchan Centre. Blue card covers with black lettering. Very good but for 3 small marks on the front.
- 1076 *John Buchan's Collected Poems edited by Andrew Lownie & William Milne*** **£12**
 Scottish Cultural Press. First edition, 1996.
Poems Scots and English was JB's only published collection of his poetry and contained just 28 poems. In addition, his humorous (and incomprehensible to 'outsiders') poem, *Ordeal by Marriage*, was privately published in very small numbers in 1915. There was also, of course, his poem *The Pilgrim Fathers* which won him the 1898 Newdigate Prize. However, he wrote poems for many other occasions, included snatches of poetry in his novels and short stories and occasionally used a poem as the dedication of a book. This work collects all of his known poetry, some of it previously unpublished and also includes a glossary for the assistance of those unfamiliar with Lowland Scots.
 232 pages. Illustrated card covers. One corner is creased but otherwise the book is in very good condition.
- 1029 *Lord Minto by John Buchan*** **£20**
 Thomas Nelson & Sons, first edition, 1924. Blanchard A64.
 The life of a Victorian colonial administrator who was successively Governor-General of Canada and Viceroy of India. Described as a memoir but at 252 pages it is a fairly comprehensive biography. Red cloth with gold lettering. Frontispiece and 8 other illustrations. The spine is faded and has tiny splits at the ends. The corners are lightly bumped and, together with the edges, have slight wear. The covers have some patchy fading. Internally very good. There is a gift inscription on the half-title and a name on the front paste-down.
- 7541 *Motoring on Regional Byways: Lakeland by Christopher Trent*** **£9**
 GT Foulis & Co. First edition, 1967.
 A book of suggested motor tours on what were then quiet roads in Cumberland, Westmorland and Furness, most of which I drove on at the time the book was written! Illustrated with black & white photographs. 127 pages. Green cloth with gold lettering. But for lightly bumped top corners the book is very good throughout. The pictorial dustwrapper is a little creased and rubbed in places and the spine lightly browned.
- 1073 *Mr. Buchan, Writer by Arthur C Turner*** **£18**
 SCM Press. First edition, 1949.
 The first biography of JB to be written after his death. More of an extended biographical sketch than a detailed biography, it nevertheless gives an excellent overview of his life.
 114 pages. Green cloth with purple lettering. Illustrated dustwrapper. The book is in good condition but for a narrow faded strip across the lower edge of the covers and some pencilled annotations near the back of the book. The d/w is rubbed and creased around the edges and has some wear in places. There is a small red (ink?) stain on the rear panel.

1063 *Peebles March Riding and Beltane Queen Festival Centenary Book* compiled by Douglas Wright £20

The Peebles Beltane Committee. First edition, 1999.

The origins of these celebrations are not fully known but they date back many centuries, and the book gives some of the background. Eventually they lapsed into desuetude. However, the March Riding was resumed in 1897 in connection with the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria and 2 years later the crowning of the Beltane Queen was incorporated into the festivities. This book celebrates the centenary of the combined event which continues to this day. A brief account of each year's celebration is included and there are lists of those who, over the years, have held the various offices connected with the occasion; the Buchan family are mentioned on a number of occasions. The book is profusely illustrated.

276 A4 pages. Maroon cloth with silver lettering and decoration. Pictorial dustwrapper. The book is in very good condition throughout except for a small bump on the top edge of the front cover. The title page is price-clipped. The d/w is very bright but is creased and rubbed around the edges and there are small pieces missing at the ends of the spine and on the bottom edge.

1068 *Peebles March Riding and Beltane m Festival Centenary Book* compiled by Douglas Wright £15

The Peebles Beltane Committee. First edition, 1999.

As above but without a dustwrapper. Virtually as new.

1085 *Sir Quixote of the Moors* by John Buchan £250

T Fisher Unwin. First edition, 1895. Blanchard A2.

Buchan's first novel and the first book entirely written by him. An essential target for the serious Buchan collector. It is a novel of romance and tension set in Galloway in the days of the Covenanters. 188 pages, followed by 1 4-page selection from Unwin's catalogue. Black cloth with striking decoration in red, pink, yellow and green. The binding is in very good condition with just light rubbing at the ends of the spine and very lightly bumped corners. Internally excellent with an uncracked binding. There is a pencilled name on the front paste-down. A very nice copy of the version with the full title on the spine.

1064 *The Duke of Wellington* by J Walter Buchan £8

Thomas Nelson & Sons. First edition, 1914.

