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[1] ADELAIDE STEAMSHIP CO.

Winter Trips to Sunny Queensland. Winter Cruises in Sunny Seas: The North Queensland Winter Tour by Steamer [wrapper title]. Melbourne, D.W. Paterson Co. [for Adelaide Steamship Co., Australiasian United Steam Navigation Co., and Howard Smith Co.], n.d. circa 1930. Oblong octavo, pp. [16], photographic illustrations throughout; light use, an excellent copy in the original colour-printed illustrated wrappers. **\$385**

Rare: a well illustrated promotional piece, with substantial text, for the various winter tours conducted in North Queensland by this group of shipping lines.

[2] **APSLEY, Allen Algernon Bathurst, Baron, and Viola Lady APSLEY.**
The Amateur Settlers By Lord and Lady Apsley. *London, Hodder and Stoughton Limited, n.d. but 1926.* Octavo, pp. 228 (last blank) + 17 leaves of plates, and a full-page map facing p. 129 not in the list of illustrations; a very good copy in the original blue cloth, map endpapers. **\$85**

First edition. British politician, Lord Apsley, and his wife 'emigrated' to Australia under false names and experienced the sort of life that faced prospective British immigrants on an Australian Group Settlement. The book includes an account of their travels from Victoria through South Australia, the Nullarbor Plain, and along the West Australian coast to Darwin. It is of particular interest for the account of Northern Australia and Group Settlement in Western Australia. Both the book and the 'courageous' adventure of the aristocratic pair were very well publicised here and in Britain and this account was a considerable popular success. ANB, 1349; Mills, M17.

[3] **BANKS, Mary Macleod.**
Memories of Pioneer Days in Queensland. *London, Heath Cranton Ltd, 1931.* Octavo, pp. 80 + eight leaves of plates; foxing here and there but very good in bright original cloth with little edge-worn but very scarce dustwrapper. **\$330**

First edition: an account of childhood and youth spent on the Brisbane River during the 1870s and 1880s; with a foreword by Lord Lamington, the former Governor of Queensland. The author's father, David Cannon McConnel, was a pastoralist who settled on the Brisbane River in 1841. Her mother, Mary McConnel, also (privately) published her reminiscences in 1905 – and that is a very rare book indeed. ANB, 3669; Greenway, 596; Johnston-Zerner, A618.

[4] **BASEDOW, Herbert.**
Knights of the Boomerang: Episodes from a Life Spent Among the Native Tribes of Australia. *Sydney, The Endeavour Press, 1935.* Octavo, pp. 240 + nine leaves of plates; some edge-spotting and the original cloth with a trace of flecking but an excellent copy with the very scarce dustwrapper that is slightly edge-worn and that retains the rarely-seen original publisher's tipped-on glassine protective wrapping (this split and slightly defective). **\$660**

The extremely scarce first edition – decidedly uncommon with the dustwrapper, as here.

Basedow – explorer, scientist, anthropologist – among many other appointments, was Chief Medical Inspector and Chief Protector of Aborigines in the Northern Territory. Very popular when first published, these reminiscences went through second and third impressions ('editions') in the same year.

This is a good association copy with the ownership signature of writer Mabel Hookey on the half-title. Not in ANB (but see 4116-7 for the second and third impressions); Greenway, 730.

[5] **BASEDOW, Herbert.**
Journal of the Government North-West Expedition. *Adelaide, Royal Geographical Society of Australasia, South Australian Branch, 1914.* Octavo, pp. [ii], [57]-242 + 59 leaves of plates, and a large folding map; a very good, clean copy in the original grey-green wrappers, the spine a little sunned and rubbed at the extremities. **\$990**

An author's presentation copy of the first edition of the official account of this important scientific and anthropological expedition under the leadership of L.A. Wells that linked "together the areas traversed by the Horn and Elder Expeditions". Inscribed and signed by the author on the front wrapper.

Basedow's narrative comprises the diary journal of this 1903 expedition, which was primarily a search for minerals to the Musgrave, Petermann, Tomkinson and Mann Ranges. It includes his detailed observations of the land explored, the Aborigines, and the natural history of the country traversed. Not in ANB; Greenway, 729 (periodical printing only); Mills, Q1A.

[6] **BASEDOW, Herbert.**

Journal of the Government North-West Expedition. *Adelaide, Royal Geographical Society of Australasia, South Australian Branch, 1914.* Octavo, pp. [ii], [57]-242 + 59 leaves of plates, and a large folding map; about fine in the original grey-green wrappers, the title repeated on the front wrapper. **\$770**

First edition. Not in ANB; Greenway, 729 (periodical printing only); Mills, Q1A.

[7] **BIRTLES, Francis Edwin.**

Lonely Lands: Through the Heart of Australia. *Sydney, N.S.W. Bookstall Co., 1909.* Octavo, pp. xvi (last full page map), 224, [2] (blank), 16 (book advertisements), [8] (general advertisements), numerous illustrations (many full-page) in the text; spine panel lightly tanned, other minor signs of use but an excellent copy in the original light fawn pictorial cloth decorated in dark blue and white. **\$1875**

First edition of one of the highlights of twentieth-century Australian travel literature, the highly-regarded account of a bicycle journey in the year 1907 from Sydney northwards to Burketown, then west to Port Darwin, then south to Alice Springs and Adelaide, then back to Sydney via Melbourne. This was done on a Royal Speedwell road racer, fitted with Armstrong three-speed gears, free wheel, front hub brake, and Dunlop canvas-lined tyres. The J. Cluny Harkness – Davidson copy with bookplates. ANB, 5266; not in Greenway; Mills, M87.

[8] **BRADSHAW, Jack.**

The True History the Australian Bushrangers. By Jack Bradshaw who was personally acquainted with them all. Illustrated [cover title]. *Sydney, J.W. Anderson & Co., n.d. but circa 1925.* Octavo, pp. 136, with plates; an excellent copy bound with the original wrappers in later half calf. **\$125**

One of numerous editions published and sold by Bradshaw, an old lag and self-proclaimed “last of the Australian bushrangers”.

[9] **BRENNAN, Martin.**

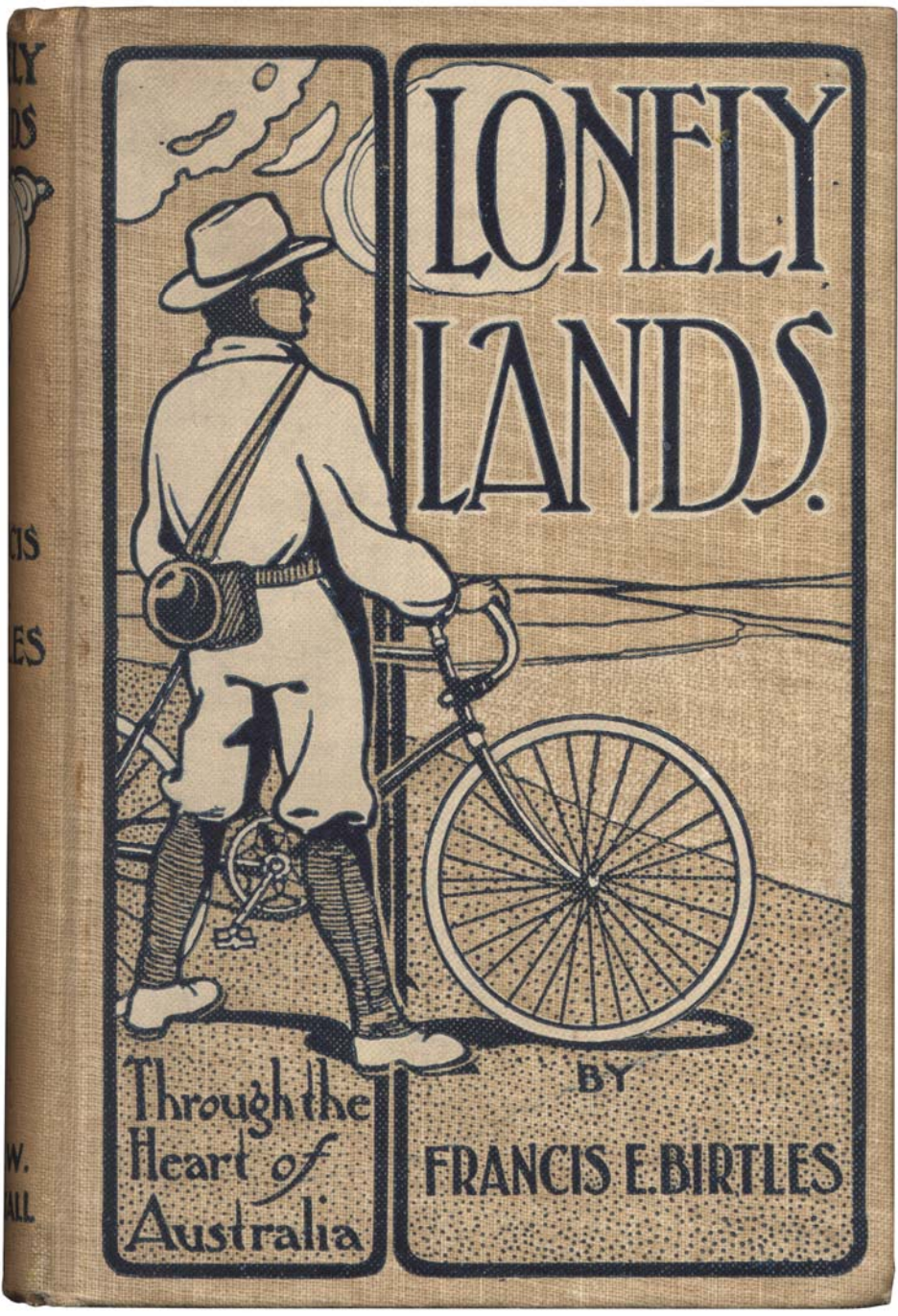
Reminiscences of the Gold Fields And Elsewhere in New South Wales, covering a period of forty-eight years' service as an Officer of Police. *Sydney, William Brooks and Co., 1907.* Octavo, pp. [ii] (blank), 340, [2] (last blank) + frontispiece; touch of foxing here and there but very good in the original red cloth, Glover copy with bookplate and usual spine mark. **\$185**

First edition of a remarkable series of recollections, mostly set on the goldfields, by an erudite policeman who ran the gold escort to Goulburn for two years, and distinguished himself at the Lambing Flat riots, ran several country police stations, and was one of the first to employ Aboriginal trackers with success. ANB, 6411; Greenway, 1549.

[10] **BRIGGS, Francis Stewart and Samuel H. HARRIS.**

Joysticks and Fiddlesticks. (The Unofficial History of a Flying Kangaroo). *London, Hutchinson, [1936].* Octavo, pp. [x], 15 – 222, [2] (blank), 8 (inserted advertisements on thinner paper) + 12 leaves of plates; a very good clean copy in the original cloth, spine lettered in white. **\$385**

First edition: personal narrative of a young Australian in the Royal Flying Corps and his subsequent experiences in the pioneer civil aviation industry in Australia, based on his flying diaries. Among his more notable flights was the first flight to Alice Springs in 1921 with Francis Birtles, who had proposed a flight to Central Australia to prepare a motion picture documentary. ANB, 06652; not in Dornbusch; Fielding and O'Neill, p. 241; McLaren Aviation, 36; McLaren Air Power, 2205; McLaren Civil Aviation, 344.



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[11] **BURDETT, Fred D.**

The Odyssey of a Digger. *London, Herbert Jenkins Limited, 1936.* Octavo, pp. 316, [4] (advertisements) + 15 leaves of plates; edges a little spotted but an excellent copy in the original blue cloth with the very scarce, price-clipped, dustwrapper that is a little soiled and has small defects at the extremities. **\$385**

First edition: one of several travel and adventure books by an almost archetypical professional adventurer. The book includes accounts of gold prospecting in the Kimberleys in 1880s and of the murder of Frank Marriot by Aborigines. Extremely scarce with dustwrapper. ANB, 7420; Bennett et al., p. 186; Greenway, 1703.

[12] **CHAMPION, Ivan F.**

Across New Guinea: From the Fly to the Sepik. *Melbourne, Lansdowne Press, 1966.* Octavo, pp. [xiv] (last blank), 226 (last blank) + eight leaves of plates, and a folding coloured map tipped onto the back pastedown endpaper; edges and endpapers little spotted, very good in the original boards and like dustwrapper. **\$220**

The now scarce second edition, following the very scarce London first edition of 1931, of this classic account of the Trans-New Guinea Expedition under Charles Henry Karius, North-West Patrol 1926 – 1928. The first attempt in 1926 failed but the subsequent attempt was successful. This was the first crossing of the island at this point, discovering much unknown territory. This new edition includes an updated postscript by Champion.

