

SUBSTANTIAL ANTARCTIC BOOK COLLECTION

SUMMARY

This substantial collection of Antarctic books was built over the course of 30 years. It includes the most important highlights that any Antarctic collector would want.

The premiere item is an association copy of the "Aurora Australis", printed in the Antarctic by Shackleton and his crew, with boards made of the wooden packing cases for supplies for the expedition, with a seal skin spine. This is a presentation copy from Shackleton to a contributor, Mr. Honey. Tipped on to the first page is a hand written letter to Mr. Honey, signed Ernest Shackleton, and dated the 14th of October, 1912. The letter reads, "Dear Mr. Honey, I also am a devil to remember a promise so here send you with my warmest regards the book we made down South. I shall look forward to seeing you soon. In haste, Sincerely Yours, Ernest Shackleton." We sold this copy to our customer in 1988, and it also includes correspondence with John Millard, the then-world authority who was conducting a copy by copy census of the book, eventually coming to the conclusion that there were only 67 recorded copies.

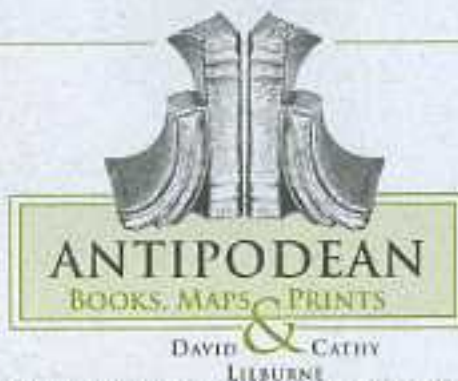
The 67 recorded copies are usually identified by the stencils that appear on the wooden covers. The wood was obtained from the packing crates for the expedition's supplies. Shackleton was an early adopter of the practice of soliciting company sponsorship for his expeditions. The front stencil is a part of the words "demerara sugar". The back cover is most likely packing for Bayley's Ltd. Port (?). This copy has been rebacked, retaining the original seal skin leather spine.

Other **HIGHLIGHTS** include:

Two copies of the limited edition of Shackleton's "The Heart of the Antarctic", signed by all members of Shackleton's Shore Party, bound in vellum, reflecting both variant editions. This was a special limited large paper issue, bound in white vellum, limited to three hundred copies.

The three volume set of the South Polar Times (London 1907 - 1914), written by Shackleton on Scott's 1st expedition. The complete set is limited to two hundred and fifty copies and it includes original writings and drawings from Scott's Discovery Expedition, winters of 1902 - 1903, when they wintered over in the Antarctic.





The limited edition of "Antarctic Days" by James Murray and George Marston, limited to two hundred and eighty copies, and signed by the two authors and Ernest Shackleton. This copy is fine in its rare original dust jacket, housed in a solander box.

A pair a dark brown leather outer wear gloves owned by Robert Falcon Scott. The initials "R.S." are hole-punched into the cuff. Accompanied by a short letter signed by Douglas Mawson explaining that these were presented to him by Lady Scott. These gloves were purchased at the Bainbridge Island auction in 1999 and the original catalogue from that auction is in the collection.

Also from that auction is Petty Officer Edgar Evans's "The Indexed Testament", presented to him on the departure of Scott's last expedition from New Zealand. Evans was the first man in Scott's five man polar party to die. Oates's copy of this same testament with the same inscription sold for 8,500 pounds at Christie's in London in 1996.

Autographed letter from Ernest Shackleton to G. H. Rendall, framed, four pages, fully signed with a black and white portrait, concerning the Endurance Expedition, which states "I ... only regret that the forces of nature were too strong for us to carry through the plan as arranged".

Murray, George. The Antarctic Manual. For the Use of the Expedition of 1901. This seminal work laid the foundation for Scott's 1st expedition. Signed by a contributor to the volume, Howard Saunders, who annotated his section, bright original cloth. Very scarce.

Other SCOTT items include-

The extensive official reports of the Discovery Expedition, the National Antarctic Expedition Official Reports 1901- 04 and 1910-13, in approx. 30 volumes, 4to, including the most interesting 2 album of photographs and sketches, Also some paper bound scientific reports.

