

John Buchan. UK editions of novels etc.

The Moon Endureth (1912)

A collection of 8 poems and 8 short stories.

9279 VG- Second UK edition. Bound in light blue cloth with black lettering. The spine is browned and there is patchy fading on the covers and some light stains on the rear. Bright internally with an ownership inscription on the fly-leaf.

GBP 25

Salute to Adventurers (1915)

9283 Blanchard A30. VG first UK edition. A novel of intrigue, treachery and romance set in late 17th/early 18th century Virginia. It has been remarked how accurate were JB's descriptions of Virginia even though he had not, at this time, travelled to America. 397 pages. Bound in olive cloth with lettering and decoration in gold on the spine and in white on the front cover. Very bright internally. The binding is slightly cocked and very lightly rubbed at the ends of the spine.

GBP 50

Sir Quixote of the Moors (1895)

Blanchard A2. Buchan's first novel, a romantic tale of the Covenanting days set in the Galloway hills.

1. 9287 VG Variant binding. The spine carries the shortened title, the bricks on the front are orange and the flower stems are black rather than black and red. There is no cross-hatched border around the illustrated panel. The top corners are lightly bumped and there is very occasional light foxing.

GBP 250

2. 9286 VG- Variant binding. In this case the book is bound in red cloth with the short title on the spine and front cover in black. The bricks are orange, the flowers red and yellow with green and red stems and the front has a black cross-hatched border. The spine has faded to a pink shade and there are 2 ownership signatures on the fly-leaf but otherwise the book is very good. Scarce in this binding.

GBP 250

3. 9289 VG- reprint in a copy dustwrapper. Published by Robert Hayes Ltd. Very cheaply produced and though undated it is thought to have been published in 1919. 158 pages including 2 pages of publisher's adverts. Bound in red cloth with black lettering and decoration. Published without a fly-leaf and printed on cheap paper. The binding is bright and generally in good condition but the top and bottom edges and the ends of the spine are rubbed. There is a small bump on the top edge. The cheap paper is lightly browned on the margins. The binding is cracked towards the back of the book but remains firm. Comes with a full colour copy of a fairly good d/w.

GBP 35

4. 9288 TF Unwin Popular Edition (1924). VG in a copy dustwrapper. 181 pages + 3 pages of publisher's adverts. Bound in red cloth with black lettering. Lightly rubbed spine ends but otherwise very good throughout. Comes with a nice full colour copy d/w.

GBP 50

The Watcher by the Threshold (1902)

9293 Blanchard A13. VG first edition. A collection of short stories. 334 pages + 2 pages of adverts + 32-page publisher's catalogue. Bound in blue cloth with silver lettering and a black and orange illustration on the front cover; outer and lower edges untrimmed. The extremities are a little rubbed but, unusually, the front cover illustration is bright and undamaged. Bright internally, although the title page has a rubber stamp at the top reading "WITH THE

PUBLISHER'S COMPLIMENTS".

GBP 450

Miscellaneous books – JB contributions, about JB, etc.

***British Bridges* by Oliver Bressey (1933)**

9299 Blanchard C81. First edition. VG in VG- dustwrapper. An illustrated survey of ancient and modern bridges in Great Britain with a paper on *The Development of Road Bridges in Great Britain*. xxiv + 498 pages. Bound in brown textured paper-covered boards with a maroon cloth spine and gold lettering; brown endpapers; profusely illustrated with diagrams and photographs. Very good but for a bumped front top corner. The illustrated cream d/w is lightly soiled and has internal tape repairs to the front top corner. A heavy book and a remarkably interesting one. Very rare in a d/w.

GBP 75

***The Compleat Angler* by Izaak Walton and Charles Cotton (1935)**

9236 Blanchard C96. OUP edition in The World's Classics series. VG+ in VG dustwrapper. A pocket-sized edition of the classic angling work. This is a first printing (1935) in this edition. 322 pages + 16-page World's Classics catalogue. Dark blue cloth; gold lettering; index ribbon; top edge blue. Bright, clean and undamaged but for a hint of rubbing at the spine ends. The price-clipped illustrated d/w has slight wear at the corners and spine ends but remains very bright. Rare in a d/w.

GBP 40

***Crown and Covenant* by DTH McLellan (1934)**

9239 Blanchard C86. First edition. VG- in VG- dust jacket. Novel of 17th century in the days of Montrose. 308 pages + 4-page publisher's adverts. Blue cloth, orange lettering. 2-page JB preface. Slightly rubbed corners and some patchy fading. The binding is very slightly cocked. The unclipped pictorial d/w has a slightly darkened spine and is very lightly soiled on the white areas. Rare in a d/w.