[13] **[CHRISTIE] CASTIEAU, J.B. (editor).**

The Reminiscences of Detective-Inspector Christie. *Melbourne, George Robertson, n.d. but 1914.* Octavo, pp. 240 + frontispiece and 20 plates; a blemish on the free front endpaper but a very good copy in bright and sharp original red cloth. **\$95**

First edition. John Mitchell Christie was born in Scotland in 1845. He was sent to Australia in 1863 to join his uncle in Gippsland. In 1866 he joined the Melbourne detective force and built a reputation for brilliant disguise and a high success rate in apprehending criminals. An athletic man, he also established himself as a champion oarsman and boxer. Later in life he joined the Customs Service and became one of their best detectives. These reminiscences, edited by the journalist Castieau, are based on Christie's very detailed files of each case. ANB, 8482.

[14] **CHEWINGS, Charles.**

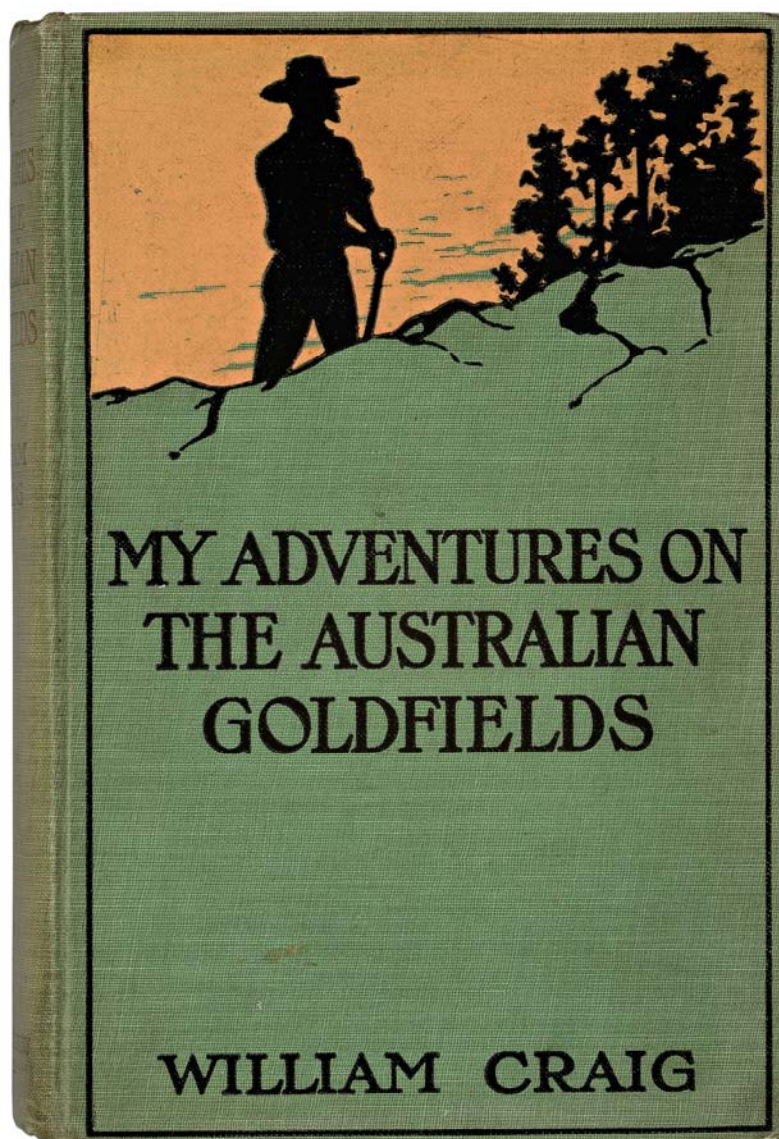
Back in the Stone Age: The Natives of Central Australia. *Sydney, Angus and Robertson, 1936.* Large square octavo, pp. xxii, 162 + 22 leaves of plates; very good in original cloth, map front endpaper, with the uncommon dustwrapper (few small defects at the extremities). **\$385**

First edition: experiences on the upper Finke River area of Central Australia from the 1890s, where Chewings lived and worked as pioneer and contractor. His account is descriptive of his life and travels among the Aboriginal tribes in that period and, while not an anthropological work, is of substantial ethnographic interest. Most of the photographs that illustrate the book were taken by Francis James Gillen. ANB, 9081; Greenway, 2037.

[15] **COLLIN, Captain William.**

Life and Adventures (of an Essexman) Captain William Collin A Queensland Pioneer. *Brisbane, H.J. Diddams & Co., Printers, 1914.* Octavo in sixteens, pp. xii, 252, [4] (first colophon only, others blank) + 16 leaves of plates; a very good copy in original cloth, a little foxing early and late, usual attrition on the gilt on the spine and front board but above average for this book. **\$550**

Extremely scarce. The reminiscences of a master mariner whose first contact with Australia came when he was shipwrecked of the north-east coast of Queensland in 1854. By the 1860s he had established himself as mariner involved in the Queensland coastal trade and soon became renowned for his skill in marine salvage. A pioneer of the Queensland coastal and river trade his reminiscences are an important source for the social and commercial history of early settlement in Queensland. One of Collin's lasting achievements was to mark the passage through Torres Straits with buoys under contract to the Queensland Government. His life was one rich in incident and a more complete account is to be found in ADB 3. ANB, 10226; not in Greenway; Johnston-Zerner, C556; Walsh and Hooton, 2:114.

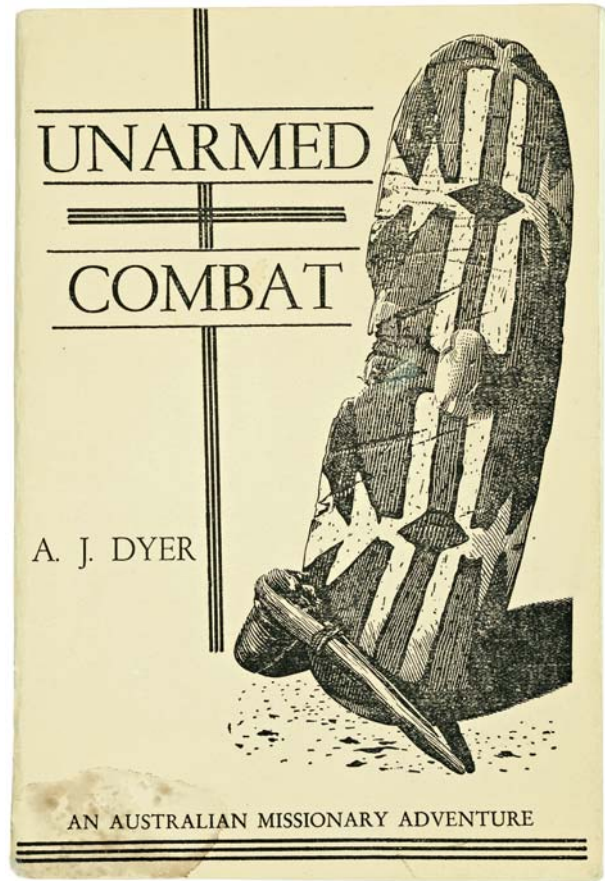
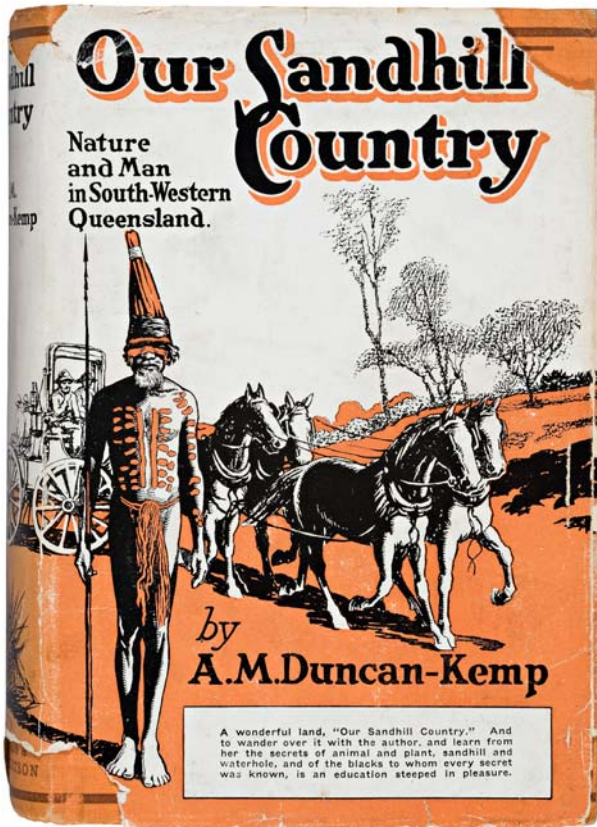


[16] **CRAIG, William.**

My Adventures on the Australian Goldfields. *London, Cassell and Company, 1903.* Octavo, pp. [ii] (integral blank), x, 344 + 8, 16 (inserted advertisements dated in code "Fiction 10.03" and "6G. – 10.03" respectively); a very good copy in the lightly spine-faded original green pictorial cloth, the spine lettered in gilt, patterned "C & Co. Ld" endpapers. **\$440**

First edition: an interesting narrative of the Victorian gold rushes and the Eureka rebellion, one of very few eye-witness accounts by a digger. William Craig was a twenty-year-old Dubliner when he emigrated to Victoria with Peter Lalor, the most notable of the leaders at Eureka.

A version of Craig's reminiscences was printed for family use, without imprint or date and in extremely limited numbers, in Invercargill (New Zealand) in 1897 under the title *Memories connected with the Early Gold Discoveries in Victoria*. That unpublished version is extremely rare. ANB, 11377; Bagnall, C1697.



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[17] DAHL, Knut.

In Savage Australia: An Account of a Hunting and Collecting Expedition to Arnhem Land and Dampier Land. London, Philip Allan & Co., 1926. Octavo, with 20 plates, other illustrations and maps in the text; occasional patches of light foxing but very good in the original cloth. **\$660**

First English edition and now rather scarce. Dahl spent two years of scientific research collecting animals and birds in Arnhem Land and the Kimberleys in 1894-6. The original Norwegian edition was published in 1898 and Dahl himself translated it for this first English edition. The foreword is by Fridjof Nansen.

[18] **DALY, Lieut.-Colonel F.A B.**

Boer War Memories: Personal Experiences... On the Early Stages of the Boer War, 1899 – 1900. *Melbourne, Wilke & Co. Pty. Ltd. [for the Author], November 1935.* Octavo, pp. 56 + two leaves of plates; original gilt-lettered plasticised cloth. **\$550**

Rare: an inscribed presentation copy of the privately-published Boer War reminiscences of an officer in the Royal Army Medical Corps. This is the second edition, extended and revised from the first edition of May 1935; the second edition was subsequently reprinted in 1936. Loosely inserted are a number of related printed slips with further additions; these are accompanied by a signed autograph letter from the author to Sir Edward Conningham to whom this copy is inscribed. Despite three printings over 1935-6, all editions are rare. ANB, 12031; not in Dornbusch; Fielding and O'Neill, p. 132; not in Hackett.

[19] **de SATGÉ, Oscar.**

Pages from the Journal of a Queensland Squatter. *London, Hurst and Blackett Limited, 1901.* Octavo, pp. [xii], 416, [4] (advertisements) + two folding coloured maps, many illustrations in the text (some full-page); very good in the original cloth, gilt. **\$1100**

First edition – in very good condition and scarce thus – of this highly-regarded account of early squatting life in Queensland's central and western districts by a pioneer settler and explorer. ANB, 12498; Johnston-Zerner, A638.

[20] **DUNCAN-KEMP, Alice Monkton.**

Our Sandhill Country: Nature and Man in South-Western Queensland. *Sydney, Angus & Robertson Limited, 1933.* Octavo, pp. xii (last blank), 294, [2] (last colophon only, recto blank) + five leaves of plates; very good in bright original cloth with the rare dustwrapper (extremities a little defective). **\$330**

First edition. The first of the author's books on life in the Queensland channel country and an immediate classic of women's and outback literature. ANB, 13608; Johnston-Zerner, F337.