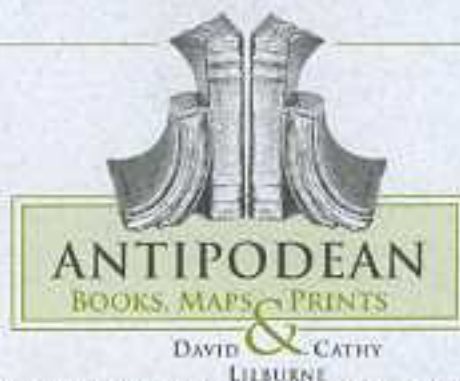
Scott "Voyage of the Discovery", 1st UK & 1st US edition.

Scott's Last Expedition, almost every edition including 1st through 5th editions of the UK with corrections, 1st US, 1st Canadian, 1st German.

Diaries of Captain Scott, 1968, facsimile of the original diaries;

Ponting, Great White South, 1st UK, 1st US, 2nd UK, subsequent UK edition with dust jacket.





Priestley, Antarctic Adventure – Scott's Northern Party, 1st UK and 1st US;

Griffith Taylor, With Scott the Silver Lining, 1st UK, 1st US;

Cherry- Garrard, Worst Journey in the World, widely considered the best written Antarctic account, 1st UK in linen spines with extra labels, 1st in cloth, & 1st US edition

Doorly, Voyage of the Morning (Scott Relief expedition)

Doorly, In the Wake, inscribed by Doorly, 1st UK, orig. cloth

Gran, Tryggve, Wo das Sudlicht Flammt. 1st German edition ca. 1930 (Norwegian with Scott, 1st into Scott's tent);

Collection of 18 of Ponting's photographs of Scott's last expedition, reissued by the Royal Geographical Society in the 1980's, folio size, framed;

Armitage, Two Years in the Antarctic, 1st UK, 1905, orig. cloth;

Bernacchi, To the South Polar Regions, 1st UK, bound in full presentation leather binding. (Southern Cross Expedition).

Other SHACKLETON items include –

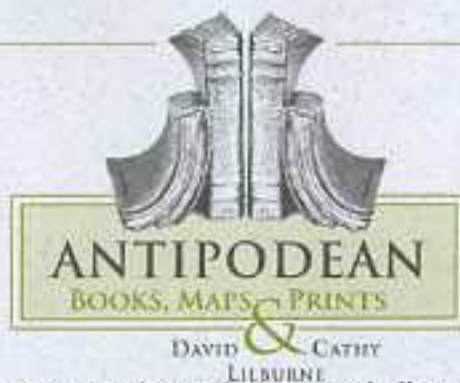
Aurora Australis – One copy of each of the two reprints – Bluntisham facsimile, limited to 58 copies, London 1986, in solander box; Seto Press facsimile edition, New Zealand, 1988, limited to 375 copies, in orig. wooden box.

Heart of the Antarctic – Besides the two variants of the signed limited edition mentioned earlier, there is a 1st UK edition, a 1st US in fine dust jackets, presentation coy from Arctic explorer Greely, and another 1st US bound in leather; 1st German edition in fine cloth; 1st French edition in period decorative leather.

"South" 1st UK, signed presentation copy of the March 1920 edition (printed on good paper); 1st US in fine cloth;

Hurley, Argonauts of the South, 1st UK;





Ernest Shackleton's voice on the 1910 Victor 78rpm record, discussing his "Heart of the Antarctic" expedition & reading poetry.

JK Davis, *With the Aurora in the Antarctic*;

prospectus for the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition (*Endurance*) ;

Quest Expedition – Wild, Shackleton's Last Voyage;

official report of the Quest Expedition;

Vanity Fair caricature of Shackleton;

Harold Begbie "Shackleton, A Memory", incredibly scarce account

Joyce, *South Polar Trail*.

OTHER ENGLISH EXPEDITIONS-

Drake. *Sir Francis Drake Revived. Who is or may be a Pattern to stirre up all Heroicke and active Spirits...* Nicholas Bourne, London 1653. (bound with) *The World Encompassed by Sir Francis Drake*, Nicholas Bourne 1652 (bound with) *A Summarie and True Discourse of Sir Francis Drakes West-Indian Voyage...* 1652. 1st man to round Cape Horn, named Drake's Passage. Spence #381.