GBP 75

***The "Help Yourself" Annual* compiled by Hugh S Quekett (1933)**

9241 Blanchard C83. VG- annual of the "Help Yourself" Society, established in 1927, which raised funds in various ways for hospitals and other causes. It continued in existence until 1988. Stories, artwork, cartoons, articles etc. by a variety of writers and artists. There are a number of period adverts which add considerably to the interest. JB contributed a short story *Ho! The Merry Masons* which was not reprinted in his lifetime, its only subsequent appearance being in *The Complete Short Stories*. 128 pages. Magazine format bound in illustrated paper covers. Numerous illustrations, some in colour. Staple bound. Lightly soiled and marks near the spine from rusty staples. Bright internally with some slight creasing. Loosely inserted is a 4-page leaflet *The Writer's News*.

GBP 30

***Highroads of Geography* (1929)**

9242 Blanchard (supplement) C66A. VG+ UK reprint. Blanchard lists this book as having been published in 1929, as is this copy, but most copies are dated earlier; the earliest seen is dated 1912. A title in The Royal School series, it contains 2 sections by John Buchan – Switzerland (14

pages) and *The Glory That Was Greece* (7 pages). 287 pages. Bound in brown cloth with black lettering and decoration; 16 coloured plates. Bright and undamaged throughout except for one lightly bumped corner.

GBP 15

A History of Peeblesshire edited by J Walter Buchan (1925)

9243 Blanchard C43. First edition – all 3 volumes. Vol I: VG Vol II: VG+ Vol III: VG. It would appear that the books have never been read as many pages are uncut. Walter Buchan was JB's younger brother and was for many years the Town Clerk of Peebles. He edited this comprehensive 3-volume history of Peeblesshire and also wrote substantial parts of it. John Buchan contributed a 52-page chapter to volume I entitled "The Literature of the County". Bound in maroon cloth with gold lettering; edges untrimmed. Volume I: xii + 498 pages. Frontispiece and 15 other illustrations; 36 drawings in the text; 2 maps. The front corners are bumped. Volume II: xv + 555 pages. Frontispiece and 67 other illustrations; 14 drawings in the text; 11 fold-out family trees; 4 maps. The front board is slightly bowed. Volume III: xix + 723 pages; frontispiece and 70 other illustrations; 24 family trees; 8 maps. The boards are very slightly bowed and the front top corner is bumped. Apart from the specific faults indicated the books are bright and unmarked and constitute a very nice set of this monumental work. Overseas shipping costs would be considerable – please enquire if need be.

GBP 200

His Majesty's Speeches (1935)

9244 Blanchard C94 (note). VG+ limited edition. "The Records of the Silver Jubilee of His Most Gracious Majesty King George the Fifth". The text of messages/speeches to and by the King during the Silver Jubilee celebrations. "The Address From the House of Commons" was written by JB. This is number 469 of the limited edition of 2500. 56 pages including 11 pages of black & white plates; frontispiece; bound in blue morocco leather with gold lettering and a gold top edge; pale yellow patterned endpapers. Limitation details on the reverse of the second fly-leaf. Excellent throughout but for very slightly bowed boards.

GBP 20

Lord Carmichael of Skirling by Lady Skirling (1929)

9307 Blanchard C65. First edition. VG- in VG- dustwrapper. Lord Carmichael was a Liberal MP who later was appointed successively to the Governorships of Victoria, Madras and Bengal. He was also a noted collector of art and antiques. The memoir was prepared by his widow with contributions from friends including JB who contributed a chapter entitled "The Last Years". 322 pages. Bound in blue cloth with gold lettering and decoration; frontispiece and 18 other illustrations. The spine is slightly rubbed and one corner is bumped but the binding is bright. Internally bright with foxing on the endpapers and the first few leaves and very occasional brown spots in the text. Loosely inserted is a cutting of a newspaper obituary of his wife. The rare d/w has a sunned spine which is worn at the ends. The corners are slightly worn and the d/w (largely cream) is lightly soiled and has a couple of small stains.

GBP 75

Marshal Foch: His Life and His Theory of Modern War by A Hilliard Atteridge (1919)

Blanchard C29. A biography of the great French military with an extensive consideration of his theory and practice of warfare. Blanchard quotes Skeffington & Son as the publisher but an identical edition was published, seemingly simultaneously, by Harding & More; I have never been able to discover why this was so.