[21] **DYER, A.J.**

Unarmed Combat: An Australian Missionary Adventure (wrapper title). *No imprint but Sydney, Edgar Bragg & Sons [?for the Church Missionary Society?], n.d. but circa 1950.* Octavo, pp. 80 (last blank), photographic illustrations and a full-page map in the text; some use and a small stain in the bottom corner of the front wrapper but a very good copy in the original cream titling-wrapper, the wrappers decorated with line-drawings of Arnhem Land totem, stone axe, etc. **\$440**

First edition of this rare account by a missionary from Roper River who was one of the three people appointed to the Church Missionary Society's 'peace expedition' sent to the Caledon Bay area in December 1933 to effect a reconciliation after a number of killings had taken place.

The successful expedition set out in December 1933 to make peaceful contact with the Caledon Bay tribes in Arnhem Land after the series of killings that had begun with the murder of two Japanese fishermen in September 1932 and the subsequent murder of Constable McColl, one of the four members of the Northern Territory Police Force who were sent to investigate. These killings and other events subsequently culminated in Donald Thomson's important peace-making expeditions to Arnhem Land of 1935-7. This is one of only four copies we have seen in the last fifteen years. Not in ANB; not in Greenway.

[22] **FLYNN, John.**

The Bushman's Companion. A Handful of Hints for Outbackers... 1916 Edition. *Melbourne, Arbuckle, Waddell & Fawckner, Printers, 1916.* Octavo, pp. 100, [12], with illustrations in the text; an uncommonly good copy in the original cut-flush limp printed red cloth. **\$165**

Very scarce. This small volume, first issued in 1910, was intended as a vade mecum for the 'Outbacker'. The first half is thoroughly practical, covering much essential information, from a detailed and illustrated section on first aid through to making a will. This is followed by a more religious half but this again is written with a practical rather than a proselytising purpose. A popular and much used book, all these early editions are now hard to find, especially in such crisp condition.

[23] **GARNSEY, Ann Stafford.**

Scarlet Pillows: An Australian Nurse's Tales of Long Ago. *No imprint but Melbourne, McKellar Press [for the Author], n.d. but circa 1950.* Octavo, pp. 154 (last colophon only); an excellent copy in the original decorated stiff card wrappers. **\$165**

First edition: North Queensland, Eastern Goldfields of W.A. and Bunbury in the 1890s. ANB, 16857.

[24] **GEE, Lionel Carley Egremont.**

Bush Tracks and Gold Fields: Reminiscences of Australia's "Back of Beyond". *Adelaide, F.W. Preece and Sons, 1926.* Octavo, pp. viii (last blank), 110 (last blank), [2] (blank) + two leaves of plates (frontispiece and following p. 8); near fine in the original dark blue cloth with the quite uncommon dustwrapper that has a few small defects at the edges and three short tears (no loss) with old tape repairs. **\$660**

First edition: presentation copy, inscribed by the author on the front endpaper and further signed by him on the title-page.

Reminiscences of former South Australian Government surveyor, explorer, goldfields warden and Special Magistrate. Gee describes, among other things, his early cruise around Melville and Bathurst Islands, his work on the Tanami goldfield and in the Macdonnell Ranges, including a journey along the Hale River to Ruby Gap; there is much of exploration interest in his narrative. The foreword is by Professor Frederick Wood-Jones, Elder Professor of Anatomy at the University of Adelaide. It has been suggested that only 300 copies of this edition were printed: it is certainly very scarce in dustwrapper. ANB, 17015; Greenway, 3829; Mills, M230.

[25] **GILES, Alfred.**

Exploring in the 'Seventies and the Construction of the Overland Telegraph Line. *Adelaide, W.K. Thomas & Co. (The Register), Printers, n.d. but 1926.* Octavo, pp. [2] (integral blank), xii, 172, [2] (integral blank) + three leaves of plates, and a folding map; original light blue stiffened wrappers, lightly used and spine little darkened but very good. **\$2200**

First edition, very scarce and much sought: Giles was second-in-command of the Northern Territory expedition to fix the course of the Overland Telegraph line under John Ross, making the crossing from Adelaide to Darwin seven times. This volume expands on a series of articles Giles wrote for the Adelaide Register over 1925 and was compiled from his notebooks. The edition comprised only 500 copies. ANB, 17350; McLaren, 8970; Mills, R62.

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By ALFRED GILES

[26] **GREGORY, John Walter.**

The Dead Heart of Australia: A Journey around Lake Eyre in the summer of 1901-1902, with some account of the Lake Eyre Basin and the Flowing Wells of Central Australia. *London, John Murray, 1906.* Octavo, pp. xvi, 384 + 16 leaves of plates, six folding coloured maps, and one full-page map ("Map of Lake Torrens according to Eyre and Sturt", facing page 252 but not included in the list of maps and plates); very good in the little soiled original tan cloth, the spine and front board lettered in gilt, heart-shaped photographic illustration of desert stones inset on the front board surrounded by a plain-line heart-shaped frame in gilt; top edge gilt, others uncut. **\$1650**

First edition, the primary issue. This important book records Gregory's expedition to the Central Australian deserts of the Lake Eyre Basin with students and colleagues from the University of Melbourne. Gregory's Dead Heart Expedition was the first major scientific exploration of the new century and made important contributions to the understanding of the inhospitable region. He was the first to use the phrase 'Dead Heart' to describe Australia's arid heartland, an expression which has since entered the language.

The first issue of the first edition is extremely scarce. Printed in limited numbers (typically as few as only 800 copies of such a book would have been printed), a substantial number of the unsold sheets were re-issued with a cancel title-page in 1909 as part of Murray's Imperial Library. The number of extant copies of the 1909 re-issue on the market seem to outnumber by as much as three to one the number of copies of the primary issue, with consequently as few as two or three hundred copies of the 1906 primary issue perhaps ever distributed. ANB, 18412; Greenway, 4128; Mills, R74.

[27] **GRIBBLE, Ernest Richard Bulmer.**

The Problem of the Australian Aboriginal. *Sydney, Angus and Robertson, 1932.* Octavo, pp. xvi, 158 (last colophon only), [2] (blank), + [ii], xviii (advertisements) + four leaves of plates; very good in bright original cloth with dustwrapper (spine panel little soiled and worn) **\$275**

First edition: very scarce with dustwrapper. The third of Gribble's books dealing with the Aborigines drawn from decades of close and benevolent association with them, mainly in northern Australia. Gribble's earlier books had been largely narratives of his experiences but the present work aims to describe what he had learnt of and from the Aborigines during his many years on the outback frontier. Gribble was a pioneer missionary to Yarrabah, North Queensland, and Protector of Aborigines in Queensland for 16 years and Protector of Aborigines in Western Australia for 16 years.

[28] **HARRIS, Walter Kilroy.**

Outback in Australia or Three Australian Overlanders: Being an Account of the Longest Overlanding Journey ever attempted in Australia with a single horse, and including chapters on various phases of Outback Life. *Letchworth (UK), Garden City Press Limited, 1913.* Octavo, pp. [ii] (blank), x, 224 + 21 leaves of plates; very good in the original dark red cloth. **\$275**

First edition: a nicely associated author's presentation copy inscribed to the Royal Scottish Geographical Society, and dated from London, 6 August, 1913, with the Society's neat stamps and their cancelled label on the front pastedown.

The overlanding journey is adequately explained by the long title: Harris and his companions began in Newcastle, New South Wales, and overlanded to Adelaide, returning via Melbourne and Sydney.

Harris later lived in the United States of America and wrote a short promotional piece, *Something About Australia*, with a new and expanded edition under the title *Kangaroo Land: Glimpses of Australia*, publishing both himself in 1925-6 in Cleveland, Ohio (see both following). With his wife, Leila, he wrote another promotional piece, *Sunny Australia: A Photographic Picture Book*, published in Philadelphia by David McKay in 1941.

The couple also collaborated on a small group of juvenile books associated with Australia, including *Blackfellow Bundi: A Native Australian Boy* (Chicago, Illinois, Albert Whitman, 1939), *The Lost Hole of Bingoola: A Story of the Australian Bush* (Indianapolis, Indiana, Bobbs-Merrill, 1942), and *Let's Read About Australia* (Grand Rapids, Michigan, Fideler Co., circa 1950). Not in ANB (but see 19696 for the second edition); Greenway, 4460.

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[29] **HIDES, Jack.**

Papuan Wonderland. *London, Blackie, 1936.* Octavo, pp. xx, 204 + 24 leaves of plates, and an erratum slip tipped in at p. 107; little edge-spotted, an excellent copy in fine original cloth, map endpapers, with like price-clipped dustwrapper. **\$330**

First edition: with a preface by Sir Hubert Murray and a foreword by William Morris Hughes, the former Prime Minister of Australia. This was Hides's second and most significant book, the narrative of his highly important Strickland-Purari Patrol in 1935 along the Fly, Strickland and Purari Rivers. He found much new country and his survey covered 8,000 square miles. This was effectively the last remaining unexplored area of Papua New Guinea. The whole venture was described by Sir Hubert Murray as: "the most difficult and dangerous patrol ever carried out in the whole island of New Guinea". ANB, 20597.

[30] **HIDES, Jack.**

Savages in Serge. *Sydney, Angus & Robertson, 1938.* Octavo, pp. xx (last blank), 232 (last colophon only) + 23 leaves of plates; an excellent copy in the original cloth. **\$125**

First edition of the third of Hides's classic accounts of exploration and frontier life, recounting his experiences on patrol with the Native Constabulary in all parts of Papua New Guinea. ANB, 20599; Barrett, 223.

[31] **HOLMES, J.H.**

In Primitive New Guinea: An account of a quarter of a century spent amongst the primitive Ipi & Namau groups of tribes of the Gulf of Papua, with an interesting description of their manner of living, their customs & habits, feasts & festivals, totems & cults By J.H. Holmes For many years Correspondent to the Royal Anthropological Institute With an Introduction by Dr. A.C. Haddon. *London, Seeley, Service, & Co., 1924.* Octavo, pp. [iv], 308, [8] (advertisements) + 16 leaves of plates, and a folding map, other illustrations in the text; very good in the original gilt-decorated apricot cloth. **\$385**

First edition: comprehensive account of life spent among the Ipi and Namau, two of the coastal peoples of Papua, with detailed comparisons of their ways of life. ANB, 21254; Barrett, 232.

[32] **[KENNEDY, Victor].**

Cairns North Queensland Tourist Guide Book. Winter Tours. *Cairns, Cairns and Tableland Publicity Association, 1933.* Octavo, pp. 200, with illustrations throughout; signs of use, stamps of the Cairns office of the Queensland Government Tourist Bureau a few times repeated and the price on the title changed by hand, a good copy in the original colour-illustrated wrappers. **\$220**

Very scarce: an excellent guide book written entirely by "the well-known journalist and author" Victor Kennedy, who had lived in Cairns for six years by this time and follows his By Range and River of 1930, published by the Cairns Post. ANB, ZZZZ.

