

John Buchan non-fiction works, many with rare dustwrappers.

Andrew Jameson. Lord Ardwall (1913)

9295 Blanchard A27. First edition. VG in VG- dustwrapper. Andrew Jameson was successively sheriff of 3 different areas of Scotland and was raised to the Scottish Bench as Lord Ardwall in 1905. JB's biography charts a generally contented life. 155 pages. Bound in dark blue cloth with gold lettering; frontispiece portrait with tissue guard. Bright and undamaged externally. Bright internally but for occasional very light foxing and one leaf is creased at the top corner. The extremely rare dustwrapper, which gives the appearance of brown wrapping paper with slightly darker brown lettering on the spine, has a slightly faded spine. In height it is slightly smaller than the book which thus protrudes very slightly. Intriguingly, the copy in my own collection is similarly afflicted which suggests a problem with Blackwood's production process.

GBP 325

Augustus (1937)

9296 Blanchard A120. First edition. VG+ in VG dustwrapper. A fine biography of the "master designer and chief executant" of the Roman Empire. 356 pages. Frontispiece and 3 other illustrations. Fold-out family history and fold-out map of the Empire. This copy is in outstanding condition. The binding is undamaged but for a hint of rubbing at the foot of the spine; there are no inscriptions or bookplates; internally the book is very bright and unmarked. The unclipped dustwrapper, which is largely white, has a few faint marks and a small amount of creasing at the foot of the rear panel.

GBP 70

The Battle of the Somme: first phase (undated but published 1916)

9297 Blanchard A40. VG+ first edition. A detailed account of the early stages of one of the major battles of WW1 written within weeks of the events. 110 pages. Bound in blue paper-covered boards with red and black lettering; 29 photographs, 1 map in the text and 1 fold-out map. This copy is in remarkable condition with no deterioration of the flexible paper covering on the spine and a tight, uncracked binding. The spine is slightly darkened and there is a faint crease on the front but otherwise the book is excellent and is very bright internally,

GBP 45

A Book of Escapes and Hurried Journeys (1922)

9298 Blanchard A54. First edition. VG in VG- dustwrapper. A series of accounts of journeys with the common theme of haste. Written for young people. i-xii, 13-304 pp Beige pictorial boards; black lettering; frontispiece and 7 other illustrations. There is a small stain near the top of the front joint. The endpapers are browned as is part of the bottom edge of the text block. The pale area of the front cover is very lightly soiled. The very rare d/w is complete with some long-standing professional repairs. It is lightly soiled and stained.

GBP 130

Brasenose Quatercentenary Monographs volume II part II (1909)

9312 VG As part of its 400th anniversary celebrations Brasenose published a series of monographs on various aspects of the history of the college. These were collected in 2 volumes. JB's monograph entitled *Nine Brasenose Worthies* was also published as a booklet (Blanchard A20) – this is an extremely rare item. The collected monographs are referred to in Blanchard's treatment of A20. This copy is unusual in that it is part of an unspecified number of copies printed for members of the Oxford Historical Society and contains only monograph XIV.1 and the 5 parts of monograph XIV.2 thus including JB's work which is XIV.2.A. It is bound in bright blue cloth with gold lettering and the O.H.S. symbol on the front. Although the title page is correctly dated 1909 the spine carries the date 1910. It contains the illustrations, maps and charts of the more common issue. But for a little rubbing at the extremities it is in excellent condition.

GBP 50

Canadian Occasions (1940)

9300 Blanchard A129 (note). First UK edition. VG in VG dustwrapper. A collection of speeches and addresses given by Lord Tweedsmuir during his time as Governor-General of Canada. The UK edition was issued in a print run of only 1000 copies. 256pp Light orange cloth with metallic orange lettering. Very bright throughout but with a slight bump and some rubbing along the lower edge. The unclipped cream d/w is complete and undamaged but has a handful of tiny brown spots.

GBP 45

Comments and Characters (1940)

9301 Blanchard A130. First edition. VG in VG dustwrapper. From February 1907 until the end of December 1908 JB was editor of Nelson's weekly journal *The Scottish Review*. During this time he contributed a wide range of leaders, articles, reviews and other material. This selection from his contributions was made by W Forbes Gray who was the acting editor responsible for day-to-day operations under the overview of JB. It demonstrates the breadth of JB's writing with comment on politics, foreign affairs, literature, science, travel and many other subjects. 422 pages. Bound in red cloth with gold lettering. But for a small faded area at the head of the spine the book is in very good condition. There is a presentation inscription on the fly-leaf. The unclipped d/w is lightly creased in places but otherwise very good.