Walter was the second son of Revd. John & Mrs Buchan and had a long career as Town Clerk of Peebles. Shortly before the start of World War I he published this work which, after a brief account of his early life, follows his military career to its victorious conclusion at Waterloo. 312 pages. Green cloth with gold lettering; frontispiece and 15 other plates. The book is in moderate condition. The cloth is wrinkled in places and is rubbed in places. The lettering on the spine is faded. The binding is cracked, with the webbing showing at the front hinge, and is quite shaky. One plate is detached but still present. However, it is bright and clean internally. There is a prize certificate on the fly-leaf.

1027 *The Magic Walking-Stick* by John Buchan £17

Hodder & Stoughton first edition, 1932. Blanchard A95.

The only children's novel written by JB. 215 pages. Dark blue cloth with gold lettering. Frontispiece and 5 other full page illustrations by Morton Sale. Internally very good. The spine is sun-darkened and worn at the head. The front joint is partly slit and the spine has a small horizontal tear in the cloth. The corners are slightly rubbed and the binding is cocked.

1087 *The Nations of Today* edited by John Buchan – complete set.

£200

Published by Hodder & Stoughton and by Waverley Book Co. First editions 1923/24.

A series of books (A New History of the World) edited by John Buchan. His 9-page “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. The books published by Hodder & Stoughton were in a plain dark blue binding whilst those published by Waverley Book Co had blind-stamped decoration on the front and the spine. Waverley was a subsidiary of H&S and I believe that books published by them were sold through a subscription scheme.

Each volume deals with the economic and social history of the country or countries involved and there are usually number of fold-out maps. All but one are in very good condition with just some rubbing of the edges and/or corners on some of the books. *Great Britain volume 1* has more widespread rubbing and some wear on the edges.

1058 *The Shell Guide to the History of London* by WR Dalzell

£8

Book Club Associates, 1987

The Shell guides were informative, well-illustrated books and this volume is no exception. This is one of the later guides, originally published by Michael Joseph Ltd, and gives a comprehensive account of the history of London’s buildings from the well-known to the more obscure. 496 pages. Green cloth with gold lettering. Printed on semi-gloss paper and profusely illustrated. But for a very small scuff mark on the front cover and slight rubbing at the edges and corners the book is in excellent condition. The pictorial dust wrapper is lightly worn at the corners and has a tiny split at the head of the spine. A heavy book so overseas shipping may be expensive.

1030 *The Thirty-Nine Steps* by John Buchan, illustrated by Edward Ardizzone

£10

JM Dent & Sons, 1964, reprinted 1967.

Buchan’s classic tale, published in the Children’s Illustrated Classics series. 145 pages. Bound in patterned beige cloth with black decoration and dark red lettering. Patterned endpapers. Colour frontispiece and further illustrations at the head of the chapters and within the text. Ardizzone’s illustrations are delightful. The book itself is in excellent condition. There is a school prize certificate pated in. The dustwrapper has led a hard life but has done its job of protecting the book. There is wear and creasing at the corners and a faded strip across the top of the front cover. The rear cover has a liquid stain inside and on the outside has a vertical strip which looks as if something has been stuck to it and removed.

***Their Majesties Visit to Canada* Blanchard C129**

King Georg VI and Queen Elizabeth visited Canada, the USA and Newfoundland in May and June 1939. This was the first visit to Canada by a reigning monarch and was hugely successful. This illustrated record of the visit includes all of the speeches made by the King during the tour. Many, if not all, were drafted by John Buchan in his capacity as Governor-General. 64 pages. Cream cloth with gold lettering and decoration. Patterned endpapers. Numerous illustrations.

- 1043 *Their Majesties Visit to Canada* (author not stated) £8**
Macmillan on behalf of King George's Jubilee Trust. First edition, 1939.
Lightly browned spine and narrow browned strip along the top edge of the boards. Very good otherwise.
- 1047 *Their Majesties Visit to Canada* (author not stated) £18**
Macmillan on behalf of King George's Jubilee Trust. First edition, 1939.
Very good throughout. Dustwrapper has scattered brown spots and some finger marks as well as one small, repaired closed tear.
- 1065 *Their Majesties Visit to Canada* (author not stated) £18**
Macmillan on behalf of King George's Jubilee Trust. First edition, 1939.
As above but d/w has a little wear at the corners and spine ends. Two interesting items, loosely inserted. 1. An advert for the book, clipped from (I think) *Radio Times*. 2. A cutting of an article from *The British Weekly* dated 1 June, 1939 giving a report on the progress of the tour.
- 1066 *Their Majesties Visit to Canada* (author not stated) £7**
Macmillan on behalf of King George's Jubilee Trust. First edition, 1939.
As 1043 above. Covers are marked and lightly stained. School prize certificate inside the front cover.
Excellent internally.