[33] **LANE, Cyril Grant.**

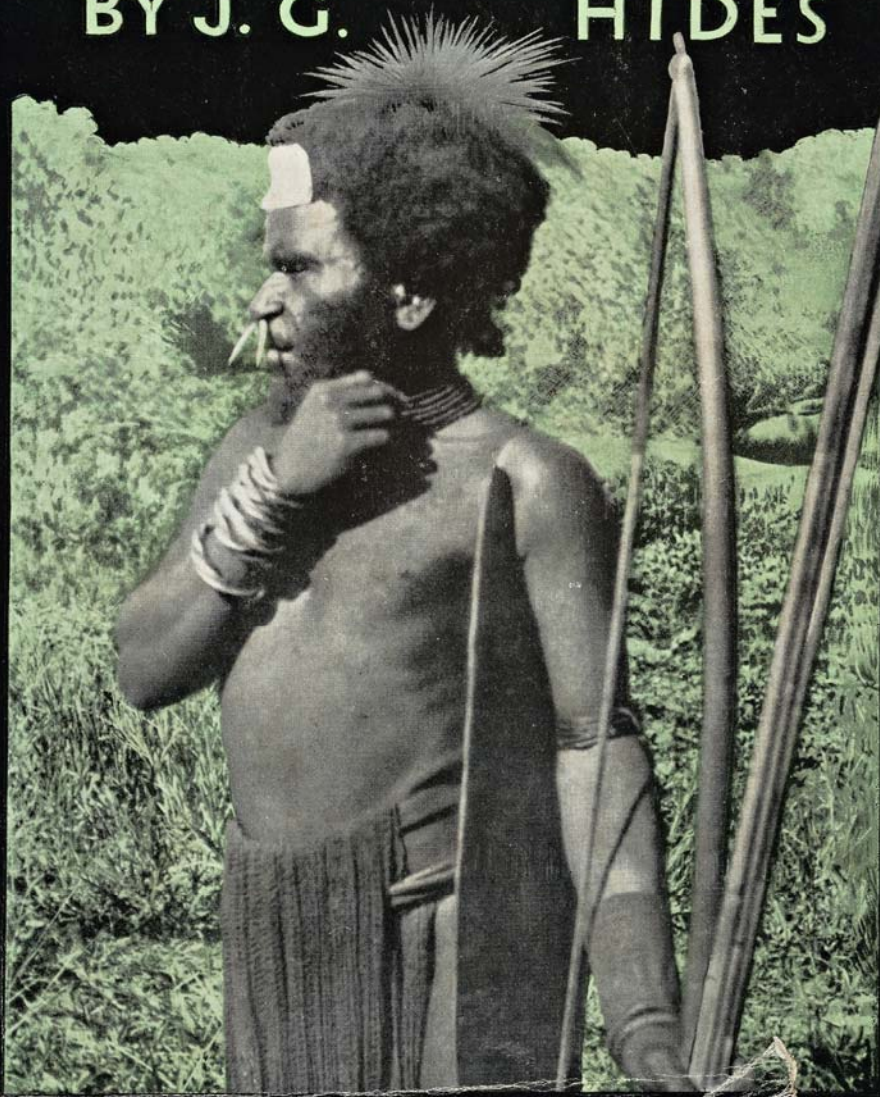
Adventures in the Big Bush: in the haunts of the Aboriginal. *London, Hutchinson & Co., n.d. but 1928.* Octavo, pp. 288 + 24 leaves of plates; edges little spotted but very good in the original red cloth, with dustwrapper that is a bit defective at the top edges. **\$220**

First edition and very scarce (rare with dustwrapper): a naturalist in far north Queensland.

"Dr. Lane who has travelled extensively over the vast island-continent of Australia, here gives an extremely interesting account of life amongst the Aborigines. Vivid, direct, and intimate, it is a narrative which furnishes much new and valuable information regarding the growth, customs, and rites of an underdeveloped race. The author writes of impressive personal experiences in gloom-enwrapt forests, remote crocodile-infested waterways, of numerous exciting episodes while camping, travelling, and hunting with blacks who claimed him as 'brother'..." (dustwrapper blurb). ANB, 24990; Greenway, 5402; not in Johnston-Zerner.

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[34] **JACK, Robert Logan.**

Northmost Australia: Three Centuries of Exploration, Discovery, and Adventure in and around the Cape York Peninsula, Queensland with A study of the narratives of all explorers by sea and land in the light of modern charting, many original or hitherto unpublished documents, thirty-nine illustrations, and sixteen specially prepared maps. *London, Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent & Co. Ltd., [1921].* Two volumes, octavo, pp. xvi (last blank), 366, [2] (blank) + eleven leaves of plates, and nine folding maps loose in a back endpocket; pp. xiv, 367 – 768 + nine leaves of plates, and eight folding maps loose in a back endpocket; occasional light spotting but an excellent copy in the original dark green cloth, the spines lettered and ruled in gilt, with the rare dustwrappers. **\$1850**

First edition: essentially a history of the exploration of Cape York, this also includes the first-hand narrative of Logan Jack's own expeditions and many other accounts otherwise unpublished. ANB, 22848; Greenway, 4971 (Australian issue only).

[35] **[LASSETER] COOTE, Errol Hampton.**

Hell's Airport: The Key to Lasseter's Gold Reef. *Sydney, Peterman Press, 1934.* Octavo, pp. 276 + 32 leaves of plates, and a folding map; original red cloth of the first issue with red edges, the cloth faded and marked as always, a little spotting (as almost always); a very good, sound copy. **\$660**

First edition. Coote's famous and rapidly reprinted account of the fatal 1930 Lasseter expedition, during the course of which he spent six months undertaking the aerial survey as pilot to the expedition. The foreword is by Charles Kingsford Smith. ANB, 10979; Greenway, 2307; Mills, Y48.

[36] **[LASSETER] COOTE, Errol Hampton.**

Hell's Airport: The Key to Lasseter's Gold Reef. *Sydney, Peterman Press, 1934.* Octavo, pp. 288 + 32 leaves of plates, and a folding map; neat contemporary inscription on the half-title, the endpapers with a touch of pale foxing, the cloth a little rubbed at the extremities, a very good copy in the original cloth, with spine panel and front panel of the Beaumont pictorial dustwrapper. **\$550**

Signed in full by the author on the title-page. The second edition, in larger octavo format, published 30 April, 1934; like the smaller format first edition of the same year it is quite scarce. ANB, 10980; Mills, Y48.

[37] **LOVE, James Robert Beattie.**

Stone-Age Bushmen of To-day: Life and Adventures among a Tribe of Savages in North-Western Australia. *London and Glasgow, Blackie and Son, 1936.* Octavo, pp. xxvi (last blank), 220, [2] (blank) + 16 leaves of plates, full-page map in the text on p. [xxv]; very good in the original cloth with the very scarce dustwrapper (slight edge-wear and mild soiling), the re-order corner of the front flap clipped as usual, contemporary gift inscription on endpaper. **\$550**

First edition: Love worked as a Presbyterian missionary for forty years among the Worona tribe of the Kimberleys and was the author of numerous anthropological articles. This more personal narrative of his experiences also incorporates much of anthropological interest in his description of Aboriginal life and customs. ANB, 26752; Greenway, 5760.

[38] **McDONALD, Myrtle.**

Inclusive 'Happytours' (Myrtle McDonald) Await You in Sydney... [*Sydney*], n.d. but 1930s. One leaf, small quarto, with photographic illustrations; loose as issued, fine. **\$85**

Evidently aimed mainly at overseas and probably well-healed visitors, Myrtle McDonald's Happytours, 22 Martin Place, Sydney, offered "a different kind of service... by comfortable Motor Cars" to Jenolan Caves, Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury River and Koala Park, Palm Beach and Manly, Bulli Pass and National Park, as well as "City Sights and Beaches". The accent is on personal service: "we will send a representative to your steamer..."; "Elderly of Delicate People receive the extra consideration that completes their pleasure and comfort"; "On all these tours you are Miss McDonald's Guests for Luncheon, Morning or Afternoon Tea..." Rare and ephemeral.

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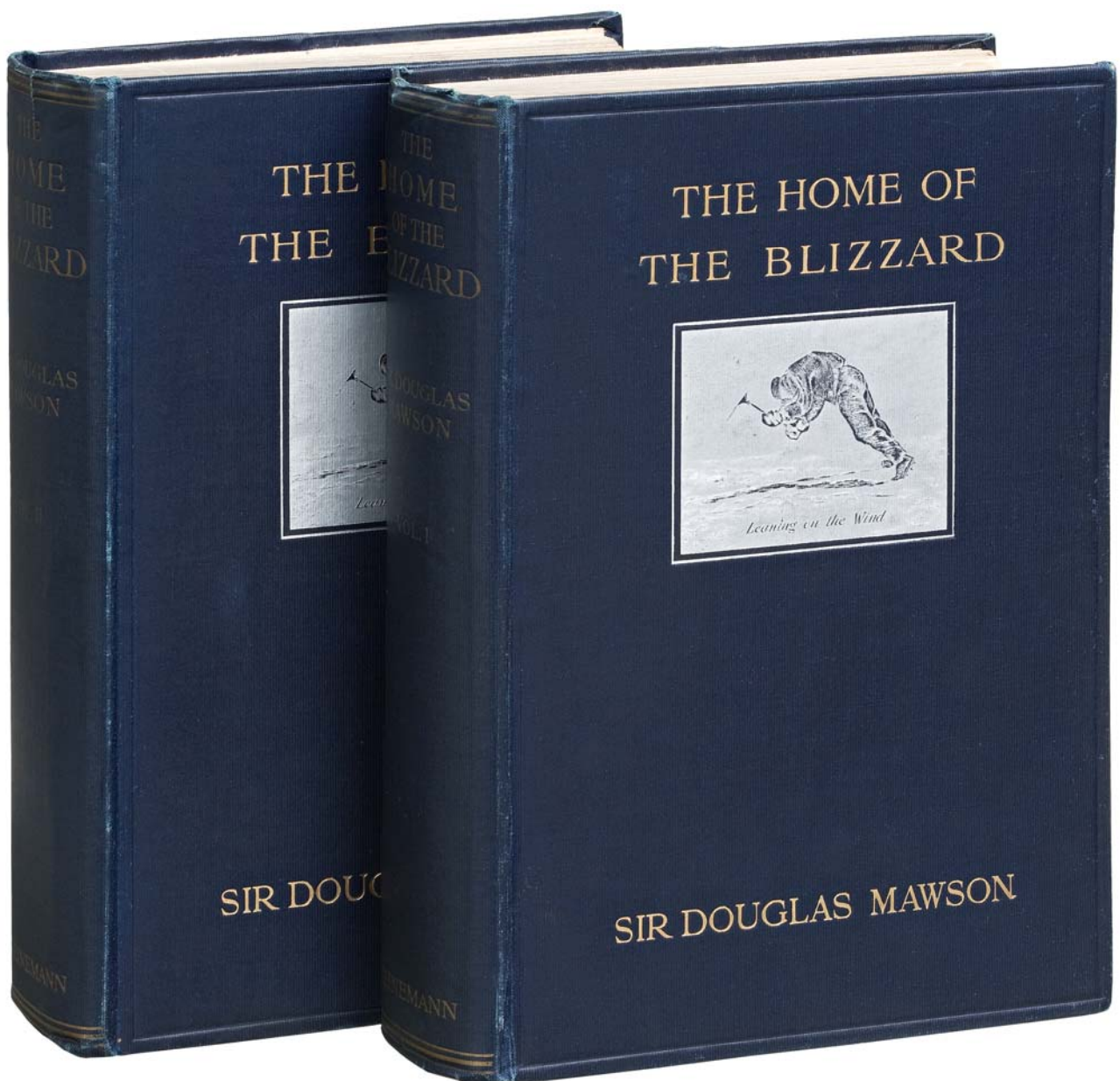
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[39] MAWSON, Douglas.

The Home of the Blizzard: being the Story of the Australasian Antarctic Expedition 1911 – 1914. London, William Heinemann, 1915. Two volumes, thick octavo, pp. [ii] (blank), xxx (errata list on p. xx), 350 (last blank), [2] (blank), with 106 leaves of monochrome plates (including a photogravure frontispiece with titling-tissue), three double-page plates, and one folding plate, eight leaves of coloured plates with titling-tissues, other illustrations (including maps) in the text + pp. [ii] (blank), xiv, 338, [2] (colophon, verso blank), with 90 leaves of monochrome plates (including a photogravure frontispiece with titling-tissue), four double-page plates, one folding plate, ten leaves of coloured plates with titling-tissues, and three large folding tinted maps in an end-pocket, other illustrations (including maps) in the text; fine and clean in the original dark blue silver-pictorial cloth, spines lettered and ruled in gilt, the gilt on the spines bit dulled as usual and the spine ends a little worn, front boards lettered in gilt with a central vignette in silver, titled in the image “Leaning on the Wind”, back boards with publisher’s device in blind, pale blue top edges. **\$8800**

First edition: a fine presentation copy signed and inscribed in both volumes by Mawson: “To Professor Edward H. Rennie – Our Story – always very sincerely yours – Douglas Mawson May 1915”.

The classic account of Australian Antarctic exploration, frequently reprinted, revised, abridged, and translated. Mawson’s first expedition was an epic of endurance and this and his subsequent work in the Antarctic form the most significant basis to Australia’s claim to its extensive Antarctic Territory. The expedition charted the entire coastline between the Mertz Glacier and Grassberg, forming the last link in the chain that connected the discoveries of Dumont d’Urville, Wilkes, Scott, and Drygalski. Most importantly, they systematically explored King George V Land and the adjacent Terra Adelie.



Mawson's book includes a self-effacing narrative of his epic journey across five hundred kilometres of Adelie Land in 1912, without a tent and most of his food, "one of the great feats of human endurance" (Richards).