1. 9246 VG- first edition (Skeffington). 256 pages. Salmon pink cloth with black lettering; frontispiece portrait; 8 maps. The spine has darkened a little and has some wear at the top. Bright internally. **GBP 40**
2. 9245 VG- first edition (Harding & More). Exactly as above and, remarkably, exactly the same condition. **GBP 40**

***November Joe* by H Hesketh Prichard (1936)**

9248 Popular edition of Blanchard C101. Short stories about a Canadian woodsman/detective. First published in 1913, JB wrote a preface for the reprint the re-issue published in 1936. This is a copy of the Popular edition of that reprint. 256 pages. Bound in green cloth with black lettering. The spine is slightly and uniformly faded and there is a scattering of stains on the front (looks like splashed liquid). The pages are lightly browned around the margins. **GBP 10**

***Old Men Forget* by Duff Cooper (1953)**

9249 Blanchard C138. VG+ in VG- dustwrapper. First edition. The autobiography of Duff Cooper, later Lord Norwich. It includes a paragraph from a letter by JB and a couple of other references to him. 399 pages. Black cloth with gold lettering; frontispiece and 7 other illustrations. But for a small chip in the paper at the foot of the front paste-down the book is excellent. The price-clipped d/w has a little wear at the ends of the spine and is overall slightly darkened. **GBP 25**

***Peebles Beltane Festival Jubilee Book* (1949)**

9251 Blanchard (supplement) C136A. First edition. VG- in G+ dustwrapper. The Beltane Festival grew out of the re-starting of the ceremony of the Riding of the Marches in 1897. 2 years later the first Beltane Queen was crowned and this book celebrated the first 50 years of the festival. Amongst many other matters the book includes the speeches of J Walter Buchan, John Buchan (as Lord Tweedsmuir) and Anna Buchan on the occasions when they were chosen to be Warden of Neidpath Castle. 72 pages; red cloth; gold lettering; frontispiece; 28 pages of black & white photographs. The book is generally in good, bright condition but there are some small white stains on the rear cover and some abrasions at the top edge of the front cover. The rare illustrated d/w has a faded spine and a number of chips and tears. It has been repaired, rather amateurishly, at some time but is largely complete. **GBP 30**

***The Pied Piper of Dipper Creek* (1939)**

9252 Blanchard C130. VG- First UK edition. 12 short stories set in Nova Scotia with a 2-page foreword by JB. 318 pages. Bound in red cloth with yellow lettering. Blanchard states "imprinted in black" but most, if not all, copies I have seen have had yellow lettering. The spine has faded but otherwise the book is very good. Former owner's name on the fly-leaf. Rare in the UK. **GBP 30**

***The Poetry of Neil Munro* (1931)**

9234 Blanchard B14 (note). Large paper edition. VG in VG- dustwrapper. Neil Munro was a novelist and poet who also wrote humorous tales (*Para Handy*, *Erchie Ma Droll Friend* etc.) under the pen name Hugh Foulis. This section of his poetry was published the year after his death. There are poems in English and in Scottish. This is a copy of the very rare large paper edition. 87 pages. Bound in light blue cloth with gold lettering; top edge gilt, others untrimmed; frontispiece portrait with tissue guard. JB edited the work and provided a 5-page preface. The book is very bright throughout but for a slightly faded spine and a tiny scuff mark on the front cover. The cream d/w is complete and undamaged but is sun-browned and has numerous brown spots. **GBP 50**

***The Queen's Gift Book in Aid of Queen Mary's Convalescent Auxiliary Hospitals
(undated but 1915)***

9253 Blanchard C16. First edition. VG in VG- dustwrapper. A collection of stories by leading writers sold in aid of the fund noted in the title. Includes Buchan's story "Divus Johnston" and there are stories by JM Barrie, Jerome K Jerome and Jeffrey Farnol among others. 160pp Light blue cloth; dark blue lettering; royal crest in dark blue on front; 10 colour illustrations; 2 colour portraits of Queen Mary and King George V; numerous black and white line drawings. Very good condition but for some rubbing at the extremities and slightly bowed boards. The scarce pale blue d/w has, as usual, faded to an overall cream shade but is otherwise in very good condition. **GBP 50**

Rupert of the Rhine: The Pirate Prince by George Edinger (1936)

9254 Blanchard (supplement) C106A. VG third impression. Rupert was the son of Frederick V, Elector Palatine; grandson of James I (James VI of Scotland), nephew of Charles I and cousin of Charles II. Well connected! Most of his career was spent in military service. He was the senior Royalist general and later in life was an English naval commander and the first Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company. Edinger's comprehensive biography has a 2-page preface by JB. 286 pages + 16-page publisher's catalogue. Bound in red cloth with gold lettering; frontispiece and 15 other illustrations. The spine is very slightly faded but otherwise the book is excellent throughout.