GBP 40

Francis and Riversdale Grenfell: A Memoir (1920)

9303 Blanchard A50. First edition. VG in VG- dustwrapper. A memoir of twin brothers who were killed within a few months of each other during WWI. 240 pages. Bound in dark blue with gold lettering; frontispiece and 7 other photographs; outer and lower edges untrimmed; grey endpapers. The book has a lightly faded spine and a small ripple in the cloth near the front top corner. The endpapers are partly browned. Very good internally.

The extremely rare d/w has a lightly browned spine and some wear at the rear corners. There is a very small stain at the lower front corner. The d/w is largely cream and has become lightly soiled over the years. Loosely inserted is a postcard from Mrs Arthur Grenfell (her husband was the twin's younger brother) to 'Dowsie' which clearly accompanied the gift of the book. **GBP 120**

Episodes of the Great War (1936)

9302 Blanchard A117. First edition. VG+ in VG+ dustwrapper. Extracts from Buchan's 4-volume history of the Great War covering the significant actions of the conflict. Published at a time of increasing unease at German re-armament. xiv + 402 pages. Bound in light blue cloth with gold lettering; top edge blue; endpaper maps; frontispiece and 9 other plates with a total of 21 photographs; 8 maps. But for a small, faint crease in the cloth on the spine and slight offsetting on the endpapers the book is virtually as new. The unclipped d/w is also in excellent condition but for very slight creasing along the top edge. An exceptional copy.

GBP 75

The History of the South African Forces in France (1920)

A detailed account of the involvement of South African troops in World War I including their part in Western Egypt, the Somme, Arras, Ypres Lys. Appendices cover the support services (artillery, signals, transport, medicine) and details of VCs and other honours won. 404 pages. Colour frontispiece and 17 black & white illustrations. Outer and lower edges untrimmed.

1. 9314 Blanchard A49. VG first edition. Normally bound in dark blue cloth but this copy is bound in an attractive, much lighter blue-green cloth. This copy is in well above average condition. The binding is bright and undamaged except for a slightly darkened spine. The boards are slightly bowed inwards which makes them partially wrap around the text block in a "clam shell" manner – surely not manufactured like this? Internally the book is very bright and free of bookplates, inscriptions and marks. A lovely copy.

GBP 90

2. 9315 Blanchard A49. First edition. VG- in a copy dustwrapper. Dark blue cloth. The top corners are bumped and there is some light foxing on the first few leaves but otherwise in excellent condition. The book has photocopy of the extremely rare dustwrapper. **GBP 85**

Homilies and Recreations (1926)

9304 Blanchard A71. First edition. VG in VG- dustwrapper. A collection of essays, mostly on literary or political matters. 383 pages. Green cloth, gold lettering, gilt top edge. In excellent condition but for occasional very slight foxing. The scarce d/w has some wear and small splits at the head of the spine and is lightly soiled.

GBP 50

The Interpreter's House (1938)

9305 Blanchard A125. First edition. VG in VG- dustwrapper. In 1938 JB as Lord Tweedsmuir was elected Chancellor of Edinburgh University and this is his Installation Address. 37 pages.

Bound in pale yellow cloth with purple lettering and decoration. Bright and undamaged externally. There is intermittent light foxing and one leaf has a small closed tear in the outer edge. The price-clipped d/w (purple with gold lettering in the same layout as the book) has a faded spine and is also lightly faded around the margins of the covers. The fly-leaf bears a presentation inscription from Susan Tweedsmuir dated May 1945. **GBP 60**

Julius Caesar (1932)

9306 Blanchard A93. First edition. VG- in VG- dustwrapper. JB's taut biography of probably the most well-known Roman emperor. 170 pages. Bound in black cloth with gold lining and decoration, the title on an orange label; top edge red; frontispiece illustration. Generally very good but there is a little wear/rubbing at the ends of the spine and occasional light foxing internally. The purple d/w is ragged along the top edge and has small pieces missing at the ends of the spine. The front joint is rubbed. The d/w is lightly foxed and the white rear panel is a little soiled.