Professor Edward Henry Rennie, a prominent colleague and supporter of Mawson in his researches, was one of the great figures in the earlier history of the University of Adelaide – Angas Professor of Chemistry, Vice-Chancellor, Councillor, and prominent in many of Australia's leading scientific associations, and numerous official advisory committees; for further details of Rennie's outstanding career see ADB, 11:361-2. This edition not in ANB; Richards, 337; Renard, 1022; Rosove, 217.A1; Spence, 774.3.

[40] **[MACKAY EXPLORING EXPEDITION] BASEDOW, Herbert.**
Notes to Accompany the “Map of the Mackay Exploring Expedition in Central Australia, 1926”
[wrapper title]. *Adelaide, Printed by Register Newspapers Limited, 1929.* Octavo, pp. 6, [2] (blank) + large folding map; very good in the original titling-wrappers. **\$185**

First edition. Basedow led both the first (1926) and second (1928) Mackay Expeditions. This pamphlet includes the folding map to which Basedow’s “notes” refer. Not in ANB; Greenway, 736.

[41] **MACQUARRIE, Hector.**
Round the World in a Baby Austin. *London, Hodder and Stoughton, 1933.* Octavo, pp. 384 + 17 leaves of plates; light spotting, very good in the original cloth (small contemporary gift card on front endpaper), with little edge-worn but extremely scarce price-clipped dustwrapper **\$250**

First edition: extremely scarce. Macquarrie’s second journey in his Baby Austin, this time around the world. Starting in New Zealand he travelled east across the Pacific, across the USA, to London then across Europe, the Middle East, Central Asia, the Indian sub-continent, and down through South-East Asia to Darwin and then overland to Sydney.

[42] **MADIGAN, Cecil Thomas.**
Central Australia. *London, Oxford University Press, 1936.* Octavo, pp. xii, 268 + eight leaves of plates, and two folding maps; a very good, clean copy in the original cloth, Charles Bryant bookplate. **\$185**

The very scarce first edition: describes Madigan’s expeditions up to 1932 by camel through the MacDonnell, James, and Waterhouse ranges. It was Madigan pre-eminently who finally laid bare the desert frontier, following in the footsteps of the earlier scientific explorers, David Lindsay, W.H. Tietkens, Sir W. Baldwin Spencer, J.W. Gregory, and others. ANB, 27531; Greenway, 6200.

[43] **MADIGAN, Cecil Thomas.**
Central Australia. *Melbourne, Oxford University Press, 1944.* Octavo, pp. [ii] (half-title), xiv, 316 + 26 leaves of plates (not included in the pagination but integral and included in the collation), and two folding maps tipped onto the back pastedown endpaper; very good in original cloth with like dustwrapper. **\$185**

The quite extended second edition, supplementing the 1936 London first edition, describing Madigan’s expeditions by camel through the MacDonnell, James, and Waterhouse ranges, with the narrative of expeditions undertaken between 1932 and 1939. Furthermore, the maps have been redrawn and all the illustrations are new to this edition.

“The present edition brings the story up to the outbreak of war, by the addition of four more chapters. The whole has been revised; the introduction has been re-written, some of the more technical geological information has been omitted, some stories of more human interest have been added, and the maps have been re-drawn. All the illustrations are new, and their number has been greatly increased” (Preface). ANB, 2753.

[44] **[MADIGAN] BAUME, F.E.**
Tragedy Track: The Story of the Granites. *Sydney, Frank C. Johnson, 1933.* Octavo, pp. [ii] (half-title), 190 + 16 leaves of plates; a very good copy in the original red cloth, map endpapers. **\$165**

First edition: Baume, a journalist, accompanied the 1932 Madigan Expedition to the Granites, the goldfield 380 miles north west of Alice Springs, that was fostered by the Melbourne Herald, “to investigate the gold-lure in Central Australia” (E. Morris Miller). Madigan’s report put paid to the goldrush. Baume, born in New Zealand in 1900, had a distinguished career as an Australian journalist and war correspondent. He also was a moderately prolific novelist. ANB, 4231.

[45] **MARTIN, Angus**

My Life Story. [*Portland(?)*, *The Author*], 1955. Tall duodecimo, 230 x 130 mm, pp. 122, [4] (blank), printed by stencil process; very good in original leather-grain dun thin card boards, title on the front board in gilt, later(?) cloth spine. **\$660**

Rare privately-printed reminiscences of a simple man, son of Scots emigrants to Portland, Victoria, in 1851. Author's inscribed and signed presentation copy.

Born in 1865 in Portland, Martin worked in numerous labouring jobs around Victoria, eventually finding success on his own property. His extraordinarily detailed and anecdotal reminiscences were written at the age of 91 entirely from memory and typed by his son. While obviously of substantial local history interest, Martin's book is also an important social document with much anecdotal detail of relations between ordinary country folk and their 'betters' in supposedly democratic colonial Australia.

Rare and effectively unrecorded.

[46] **MELBA, Nellie (Helen ARMSTRONG, née MITCHELL).**

Melodies and Memories. *London, Thornton Butterworth, 1925.* Octavo, pp. 336 (last blank) + 32 leaves of plates; very good in the original cloth. **\$220**

First edition: very scarce. A coloratura soprano of great distinction and popularity, Helen Mitchell sang first in public at the age of six in the Richmond Public Hall, Melbourne. Born and raised in Richmond, Melbourne, in 1861, she was a proficient pianist and organist when she married Charles Nesbitt Armstrong in 1882. It was not until her marriage that she began to study singing. After appearances in Sydney and London in 18856, and further study in Paris, she made her operatic debut in 1887 in Brussels under the stage name "Nellie Melba" in Verdi's *Rigoletto*. Over the next four decades she sang in the principal opera houses of Europe and the United States, most frequently at Covent Garden and the Metropolitan. She was created a Dame of the British Empire in 1918 and, in the year before she returned to Australia, she published this professional autobiography. In 1926 she returned to Australia, where she became President of the Melbourne Conservatorium. She died in Sydney in 1931 a few months short of the 70th birthday.

[47] **MEUDELL, George.**

The Pleasant Career of a Spendthrift. *London, George Routledge, n.d. but 1929.* Octavo, pp. xii (last blank), 290 (last blank), [2] (blank); original ungrained red cloth, bit marked and used, a good copy. **\$110**

Very scarce: first edition of this notorious work, withdrawn from sale by the author who feared libel suits from the individuals named in this insider's exposure of the Victorian land boom scandals of the 1880s and 1890s. ANB, 29815.

[48] **MEYRICK, F.J.**

Life in the Bush (1840 – 1847): A Memoir of Henry Howard Meyrick. *London, Thomas Nelson, 1939.* Octavo, plates and maps; slight edge spotting, a very good copy in the original cloth with like price-clipped dustwrapper. **\$165**

First edition: very scarce. Henry Howard Meyrick was a squatter in the early days of the Port Phillip settlement. His nephew's 'memoir' includes much first-hand documentation of the early years of Melbourne and Gippsland.

[49] **MOBERLEY, Gertrude F.**

Experiences of a "Dinki Di" R.R.C. Nurse. *Sydney, Australasian Medical Publishing Company, 1933.* Octavo, pp. 122 (last blank) + 15 leaves of plates; a little diffuse early foxing, the spine evenly mellowed, a very good copy in the original blue cloth. **\$250**

First edition: scarce First World War reminiscences. ANB, 30274; not in Dornbusch; Fielding and O'Neill, p. 251.



[50] MITCHELL, E[rnest] L[und].

Sapphire Mining in Queensland. [*Queensland*], E.L. Mitchell, n.d. circa 1908. Nine fine real photo postcards on Kodak Austral photographic card; unused, loose as issued. **\$4400**

Rare: an excellent group of real photo postcards, with the imprint of photographer E[rnest]. L[und]. Mitchell stamped on the back of Kodak Austral photographic cards, and with his imprint further lettered in several of the images.

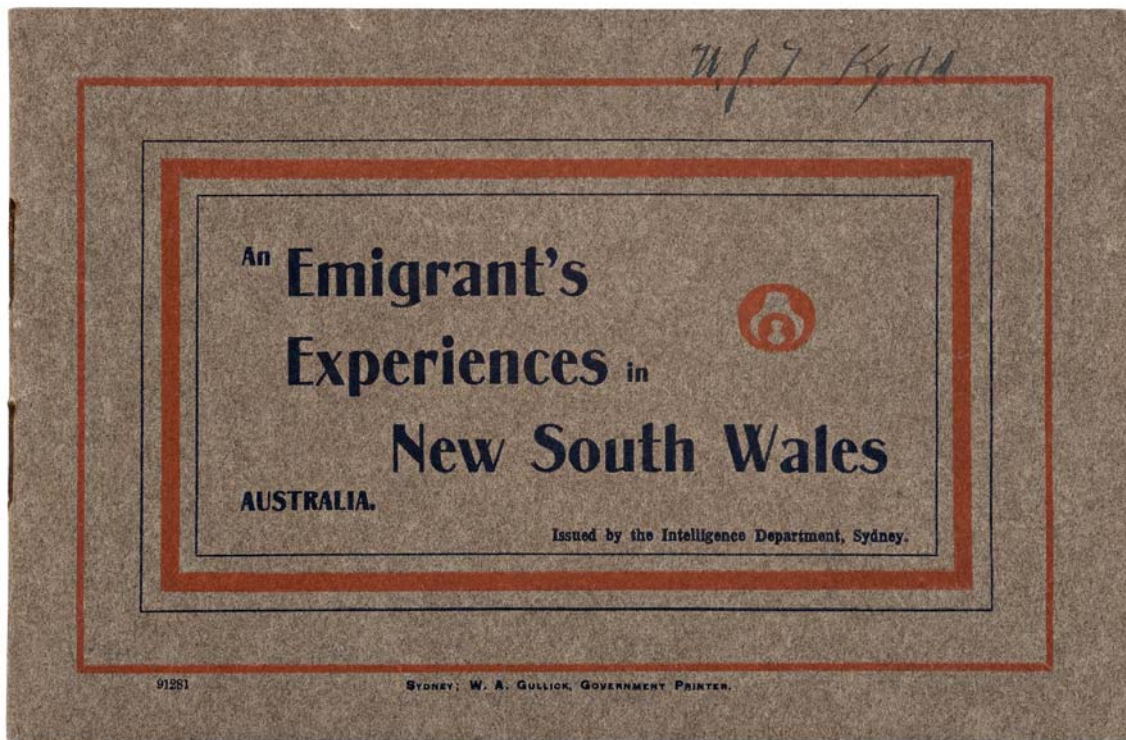
Sapphire mining, like opal mining, was one of those mining activities where the individual digger could still participate successfully. This very rare group depicts sapphire mining in Central Queensland in its various phases: "Sapphire digging Central Queensland" (two copies); "Sapphire Washing Policeman's Creek"; "Sapphire Washing Policeman's Creek" (another image); "Sapphire Town"; "Sapphire Town C.Q."; "Sapphire Buying"; "Sapphire Washing"; and two untitled photographs showing diggers at work above and below ground. Ten cards in total.

Ernest Lund Mitchell (1876-1959) was born in Yorkshire, spent seven years in Australia as a boy, returning to settle in Sydney as a young man of twenty-two in 1900, by then an experienced photographer. Working around rural New South Wales as a rubber salesman and photographer, he continued an interest in prospecting. In 1906-7 he was a partner in Emu Studio at Lismore, then travelling to North Queensland over 1908. In 1909 he was in Western Australia and over the next two years photographed that State extensively. In about 1913 he had established a studio at 364 Murray Street, Perth. It was in Western Australia that Mitchell became firmly established, his "photographs dominated the Western Australian commercial and official markets from 1909 until the late 1920s. He undertook private commissions and was engaged by commercial clients, such as the Western Mail, and several State government departments... [and] he was appointed official photographer to the governor of Western Australia... Mitchell's work helped to shape international perceptions of Australia and Western Australia" (ADB).

Unlike these very rare Queensland photographs, Mitchell's Western Australian images were widely reproduced in government publications, public exhibitions (the official pearling display at the 1924 British Empire Exhibition at Wembley, for example), and were extensively distributed through picture agencies with publication in school texts, adventure narratives, atlases and encyclopaedias (including the 1929 edition of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*), government immigration advertisements, postcards, even lantern slide shows.

Outbacking prospecting in the immediate pre-war period in Australia is thinly recorded and this very rare group may well be the most substantial extant record. On Mitchell see further ADB *Supplement* 1580 – 1980, pp. 280-1.