GBP 12

Sails of Gold edited by Lady Cynthia Asquith (1927)

9256 Blanchard C74. First UK edition. VG in VG- dustwrapper. A collection of stories and poems for children with contributions by, among others, Laurence Binyon, Hilaire Belloc, Mary Webb, AA Milne and John Buchan. JB contributes a story entitled *The Magic Walking-Stick*. This clearly gave him the idea that developed into the children's novel with the same title several years later. Bound in illustrated beige cloth with brown lettering; illustrated endpapers; 3 colour plates pasted onto grey patterned paper; numerous illustrations in the text. The first few leaves are very lightly foxed and the front board is slightly bowed but otherwise the book is bright and undamaged. The illustrated d/w has a faded spine and the white and cream areas are lightly soiled. The colours on the front panel illustration are very bright. Rare in a d/w. **GBP 70**

Scots Heraldry: A Practical Handbook by Thomas Innes of Learney (1934)

9257 Blanchard C90. First edition. VG- in a VG- dustwrapper. An explanation of the history and principles of Scots heraldry, which differs in a number of respects from English heraldry. The author was, at the time, the Carrick Pursuivant of Arms. xx + 186 pages. Bound in blue cloth with gold lettering; gold top edge; frontispiece and 36 other full-page plates, some in colour, some black & white; tissue guards on the colour illustrations; 101 illustrations in the text; outer and lower edges uncut. There is a 2-page foreword by JB. The book is bright throughout. The extremities are lightly rubbed and there are 3 or 4 tiny marks on the covers. The first few leaves are lightly foxed. The fly-leaf bears an ownership inscription. Loosely inserted are obituaries of the author from *The Times* and *The Scotsman*. **GBP 50**

The Shirra o' the Forest by David Mackie, jnr. (1932)

A souvenir book published in connection with the centenary of Sir Walter Scott's death. Published in Selkirk, it concentrates on anecdotes and accounts of his time as Sheriff of the court in that town. It includes messages from "New Burgesses" including JB.

1. Blanchard C74. VG- first edition. 80 pages. Pale blue cloth; gold lettering; frontispiece and 13 other illustrations. The spine is slightly darkened and is rubbed at the ends. Very bright internally. Rare in the first edition hardback. **GBP 30**
2. G+ paperback edition. As above internally but staple bound in pale blue card with darker blue lettering and a small illustration of a bust of Scott on the front. The staples are missing leaving rust stains where they were originally but the book still holds together well and could probably be re-stapled. The card covers are slightly creased at the edges. Internally very good. **GBP 12**

So Far by WJ Brown, MP (1943)

9261 VG- publisher's proof copy of Blanchard C125. The autobiography of William Brown who was trade unionist and at various times a Labour and an Independent MP. The book has a 2-page preface by JB written in 1931 – the book was delayed 12 years before publication! 302 pages. Bound in grey paper covers with the title etc. in black on a white label pasted to the front. The paper covers are somewhat soiled and are creased around the edges. The bottom inch of the spine has worn away. Bright internally but some corners are a little creased. A scarce title. **GBP 15**

Songs of Angus by Violet Jacob (1915)

9262 Blanchard C14. First edition. VG in VG- dustwrapper. A delightful collection of Scots vernacular poetry with a 4-page introduction by JB. It also includes a glossary of Scots words. 53 pages. Bound in dark blue cloth with gold lettering. The spine has faded and there is a little rubbing at the corners. The lower front corner is lightly bumped. Internally the book is in good order. Loosely inserted is a brief newspaper obituary of the author. The green d/w has faded on the spine and the margins of the covers and is worn around the edges. Scarce in first edition and rare with a d/w. **GBP 35**

Tales of Mystery and Imagination by Edgar Allan Poe (undated)

9263 VG- in VG- dustwrapper. The first Nelson edition of this title was published in 1911 as a pocket-sized volume with an introduction by JB (Blanchard C10). This is a much later full-sized edition which retains the JB introduction. It is in the Famous Books series and from the list of other titles it would seem that it was published early in 1935. It contains 13 of Poe's short stories and has a frontispiece and 7 other illustrations by AM Trotter. 374 pages + 5-page catalogue. Bound in light green cloth with gold lettering. The book is lightly rubbed at the extremities and the fly-leaf is missing and the frontispiece partly detached. It remains bright throughout. The illustrated d/w is lightly soiled and has small chips at the corners and the foot of the spine. There is a larger piece missing from the head of the spine and another one from the top edge of the rear panel. **GBP 12**

Their Majesties' Visit to Canada, the United States and Newfoundland (1939)

9264 Blanchard C129. First edition. VG in VG- dustwrapper. A chronological record of the speeches and broadcast addresses delivered by King George V and Queen Elizabeth during their visit. Several, possibly all, of the King's speeches were drafted by JB. 64 pages. Bound in cream cloth with gold lettering; patterned endpapers; gloss paper; numerous illustrations. The spine is lightly browned but otherwise the book is very good throughout. The cream d/w is lightly soiled and has slightly worn corners.

GBP 12

On the Trail of the Thirty-Nine Steps by Ian Buckingham

9342 Fine first edition. A series of photographs illustrating quotations from Buchan's novel *The Thirty-Nine Steps*. 16 pages. Staple bound; illustrated card covers. Virtually as new throughout.

GBP 7