GBP 70

The Last Secrets: The Final Mysteries of Exploration (1923)

9321 Blanchard A59. First edition. VG in VG dustwrapper. An account of the significant expeditions to remote parts of the world during the first 20 years of the 20th century. Includes Everest, the North and South Poles, New Guinea and others – 9 chapters in all. 303 pages. Bound in beige cloth with black lettering; front panel bears a colour illustration of a climber looking across mountain peaks; small illustration on the spine; frontispiece and 11 other illustrations (all black & white); 10 maps. But for one bumped corner the binding is bright and undamaged. Internally very bright with occasional very light foxing. There is a former owner's name on the fly-leaf. The exceptionally rare d/w is lightly soiled (it is mostly white) and has a little creasing around the edges. The illustration on the front (same as the book) is bright with vibrant colours.

GBP 160

Lord Minto (1924)

9308 Blanchard A64. VG- in VG- dustwrapper. Lord Minto, 4th Earl of Minto. Pursued a military career in his younger days carrying out active service as well as administrative duties. In later life he was successively Governor-General of Canada and Viceroy of India. xviii + 352 pages. Bound in red cloth with gold lettering and gold device on the front; frontispiece and 8 other plates; outer and lower edges uncut. The spine has faded and there are one or two small marks on the covers but generally the book is very good. The front paste-down bears a bookplate of his son, the 5th Earl. The extremely rare d/w has a sunned spine and some creasing near the corners.

GBP 75

The Marquis of Montrose (1913)

9309 Blanchard A26. First edition. VG in VG- dustwrapper. Buchan's first biography of the great Scottish military leader (the second was published in 1928). This is not a full biography but rather concentrates on his military achievements. 333 pages. Blue cloth; gold lettering; bevelled edges; frontispiece with tissue guard; 15 other illustrations, all with tissue guards; 11 maps. The book is in very good condition with only very slight fading of the spine and a little rubbing of the lower corners. There is some foxing on the plates. The exceptionally rare d/w is complete and has had some professional repairs to the spine in the past. There is a small nick in the top edge of the front panel and the spine is darkened. **GBP 250**

The Massacre of Glencoe (1933)

9322 Blanchard A98. First edition. VG- in VG- dustwrapper. A pacy account of this dark incident written almost in the style of a novel but with factual accuracy. 176 pages. Bound in cream cloth with gold lettering on a black title label; 14 illustrations. Almost inevitably the cream cloth has darkened somewhat with age and the lower corners are lightly bumped. The rear fly-leaf has a small red mark on it. The black and orange d/w has a faded spine and some rubbing at the extremities.

GBP 35

Montrose (1928)

9310 Blanchard A76. First edition. VG in VG- dustwrapper. Buchan's second biography of Scotland's great military leader which sets his campaigning against the politics and religion of 17th century Scotland and England. 419 pages. Bound in green cloth with gold lettering and decoration; top edge gilt, others untrimmed; frontispiece and one other illustration, both with tissue guards. The top corners are bumped and there is very occasional brown spotting on the pages. The binding is very bright and clean. The front paste-down bears the bookplate of JB Salmond, poet and long-time editor of *The Scots Magazine* and there is a brief inscription from Mrs Salmond in pencil on the fly-leaf. Loosely inserted is a typewritten note about Montrose's birthplace. The largely cream d/w has a sunned spine and is lightly soiled. There is a small mark on the front. Surprisingly rare in a d/w.

GBP 40

Naval Episodes of the Great War (1938)

9311 Blanchard A124. First edition. VG+ in VG+ dustwrapper. Extracts from Buchan's 4-volume history of the Great War covering the major naval actions. Published at a time of increasing unease at German naval re-armament. xiv + 326 pages. Green cloth; gold lettering; frontispiece and 10 other plates; 14 maps; top edge dark green. But for a couple of faint marks on the front the book is virtually as new. The d/w, usually prone to fading, is in almost equally good condition but for a hint of rubbing along the front joint and very slight browning along one inch of the front outer edge. An outstandingly good copy.

GBP 90

Oliver Cromwell (1934)

9313 Blanchard A105. First edition. VG in VG- dustwrapper. Buchan's comprehensive biography of the Lord Protector of England. In my opinion JB gets closer than most biographers to understanding the degree to which Cromwell's Christian faith drove his thinking and his actions. 554 pages. Bound in green cloth with gold lettering and a gold facsimile signature of Cromwell on the front. Frontispiece with tissue guard. 10 maps. Excellent throughout but for a tiny scuff mark on the rear cover. There is a bookplate on the front paste-down and loosely inserted are 2 Cromwell-related newspaper cuttings. The unclipped illustrated d/w is lightly soiled (it is largely cream) but otherwise very good. Scarce in a d/w.

GBP 50