[51] **NEW SOUTH WALES. Intelligence Department.**

An Emigrant's Experiences in New South Wales. Sydney, W.A. Gullick, Government Printer, n.d. but circa 1910. Oblong octavo, pp. 32, with 13 full-page photographic illustrations; British shipping agency stamp on the title and another page, contemporary owner's name, an excellent, near fine, copy in the original wrappers. **\$440**

A rare and ephemeral piece, published to promote emigration to agricultural New South Wales. The pamphlet describes "the fortunes of an emigrant to New South Wales... The Settler's career which is outlined in the succeeding pages is no empty exaggeration but is a fair, trustworthy representation of what any man who settles on the land in New South Wales can accomplish...". A detailed stage-by-stage description of an emigrant's experiences follows, each opening with a full-page photographic illustration. Not in ANB.

[52] **O'REILLY, Michael Joseph.**

Bowyangs and Boomerangs: Reminiscences of 40 years' Prospecting in Australia and Tasmania. *Hobart, Oldham, Beddome & Meredith, 1944.* Octavo, pp. [iv], 164 + frontispiece; very good in the original grey-green pictorial wrappers. **\$85**

First edition of these reminiscences of a remarkable, if fancifully embellished, life in Victoria, Western Australia, Northern Territory, and New South Wales. ANB, 32854; Walsh and Hooton, 2:376 (qv).

[53] **PECK, Harry Huntington.**

Memoirs of a Stockman. *North Melbourne, Stockland Press, 1942.* Octavo, pp. [viii] (last blank), 336 + twelve leaves of plates; very good in the original blue cloth, as issued without dustwrapper. **\$330**

First edition: signed by the author on the frontispiece.

Peck was born at Gisborne, Victoria, in 1860, the son of the American gold-rush entrepreneur, John Murray Peck, who was one of the founders of Cobb & Co. First published in June 1942, it was reprinted in November of the same year, and subsequently several times reprinted.

He gives a lively account of Victoria's leading sheep- and cattlemen and of their properties, based on his many years' experience as a stock auctioneer at the Newmarket sale yards. ANB, 34214.

[54] **PEIRCE, Augustus Baker**

Knocking About: Being some Adventures of Augustus Baker Peirce in Australia *New Haven, Yale University Press, 1924.* Octavo, with a frontispiece and other illustrations in the text, some full-page; very good in the original buckram, with little chipped and soiled dustwrapper, T.M. Ramsay copy. **\$220**

First edition of the recollections of a Massachusetts traveller who came to Australia in 1859 as a 19-year-old sailor seeking gold and stayed here until 1892. An artist, Peirce's drawings illustrate the text; his many Australian paintings appear to have disappeared, largely without trace. He earned his living at various occupations, including piloting Echuca river boats and many other unusual jobs but more importantly working for the great American-Australian photographer, Batchelder, and touring the panorama 'A Voyage Round the World' through the Victorian countryside. This is the first publication of Peirce's Australian autobiography; edited by A.T. Leatherbee. ANB, 34250.

[55] **PETRIE, Constance Campbell.**

Tom Petrie's Reminiscences of Early Queensland (dating from 1837.) Recorded by his Daughter. *Brisbane, Watson, Ferguson and Co., 1904.* Octavo in sixteens, pp. xvi, 320 (last colophon only) + 16 leaves of plates, a folding plan and an errata slip at p. ix; very good in the original green pictorial cloth. **\$660**

First edition of one of the best and most sought-after memoirs of the early days of the Brisbane district and its Aboriginal inhabitants. ANB, 34486; Greenway, 7567; Johnston-Zerner, B48; Walsh and Hooton, 2:398.

[56] **PUXLEY, W. Lavallin.**

Green Islands in Glittering Seas. *London, George Allen & Unwin, 1925.* Octavo, pp. 316, [4] (colophon and advertisements) + 16 leaves of plates; light foxing and occasional dusting but a very good copy in the original green cloth. **\$125**

First edition: the scarcer of Puxley's two Australasian books written from his experiences here studying the natural history of the region. This volume more particularly deals with Papua as well as Queensland and other Pacific islands. Not in ANB; Casey Wood, p. 526; not in Johnston-Zerner.

[57] **[QUEENSLAND] ALCAZAR PRESS.**

Queensland 1900. A Narrative of Her Past, Together With Biographies of Her Leading Men. Compiled by the Alcazar Press, Brisbane. *Brisbane, W.H. Wendt & Co., 1900.* Quarto, pp. [viii] (first leaf blank), 178, with very numerous plates and photographic illustrations throughout; some foxing, mainly early and late, a very good copy in the original black half calf over gilt-decorated plum cloth boards, neatly rebacked (retaining original contrasting label). **\$660**

Very scarce: a celebratory and self-promotional piece with much valuable detail of Queensland identities of the 1890s. Ferguson, 5811.

[58] **SADLEIR, John.**

Recollections of a Victorian Police Officer. *Melbourne, George Robertson and Co., n.d. but circa 1913.* Octavo, pp. 312 + frontispiece and 34 plates; endpapers little tanned, small date inscription on front endpaper, very good in the original blue cloth, J. Cluny Harkness copy with bookplate. **\$220**

First edition: Sadleir arrived in Victoria from England at nineteen in 1852 and joined the Victorian police. His reminiscences recount many exploits in a long career which began on the gold fields and ended with his retirement in 1896. Oddly, apart from Brennan's book and mounted trooper Burrows's rare 1859 account, Sadleir was the only gold fields policeman to publish any recollections. Sadleir later achieved fame when he assumed command at Glenrowan during the Kelly shootout and this book is one of the major sources for the history of that event. Sadleir's book is very scarce in such good condition. ANB, 38699.

[59] **SEARCY, Alfred.**

In Northern Seas. Being Mr. Alfred Searcy's Experiences on the North Coast of Australia, as recounted to E. Whittington. *Adelaide, W.K. Thomas & Co., 1905.* Octavo, pp. 64 (last blank) + 28 leaves of plates, and a large folding map, text printed in double-column; an excellent copy bound with the wrappers (neatly laid down) in imitation morocco, Mackaness copy with bookplate. **\$440**

First edition. Written originally for Adelaide newspaper publication – in *The Register* – this series of articles was reprinted to promote investment in the Northern Territory, then still under the administration of South Australia. Most of the text comprises direct quotations from Searcy. Whittington's role was merely to edit and arrange them.

Searcy went on to write two popular accounts of the Northern Territory and of his experiences there as an explorer, policeman and sub-collector of customs at Darwin. Searcy was later for a time Acting-Clerk of the South Australian House of Assembly.

The volume includes a new edition of Thomas Gill's "Bibliography of the Northern Territory of South Australia" at pp. 55-63. The preface is by the then editor of *The Register*, Will J. Sowden. ANB, 39340; Greenway, 8402.

[60] **SEARCY, Alfred.**

In Australian Tropics. *London, Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner & Co., 1907.* Octavo, pp. xxiv (last blank), 374, [2] (blank) + 55 leaves of plates, and a large folding map (short tear without loss); very good in the original cloth, spine lettered and ruled in gilt, front board lettered in gilt; top edge gilt, others uncut. **\$330**

First edition of Searcy's well regarded account of his experiences in the Northern Territory from 1882. Searcy, a customs officer in Darwin, was the Territory's first writer of note. In this, his first major work, preceded only by Whittington's journalistic *In Northern Seas*, Searcy attempted to give a full account of life in the north in all its variety. He includes much about the various racial groups – Aborigines, Chinese and European – which made up the community around Darwin and records many early expeditions and excursions along the coast and inland. ANB, 39338; Greenway, 8401.

[61] **SEARCY, Alfred.**

In Australian Tropics. *Melbourne and London, George Robertson, 1909.* Octavo, pp. xxiv, 374 + [16] ("Northern Territory of South Australia Points for intending settlers", last page blank) + 54 leaves of plates, and a folding map as frontispiece; a fine copy in contemporary blue half calf, the spine richly gilt with contrasting label, top edge gilt, others untrimmed. **\$360**

The first Australian edition (second overall) of this very well regarded account of Searcy's experiences in the Northern Territory from 1882. Searcy, a customs officer in Darwin, was the Territory's first writer of note. In this, his first major work, preceded only by Whittington's journalistic *In Northern Seas*, Searcy attempted to give a full account of life in the north in all its variety. He includes much about the various racial groups — Aborigines, Chinese and European — which made up the community around Darwin and records many early expeditions and excursions along the coast and inland.

This copy is in a most attractive contemporary binding, handsomely gilt. Australian travel books of this period are rarely found in such appealing bindings.

[62] **SEARCY, Alfred.**

By Flood and Field: Adventures Ashore and Afloat in North Australia. *Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Brisbane, George Robertson & Co. Propy. Ltd., n.d. but 1911.* Octavo, pp. 328 (last blank) + 10 leaves of plates, and a folding map of Northern Australia; top edge slightly spotted, fine in the original dark red cloth. **\$365**

First edition: signed and dated 1911 by the author on the title-page. Signed or inscribed copies of this title are most uncommon. ANB, 39334; Greenway, 8400.

[63] **SEARCY, Alfred.**

By Flood and Field: Adventures Ashore and Afloat in North Australia. *Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Brisbane, George Robertson & Co. Propy. Ltd., n.d. but 1911.* Octavo, pp. 328 (last blank) + 10 leaves of plates, and a folding map of Northern Australia; endpapers slightly tanned but fine in the original dark red cloth. **\$185**

First edition. ANB, 39334; Greenway, 8400.

[64] **SEARCY, Alfred.**

By Flood and Field: Adventures Ashore and Afloat in North Australia. *London, George Bell & Sons [but Melbourne, E.W. Cole], 1912.* Octavo, pp. 328 (last colophon only) + 17 leaves of plates, and a folding map of Northern Australia (tipped onto the verso of the back free endpaper); near fine in the original cloth, the spine and front board lettered and ruled in black, with the rare dustwrapper. **\$125**

Australian issue of Bell's first British edition (complete with the London title-page) in E.W. Cole's publisher's cloth.

[65] **SMITH, Edward James.**

A Yorkshireman Abroad: or Under the Southern Cross. 35,000 Miles in Six Months *London, John Long, 1915.* Octavo, pp. 222, [2] (blank)+ 28 leaves of plates; very good in the original cloth, fore- and bottom edges uncut. **\$110**

Author's inscribed presentation copy. By ship to to South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and return by the same route. Smith visited South Australia, Victoria, and New Zealand. Includes notice of the Boer War and memorials and current consequences in South Africa. Second impression of June 1915, following the first of January 1915. ANB, 40476.

[66] **SMITH, Geoffrey.**

A Naturalist in Tasmania. *Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1909.* Octavo, pp. 152, 16 (advertisements) + 21 leaves of plates and a folding map; slight edge-spotting, endpapers little offset, an excellent copy in the original cloth, top edge gilt, fore-edge rough trimmed only, bottom edge uncut, with the rare dustwrapper (lightly frayed or chipped at extremities). **\$550**

First edition of this sought-after account of an Oxford academic's six-month scientific expedition to study the natural history of Tasmania. It is notably rare with the dustwrapper.

[67] **SMITH, Keith Langford.**

Sky Pilot in Arnhem Land. *Sydney, Angus and Robertson Limited, 1935.* Octavo, pp. x (last blank), 272, [2] (recto blank, verso colophon only) + nine leaves of plates; blue cloth, the spine and front board lettered and ruled in black, map front endpaper, with dustwrapper. **\$220**

Keith Langford Smith drove overland in 1928 from Sydney to the Roper River in a Pontiac and flew through Arnhem Land for the Roper River Mission. He was the first pilot to fly across Arnhem Land. Second impression, unaltered from the first of the same year. ANB, 25061.

[68] **SMITH, Sir Ross Macpherson.**

"My Own Story of the Flight" [drop title on page 1]. *Sydney, Jas. Evans & Son Printing Co. [for Union Theatres], n.d. but circa 1921.* Quarto, pp. [8], printed in sepia throughout; stapled into original pictorial wrappers (staples detaching but sound and complete), a very good copy. **\$660**

A rare cinema ephemeron relating to the first flight from Britain to Australia achieved under the command of Sir Ross Smith in 1919. The present piece is the "official souvenir" of the film "The Sir Ross Smith Flight" that was released in Australia in 1920. The cover title reads: "The Sir Ross Smith Flight. Official Souvenir. Price Sixpence". The contents comprise closely-printed Smith's account of the flight (pp. 1-3), photographs of Sir Ross Smith and his brother, Keith Smith (pp. 4-5), brief biographies of the crew – Sir Ross Smith, Keith Smith, J.M. Bennett, and W.H. Shiers (all apart from Bennett were South Australians) – and photographs of the plane and of Bennett and Shiers (pp. 6-7), photographic "Scenes from the Great Flight" (p. 8); inside the back wrapper is a "Time Table of the Flight from England to Australia" and an account of "the machine", a Vickers-Vimy bi-plane. Not traced in McLaren.