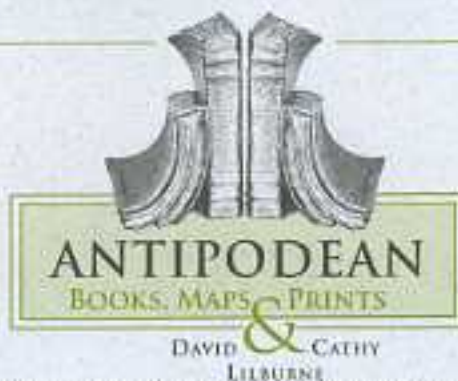
Anson, George. *A Voyage Round the World...* London 1748, 1st edition, subscriber's copy. He was an early voyager around Cape Horn, and is included in Spence, (no. 37).

Weddell, James. *A voyage Towards the South Pole, performed in the Years 1822-24...* 1st UK edition, 1825, cracking copy in original boards, uncut, unfoxed. Argued by some as the true starting point of any Antarctic collection.

Webster, William. *Narrative of a Voyage to the Southern Atlantic Ocean*. 1st UK edition, 1834, Spence 1245, 2 vols. In early half calf.

Bennett, Frederick. *Narrative of a Whaling Voyage Round the Globe*. 1st UK edition, 1840. Modern quarter calf binding.





Ross, Sir James Clark. A Voyage of Discovery and Research in the Southern and Antarctic Regions... 1839-43. 1st UK edition 1847, 2 vols, Signed by Frederick Cook, Antarctic explorer. Red buckram binding.

Bagshawe, Two Men in the Antarctic. 1920-22 expedition to Graham Land, scarce.

NORWEGIAN EXPEDITIONS -

Amundsen, Roald. Norwegian, 1st to reach the South Pole.

The South Pole. 1st Norwegian edition in crisp original cloth, 1st UK edition in bright red original cloth; 1st US edition slt. dull original cloth; SIGNED 1st US in morocco binding; 1st collected edition of Amundsen's South & North polar expeditions, association copy signed by Larsen & Sverdrup, Amundsen's companions on a North polar expedition, in 4 vols, orig. cloth & dust jackets, 1942, in Norwegian; photograph of Amundsen framed with his signature;

Bull, The Cruise of the Antarctic, 1896 expedition to the South Polar regions;

Borchgrevink, Carsten. First on the Antarctic Continent, 1st UK; 1st Norwegian edition in period leather; 1st German edition. Borchgrevink was a Norwegian who emigrated to Australia and accompanied Bull, and was the 1st man to put his foot on the Antarctic continent.

AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITION -

Mawson, Home of the Blizzard, 1st UK in original cloth; 1st US in orig. cloth & dust jacket;

Geographical Narrative and Cartography of the Australasian Antarctic Expedition, in orig. paper wrappers, the most important section of the scientific reports.

BELGIAN EXPEDITION -

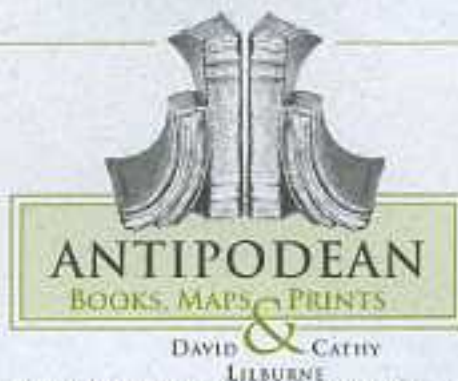
de Gerlache, Le Voyage de la Belgica,

de Gerlache, Quinze Mois dans l'Antarctique, in half leather

de Gerlache, Quinze Mois dans l'Antarctique, the original paper wrapped edition in later boards;

Lecoq, Au Pays Manchots.





Cook, Frederick. Through the First Antarctic Night 1898-1901. 1st US edition, 1900, in crisp orig. cloth; 2nd US edition, signed presentation copy. (Belgica expedition).

FRENCH EXPEDITIONS-

Charcot, Le Pourquoi – Pas dans l'Antarctique, 1st French edition;

Charcot, The Voyage of the Why Not, 1st US edition;

Charcot, Le Francais au Pole Sud, 1st French edition

GERMAN EXPEDITION –

Drygalski, Erich von. Deutsche Sudpolar-Expedition 1901-1903, 10 volumes small folio bound in red half period leather.

Drygalski, Zum Kontinent des eisigen Sudens... Deutsche Sudpolarexpedition Gauss 1901-1905. 1st German edition, 1904, orig. cloth.

