

JB US editions with dustwrappers

The Courts of the Morning

9268 Blanchard A86. VG in VG- dustwrapper. First US edition published in the previous month to the UK edition and thus the true first edition. Although Richard Hannay makes a brief appearance, Sandy Arbuthnot, John S Blenkiron and Archie Roylance are the main protagonists in this tale of rebellion in a South American republic. 384 pages. Bound in green cloth with red lettering; map on rear endpaper and 2 more within the book; top edge red; outer edge untrimmed. The binding is in excellent condition but for very slight rubbing at the spine ends. Internally bright but there is a faint mark on the outer edge of the text block. Ownership inscription and small label on the front paste-down and a small bookseller's label on the rear paste-down. The illustrated d/w has a faded spine but is otherwise bright. The flap hinges are rubbed and the one corner of the rear panel is lightly creased. **GBP 120**

The House of the Four Winds (1935)

9270 Blanchard A110. US first edition which precedes the UK edition and is thus the true first. VG in a VG dustwrapper. The third and final Dickson McCunn novel, again combining high adventure with gentle humour as Dickson gets involved in Evallonian politics once more. 309 pages. Green cloth with black lettering. There is slight fading at the ends of the spine but otherwise the book is very good. The unclipped d/w is lightly creased along the top edge.

GBP 60

Huntingtower (undated – 1940s)

9271 Reprint of US edition. VG+ in VG dustwrapper. The first Dickson McCunn novel which established the mix of high adventure and whimsical humour which characterised the series. A retired grocer on a walking holiday stumbles into dark deeds involving Bolshevik agents. 316 pages. Bound in green cloth with red lettering. Bright, clean and undamaged. Former owner's name on the paste-down. The pictorial d/w (which differs from that on the US first edition) is lightly soiled on the mostly white rear panel. Undated but the rear panel of the d/w carries an advert for the 'new novel' *Mountain Meadow* which was published in 1941.

GBP 25

John Macnab (1925)

9273 Blanchard A67 (note). First US edition. VG+ in VG- dustwrapper. Buchan's enduringly popular tale of the activities of 3 bored gentlemen. A gently humorous tale. 298 pages. Bound in dark green cloth with orange lettering. But for a tiny stain on the bottom edge of the text block the book is bright, clean and undamaged. The illustrated d/w is lightly soiled on the white areas of the spine and rear panel but otherwise undamaged. The colours remain bright. Rare in a dustwrapper.

GBP 200

Lake of Gold (1941)

This is the US & Canadian title for *The Long Traverse*. Published posthumously this collection of stories and poems was written to encourage Canadian children to take an interest in their nation's history.

1. 9276 Blanchard A133. US first edition. VG- in VG dustwrapper. Published 3 months before *The Long Traverse* and thus the true first edition of this title. 190 pages. Green cloth with blue lettering and a blue line-drawing of a yacht on the front cover; illustrated endpapers; each story is preceded by a full page illustration and a 'header' illustration on the first page of the story, all by S Levenson. Excellent internally but the front cover has a few brown spots and slight rubbing at the spine ends. The price-clipped d/w (much more attractive than the UK edition) has a very small amount of wear at the corners and a little darkening of the spine.

GBP 35

2. 9275 Blanchard A133 (note). Canadian first edition. VG- in VG- dustwrapper. Published 1m after the US edition and 2m before the UK edition. Identical internally to the US edition but bound in black cloth with cream lettering & illustration. The d/w is also similar to the US edition except for a different book advert on the rear flap. Generally bright internally but there are some tape marks on the endpapers where the d/w has been taped down at some time. There is a small bookseller's rubber stamp on the fly-leaf. The book has one bumped corner, slight rubbing of the corners and spine ends and a couple of tiny white marks on the front. The price-clipped d/w has a faded spine and is rubbed down the outer edges.

GBP 35

The Moon Endureth (1912)

A collection of 8 poems and 8 short stories.

9278 VG- first US edition. Blanchard A24 (note). 298 pages. Blue cloth; silver lettering on the spine, black lettering with silver moon and black clouds on the front. Rubbed corners and spine ends and one corner bumped. Bright internally but the front hinge is cracked.

GBP 50

The Path of the King (1921)

9290 Blanchard A51 (note). First US edition. VG in G+ dustwrapper. An intriguing tale of the supposed passing on of noble character from Viking days to 19th century America. 290 pages. Bound in mustard-yellow cloth with red lettering and decoration. Very good throughout but for a tiny hole at the foot of the front joint. There is an ownership inscription on the fly-leaf. The scarce d/w is soiled on the white areas of the spine and rear panel and is worn at the corners and the ends of the spine. It is also creased around the edges. A 2-inch triangular piece is missing from the top of the front panel affecting part of the title. This has been backed by a piece from a photocopied wrapper to improve the overall appearance. **GBP 100**

Mr Standfast (1919)

9280 Blanchard A46 (note). First US edition. VG- in VG- dustwrapper. The third Richard Hannay novel. The action moves from south-east England, to Glasgow, Skye, France,

Switzerland and Italy. Hannay again has problems to solve and comes up against an unexpected foe. 374 pages. Mustard cloth with black lettering. The top corners are bumped and there is some light staining along the joints. The extremely rare pictorial d/w is complete and has bright colours. The white areas of the rear panel are lightly soiled and there are a couple of small closed tears along the edges. Very rare.

GBP 500

The Runagates Club (1928)

9282 Blanchard A75 (note). First US edition. VG in VG- dustwrapper.

A book of short stories told by members of a fictitious London dining club. A number of characters from earlier novels appear as well as new ones. 306 pages. Light blue cloth with brown lettering. VG throughout but for very slight browning of the spine. There is a small bookseller's label on the fly-leaf. The rare, unclipped d/w is mostly white and as a result has become lightly soiled over the years and there is a small stain on the front. **GBP 100**

Witch Wood (1927)

9294 US first edition. Blanchard A73 (note). VG- in VG- dustwrapper. Set in and around Broughton (Woodilee) in the mid-17th century, it tells the story of the battle of the new minister against ancient practices and superstitions. 352 pages; black cloth with green lettering and decoration; green top edge; green & white patterned endpapers. Some scuff marks on the rear cover and a little rubbing down the sides and at the foot of the spine. The illustrated d/w (WT Benda) is complete and bright but has some creasing on the rear panel where there is also a very small hole. There is some rubbing around the edges. **GBP 100**