[69] **SMITH, William Ramsay.**

In Southern Seas: Wanderings of a Naturalist. *London, John Murray, 1924.* Octavo, pp. xviii, 298 (last blank), [4] (advertisements) + 16 leaves of plates, two full-page maps in the text; endpapers a little offset but an excellent copy in original cloth. **\$220**

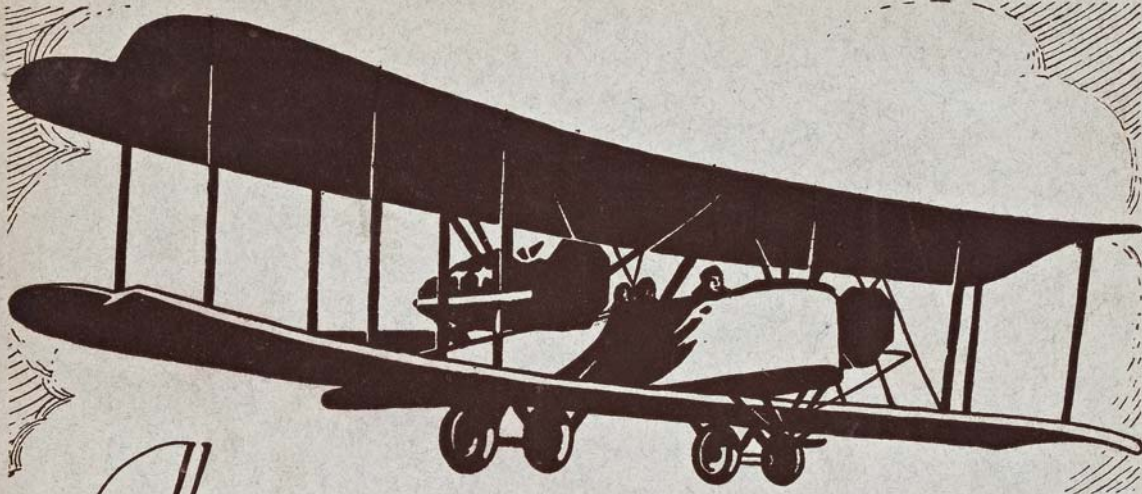
First edition. Smith wrote very numerous other (largely medical) books – he also wrote extensively on the Australian Aborigines. This well-known volume, describing travels in Australia and the Pacific, includes extensive material on the Northern Territory and on the Aborigines. ANB, 40648; Greenway, 8584.

[70] **SMITH, William Ramsay.**

Myths and Legends of the Australian Aborigines. *London, George C. Harrap & Company, 1930.* Octavo, pp. 356 + with plates (some coloured) and numerous illustrations; some diffuse foxing but a very good copy in the original decorated cloth with the rare dustwrapper that is a little worn at the spine-ends. **\$660**

First edition. Now famously known to have been written entirely by David Unaipon, who sold the copyright to Angus and Robertson. Angus and Robertson then sold the copyright on to Smith who appears to have taken that to mean that he could appropriate the work and publish it under his name.

Unaipon had himself published a few pamphlets (see above) in Adelaide in the 1920s recounting Aboriginal myths and it is certainly due to the success of those publications that Angus and Robertson took up his larger manuscript. Why Ramsay Smith chose to ignore Unaipon's authorship is unknown and, while arguably typical of the times, it is not typical of what we know of the man otherwise.

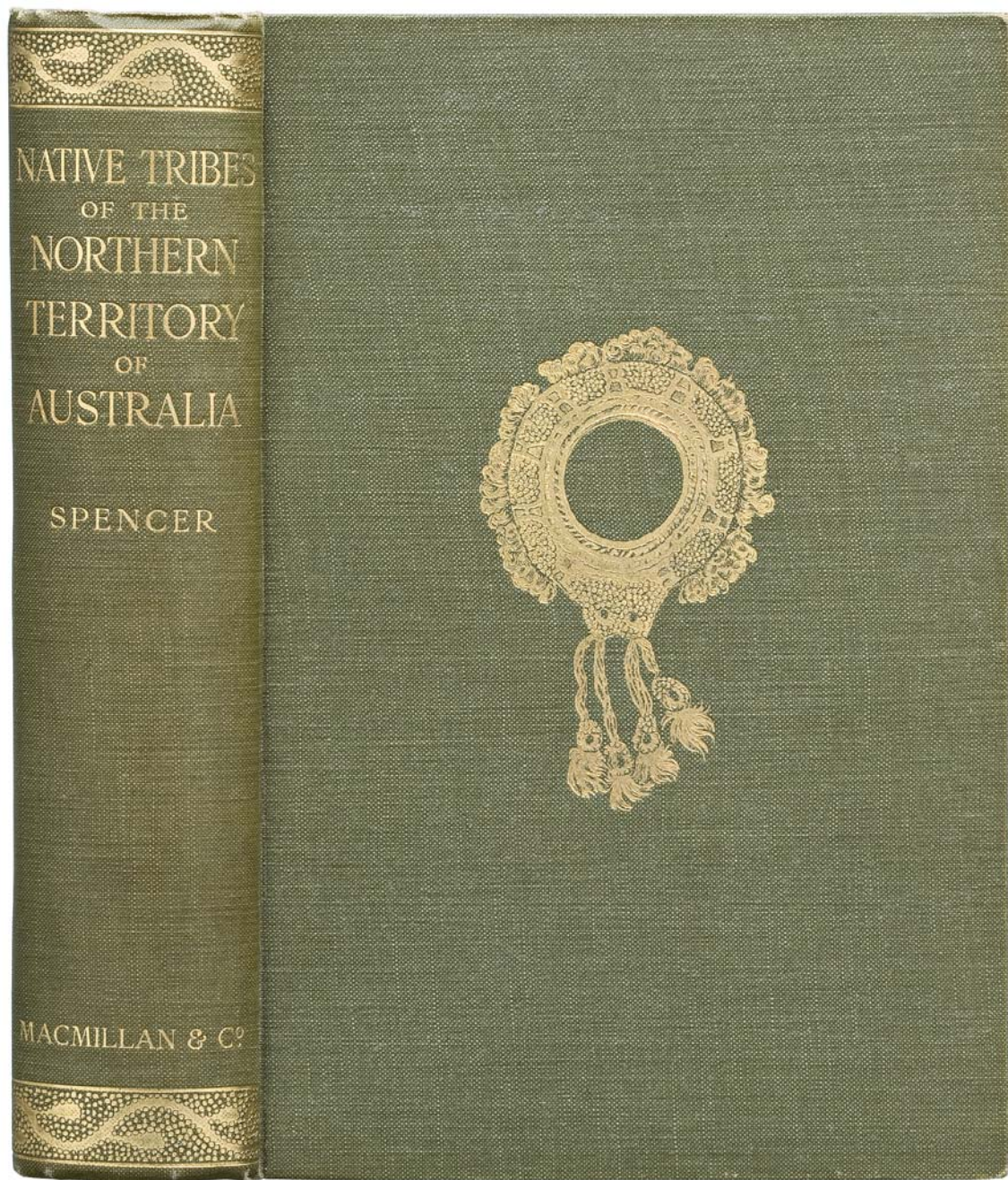


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[71] **SPENCER, W. Baldwin.**

The Native Tribes of the Northern Territory of Australia. London, Macmillan and Co., 1914. Octavo, pp. xx, 516, [2] (advertisements) + a folding map and 82 leaves of plates (seven coloured), illustrations and diagrams in the text; fine and bright in original gilt-decorated cloth, top edge gilt, others uncut. **\$1650**

First edition of this important and much-sought work: an uncommonly fine, bright, and crisp copy of a book rarely found in such appealing condition. ANB, 41369; Greenway, 8705.

[72] **SPENCER, Walter Baldwin.**

Wanderings in Wild Australia. *London, Macmillan and Co., 1928.* Two volumes, octavo, pp. xxviii, 456 (last colophon only) + 112 leaves of plates (eight coloured), two printed tissue guide plates (facing coloured plates VII and VIII), and three folding maps, other maps and illustrations in the text; pp. [ii] (integral blank), xiv, 457-930, [2] (integral advertisements) + 99 leaves of plates (eight coloured), and two folding maps, other maps and illustrations in the text; contemporary ownership inscription on endpapers, light general use but very good in the original olive green cloth, the spines lettered in gilt, top edges gilt. **\$1650**

First edition of Spencer's most literary work, the narrative of his travels with Gillen to 1912 and, after Gillen's death, alone in Central Australia as late as 1923 and 1924. As with the joint work of 1912, *Across Australia*, this book is a general narrative enlivened by anecdote, good-humour, and the personal reflections of a great explorer. Spencer died in 1929 during an expedition to Tierra del Fuego. ANB, 41644; Greenway, 8686.

[73] **STAPLEDON, Sir Reginald George.**

A Tour in Australia and New Zealand... *London, Oxford University Press, 1928.* Octavo, pp. xvi, 128 + eight leaves of plates; original cloth with a few small marks but a very good copy. **\$125**

First edition: scarce. Travels in Australia and New Zealand by a British agrostologist studying pasture and other factors relating to the settlement and agricultural progress of the two countries. Stapledon was Professor of Agricultural Botany, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, and Director of the Welsh Plant Breeding Station. ANB, 41993.

[74] **STEVENSON, Walter Hunter.**

Stepping Stones: a Jeweller's Journeyings. *London, Arthur Tremayne Limited, n.d. but circa 1930.* Octavo, pp. 196 (last colophon only) + two leaves of plates (one coloured: this with tears and tape-stained at corners); some spotting but a good sound copy in the original dark blue cloth. **\$125**

First edition and very scarce: reminiscences of an Adelaide jeweller, written during a visit to England in 1929. This is a family presentation copy inscribed to the author's niece and dated Christmas, 1929.

Stevenson's book starts with a number of anecdotal chapters on precious metals, gemstones, clocks and watches based on his own experience and on trade lore. In these chapters he includes discussion of distinctly Australian aspects of his subject – opals and pearls, especially. He continues with a very good autobiographical account starting with his childhood in Carlton, Melbourne, in the 1850s with much interesting detail of the events and spirit of the time, his apprenticeship to a jeweller in Melbourne, life as journeyman in Adelaide where he established himself by stages as a leading jeweller, his successful make-or-break venture as a travelling jeweller along the Darling in New South Wales when a depression hit Adelaide in the 1920s leaving his business virtually bankrupt, purchase of a station on the Darling and experiences of outback life. The rest of the volume deals with his subsequent travels overseas.

Stevenson's life seems, perhaps, to us remarkable for its variety and his perseverance in adversity but his qualities seem to have been shared by many in his generation. Not in ANB; not in Walsh and Hooton.

[75] **[SYDNEY] NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT TOURIST BUREAU.**

Tourist Map of Sydney. Where to Go... [drop title]. *Sydney, Department of Lands, circa 1938.* One leaf (370 x 247 mm unfolded), folding to tall duodecimo dimensions; loose as issued, near fine. **\$125**

Rare and ephemeral pocket map which unfolds to a full-sheet street map of Sydney with places of interest identified – apart from cultural sites such as the Art Gallery and the Mitchell Library, the identified 'interesting' places are tediously uninteresting, comprising churches, banks, a few railway stations, and (of all things) government offices. The "Places of Interest" key apart, the map itself, however, identifies more interesting sites. The verso comprises individual tourist destinations throughout Sydney's environs, including the inevitable Harbour cruise as well as the less inevitable – and thoroughly modern – "See Sydney from the Air". Also included are day trips into outlying areas: Bulli Pass, Cronulla Beach, Palm Beach, Berowra, Hawkesbury River ("Rail, Motor, Seamer, Tram"), Kuring-Gai Chase, and the Jenolan Caves, of course.