Bidlingmaier, Zu den Wundern des Sudpols, scarce 1st hand narrative of Drygalski's expedition, 2nd edition.

Neumayer, Auf Zum Sud Pole, 1st German edition 1901, in orig. cloth.

RUSSIAN VOYAGE –

Hakluyt Society edition of Bellingshausen's Voyage 1819-21, the only printed edition.

SCOTTISH EXPEDITIONS –

Bruce, Voyage of the Scotia, 1st UK;

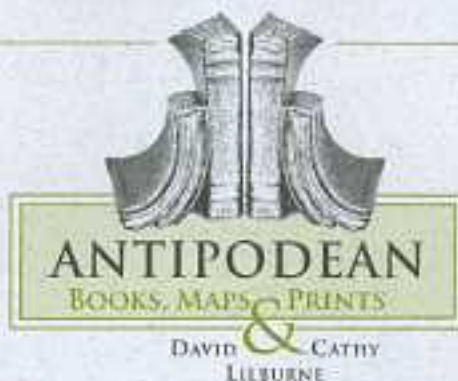
Murdoch, From Edinburgh to the Antaretic, 1st UK in orig. cloth

SWEDISH EXPEDITION –

Nordenskjold, Otto. Antarctica or Two Years Amongst the Ice of the South Pole, 1st US edition in orig. cloth.

Duse, Unter Pinguinen und Seehunden, 1st German edition in orig. cloth.





US EXPEDITIONS –

Morrell, Benjamin. *A Narrative of Four Voyages*, 1st US edition 1832, with the account by his wife, who accompanied him, *Narrative of a Voyage...* 1st US edition 1833, in original boards.

Wilkes, Charles. *Narrative of the United States Exploring Expedition*, 6 volumes 4to including an atlas. 3rd US edition, 1845, in orig. full leather (spines need attention). This is the earliest available edition.

Palmer, James. *Thulia*. 1st US edition, 1843, orig. cloth battered.

M'Cormick, *Voyages of Discovery in the Arctic and Antarctic Seas*, 1st UK edition, 1884, orig. decorative cloth with later leather spine.

Byrd, Richard. *Alone; Discovery*, 1st US & 1st UK; *Little America*, signed limited edition & 1st US edition

REFERENCE WORKS-

Spence, S.A. *Antarctic Miscellany*. Books, Maps & Periodicals relating to the discovery and exploration of Antarctica. 1980.

Headlund, Robert. *Chronological List of Antarctic Expeditions and Related Historical Events*. Cambridge 1989.

High Latitude Books. *Polar Related Books, Ephemera & Artifacts at Auction*. September 29, 1999.

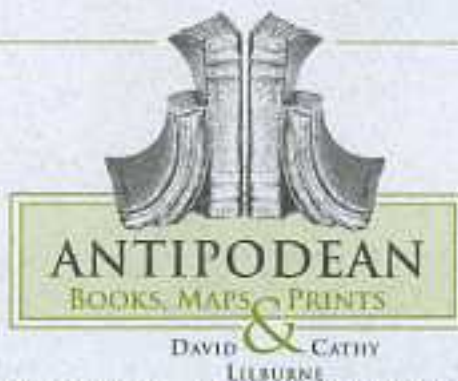
Renard. *Antarctica*. Books sold at auction by Leonard Joel, specially bound in cloth, 1994, with auction results.

Rosove, M. *Antarctica 1772-1922*. Free standing publications through 1999. Limited to 500 copies, signed.

Stewart, John. *Antarctica*. An Encyclopedia. 2 vols, 1990.

High Latitude Books. *Antarctica at Auction*. Property of William Priester. September 30, 1996. Signed by Bob Finch (High Latitude) and William Priester. With price reference.





McKenzie, Jules. The "Taurus" Collection. 150 Collectable Books on the Antarctic. A Bibliography. 2001, 1st edition. Every item is illustrated.

Readers Digest. Antarctica. Great Stories from the Frozen Continent. 1st edition, 1985. Best general reference, very detailed.

CATALOGING-

We will do a full cataloguing of the Antarctic collection as offered. This would include author, title, pages, binding, associations, condition & relevant reference numbers, i.e. Spence #. To facilitate integrating the cataloguing with your database, we can supply the information in any of the following formats- .tab; .csv; .sk; .dbf; .sk1; .bas; .mer; .htm; .fp5.

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