[76] **TAUNTON, Henry.**

Australind: Wanderings in Western Australia and the Malay East. *London, Edward Arnold, 1903.* Octavo, pp. xii (last blank), 248 (last blank); very good in the original blue cloth, the spine lettered and ruled in gilt, the front board lettered in gilt and with a central gilt vignette of a small pearling boat and divers, top and bottom edges uncut, fore-edge trimmed. **\$275**

First edition: the brightly written memoirs of an adventurous sailor who tired of the sea and worked his way through Western Australia from Geraldton to Broome between 1876 and 1887. His jobs and experiences were remarkably varied: a jackaroo near Geraldton and on the Murchison River, pearling off Broome, exploring in the Kimberleys. The lively and adventurous Taunton is perhaps not typical of the pioneers who lived and worked on the Westralian frontier in the 1870s and 1880s but his bright and anecdotal narrative conveys the excitement and challenge of life there which so obviously infected more notable men such as Carnegie, Giles, Stuart and the Forrest brothers. ANB, 43519; Greenway, 9007.

[77] **TERRY, Michael.**

Across Unknown Australia. *London, Herbert Jenkins, 1925.* Octavo, pp. 312 (last blank), [8] (advertisements) + frontispiece portrait and 23 plates; very good in the original decorated cloth. **\$440**

First edition of Terry's first book. A British-born car salesman, explorer and adventurer, Terry travelled extensively in North and North-West Australia in the 1920s and 1930s. He made several discoveries in the then still unexplored desert regions and to many he is "the last Australian explorer", a title hitherto reserved for Ernest Giles. This volume describes his trip across Northern Australia from Longreach to Broome undertaken in 1923 with one companion, Richard Yockney, in a Ford motor car. ANB, 43851; Greenway, 9066.

[78] **TERRY, Michael.**

Through a Land of Promise: With Gun, Car and Camera in the Heart of Northern Australia... With an introduction by H.W. Gepp Chairman of the Commonwealth of Australia Development and Migration Commission. *London, Herbert Jenkins Limited, 1927.* Octavo, pp. 336 + 32 leaves of plates, and a folding map; very good in the original green cloth (front board a little marked). **\$330**

First edition of Terry's richly-illustrated second book of Northern Territory exploration. ANB, 43856; Greenway, 9072.

[79] **TERRY, Michael.**

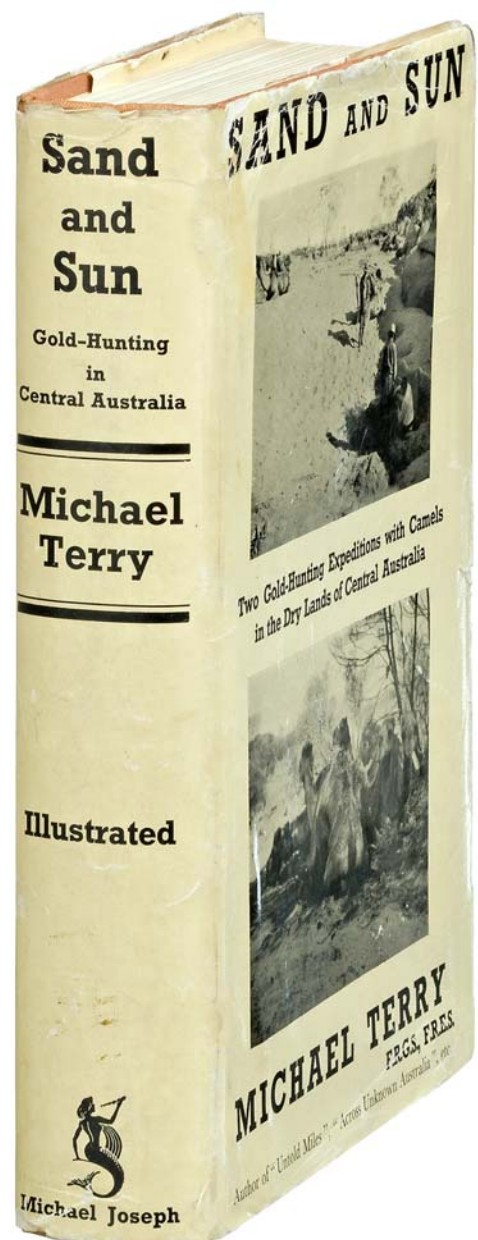
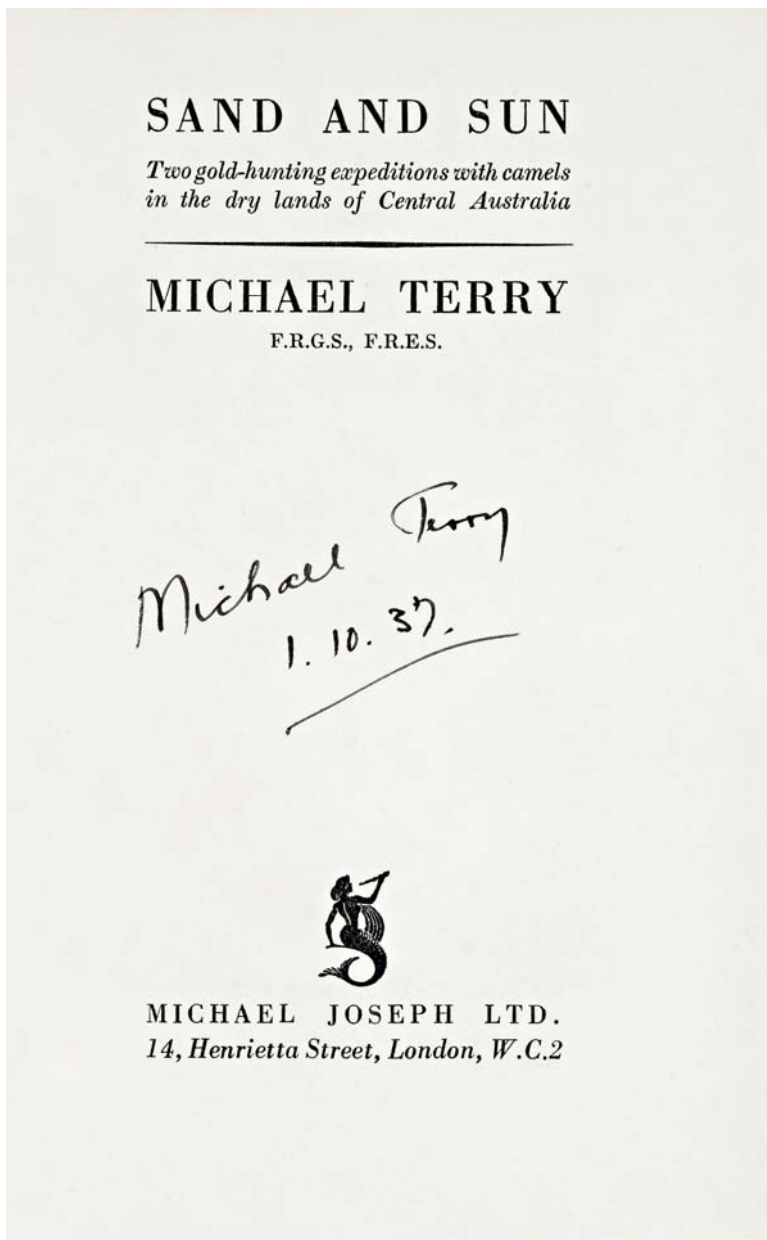
Hidden Wealth and Hiding People. *London & New York, Putnam, n.d. but 1930.* Octavo, pp. xvi (last blank), 350, [2] (blank) + 62 leaves of plates, and a folding temperature graph and three folding maps (following p. 350); original tan buckram, spine lettered in gilt, edges a bit spotted, gift inscription on front endpaper; a very good copy. **\$330**

First edition: Terry's 1928 expedition by automobile from the North West of Western Australia through the desert to Alice Springs and thence to Melbourne. ANB, 43853; Greenway, 9068.

[80] **TERRY, Michael.**

Sand and Sun: Two Gold-hunting Expeditions with Camels in the Dry Lands of Central Australia. *London, Michael Joseph Ltd., 1937.* Octavo, pp. 288 + 16 leaves of plates; neat early name on half-title, edges little foxed, a very good copy in the original red-brown cloth, the spine lettered in black; map endpapers (map of the 1932 expedition on the front endpapers and of the 1933 expedition on the back endpapers). **\$220**

First edition. Terry's account of important explorations in Central Australia undertaken in 1932 and 1933 with Stanley J. O'Grady and Benjamin E. Nicker in the country around Lake Amadeus and Lake Mackay, recently discovered by the Mackay Aerial Survey Expedition. ANB, 43855; Greenway, 9069.



[81] TERRY, Michael.

Sand and Sun: Two Gold-hunting Expeditions with Camels in the Dry Lands of Central Australia. London, Michael Joseph Ltd., 1937. Octavo, pp. 288 + 16 leaves of plates; very good in the original cloth, map of the 1932 expedition on the front endpapers and of the 1933 expedition on the back endpapers, with edge-worn but entire dustwrapper. **\$880**

First edition: signed by the author on the title-page, dated 1 October 1937. Copies of his books signed by Terry are rare on the market, while dustwrapped copies are highly uncommon. ANB, 43855; Greenway, 9069.

[82] **THOMSON, Donald Ferguson.**
“An Arnhem Land Adventure” [extracted from] **National Geographic Magazine, volume 93.** [New York, National Geographic Society, March 1948]. Octavo, pp. 403 – 432, with photographic illustrations; bound in cloth-backed card covers. **\$125**

An early account of this important expedition, a more detailed account of which was published over three issues of The Geographical Journal (London) over 1948-9. At this time the National Geographic Society was involved in the joint Arnhem Land Expedition under C.P. Mountford and so Thomson’s article was especially topical. The extract includes a half-page note on that expedition and, on the final leaf, some notes on Australia in general.

[83] **THOMSON, Donald Ferguson.**
Wartime Exploration in Dutch New Guinea [drop title]. [London, The Royal Geographical Society, 1953]. Octavo, pp. 16 + three leaves of plates; a fine copy bound in modern half morocco. **\$220**

First separate edition.

Reprinted from the *Geographical Journal*, Volume CXIX, Part 1, March 1953.

[84] **[TORRES STRAIT] QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT.**
Souvenir Programme of Jubilee Visit. Torres Strait & Mainland Natives to Brisbane & Ipswich – April 29 to May 4, 1951. A Feature Unit of the Commonwealth Jubilee Celebrations [wrapper title]. Brisbane, Simpson, Halligan & Co. [for the State Government of Queensland], 1951. Large octavo, pp. 32, illustrations (and advertisements) throughout; very good in the original illustrated titling-wrappers. **\$275**

Very scarce souvenir of the visit of Torres Strait and mainland Aborigines to Brisbane and Ipswich as part of the official celebrations of the jubilee of Federation. The souvenir text is quite extensive and includes a long anonymous general article on the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, as well as an historical and cultural article on the Torres Strait Islanders by C. O’Leary, Director of Native Affairs. Further briefer accounts are given of various settlements: Cherbourg, Woorabinda, Palm Island, Thursday Island. The souvenir includes the programmes of the four concerts put on by the visiting groups.

[85] **TRANS-AUSTRALIAN AIRLINES.**
Maps of TAA Inter-Capital Routes [cover title]. No place [Melbourne?], Trans-Australian Airlines, September, 1952. Small quarto, pp. [16], printed entirely in colour with colour illustrations and diagrams throughout; one very old vertical fold, a degree of use but a good copy of this ephemeral piece. **\$85**

Uncommon and elaborately-produced advertising ephemeron showing on stylised maps the various inter-capital routes flown by TAA a few years after the war: holidays for those rich enough not to stay in their own house and garden.

Air travel was, indeed, hugely expensive in these years and only a tiny proportion of the population ever experienced domestic air travel, consequently such pieces are even scarcer than their ephemeral nature might in any event suggest.

[86] **TURNER, Violet E.**
Pearls from the Deep: The Story of Colebrook Home For Aboriginal Children, Quorn, South Australia. Adelaide, United Aborigines Mission, n.d. but circa 1937. Octavo, pp. 80), with photographic illustrations in the text; light general use but very good in the original illustrated boards. **\$125**

A detailed anecdotal narrative of the establishment of this mission home at Oodnadatta and its subsequent relocation to Quorn. There is much here of Turner’s own reminiscences of travel throughout Central Australia while visiting Aboriginal missions. Turner devoted her life to the missions and writes from long and deep experience. This is the second edition, following the 76-page first edition of circa 1936. See Greenway, 9555.