

John Buchan non-fiction and other JB-related – Sale of high value books

ALL BOOKS ARE FIRST EDITIONS UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.

***Essays and Apothegms of Francis, Lord Bacon.* Edited by JB. Published by Walter Scott Ltd, 1895.**

Blanchard B1. A collection of essays by the great Elizabethan writer and philosopher. The lengthy introduction by John Buchan is his first appearance in print in book form. xxxiii + 244 pp + adverts. Dark green cloth; gold lettering and decoration; top edge gilt. At the rear is a list of titles in the Scott Library series and it is generally accepted that in the true first impression this list ends at number 89.

5278 Generally very good throughout but the spine is scuffed in places and rubbed at the ends. The rear endpapers have some notes on Bacon made by a previous owner and the front fly-leaf bears the signatures of two former owners. On the front paste-down is the bookplate of G Sidney Paternoster who was himself the author of several novels.

Reduced from £85 to £50.

8528 In this copy the list continues to number 100. The binding is clean and bright but the ends of the spine are rubbed. Internally very good. There is a name on the front paste-down.

Reduced from £55 to £40.

9428 Scott Library adverts to no. 100. The endpapers are lightly spotted and 2 consecutive leaves have a creased top corner. Very good otherwise. There is a name on the fly-leaf.

Reduced from £60 to £40.

***Musa Piscatrix.* Edited by John Buchan. Published by John Lane, The Bodley Head, 1896.**

Blanchard B2. An anthology of angling poetry, edited by John Buchan and with notes by him at the end of the book. There is also a list of rivers mentioned. 107pp + 16pp publisher's catalogue. Dark blue cloth; gold lettering and decoration; frontispiece engraving with tissue guard; top edge gilt, others uncut.

6818 Spine faded and corners lightly bumped. Some scuff marks. Bright and clean internally but the frontispiece, with the tissue guard still attached, is detached but otherwise undamaged.

Reduced from £180 to £135.

8529 The spine has been exposed to the sun and has ended up a uniform brown shade. It is also a little worn at the ends. The boards are lightly darkened around the edges and have a number of tiny scuff marks. The binding is firm although the rear hinge is beginning to crack. The pages are bright and undamaged except for 2 very small brown spots on the title page. The tissue guard for the frontispiece etching is missing.

Reduced from £140 to £100.

***A History of Brasenose College.* Published by FE Robinson, 1898.**

Blanchard A8. One of a series of volumes on Oxford Colleges. 208 pages. Bound in blue cloth with bevelled boards and a gilt top edge.

60024 Faded spine with tiny splits at the ends. Occasional brown spots internally. Former owner's name on the reverse of the fly-leaf. A sound copy overall.

Reduced from £200 to £150.

***The African Colony: Studies in the Reconstruction.* Published by Wm Blackwood & Sons, 1903.**

Blanchard A15. JB's account of the background to the conflict with the Boers, the political problems that still needed to be resolved and some affectionate accounts of his travels in Southern Africa. Blanchard notes "Some copies were issued by the London Times Book Club, bound in green cloth, and bear its monogram at the foot of the spine." These copies omit the 3 maps included in the Blackwood edition.

9986 This is a Times Book Club edition. The spine is rubbed at the ends, which also have some tiny splits. One corner bumped. The front hinge has completely split at the half-title so that the front cover and spine hang loose when the book is open. Very bright internally.

Reduced from £75 to £50.

Some Eighteenth Century By-ways and other essays. Published by Wm Blackwood & Sons, 1908.

Blanchard A19. A collection of essays on literary, historical, biographical and political matters. 345pp + 32pp publisher's catalogue. Blue cloth; gold lettering on spine and front; dark blue endpapers.

7487 Lightly rubbed extremities but otherwise excellent throughout.

Reduced from £75 to £50.

8968 The slightly faded spine is rubbed at the ends. Bright internally.

Reduced from £75 to £50.

Sir Walter Raleigh. Published by Thomas Nelson & Sons, 1911.

Blanchard A22. A biography of the great Elizabethan adventurer written as a series of stories for young people. 237pp + 4pp adverts. Cream or dark red cloth; gold lettering and elaborate decoration; small portrait pasted on the front; 2 colour plates (the frontispiece has a tissue guard); numerous line drawings; endpaper maps.

8390 The cream binding is lightly soiled and has a couple of small stains. Very good internally.

Reduced from £75 to £50.

9416 Cream cloth. Very bright and unmarked but the frontispiece tissue guard is missing.

Reduced from £75 to £50.

Andrew Jameson, Lord Ardwall. Published by Wm Blackwood & Sons, 1913.

Blanchard A27. VG in VG- dustwrapper. Andrew Jameson was successively sheriff of 3 different areas of Scotland and was raised to the Scottish Bench as Lord Ardwall in 1905. JB's biography charts a generally contented life. 155 pages. Bound in dark blue cloth with gold lettering; frontispiece portrait with tissue guard.

6713 Very bright. The spine is a little faded as is the area of the rear board immediately adjacent to it. Equally bright internally but there is a small brown mark affecting one corner of the tissue guard and title page and, to a lesser degree, the frontispiece.

Reduced from £200 to £120.

7488 Cloth lifted slightly at front top corner but otherwise a lovely bright copy.

Reduced from £110 to £90.

8970 The spine is a little faded but otherwise the book is very good throughout.

Reduced from £130 to £90.

9295 Bright and undamaged externally. Bright internally but for occasional very light foxing and one leaf is creased at the top corner. The extremely rare brown dustwrapper, with slightly darker brown lettering on the spine, has a slightly faded spine. In height it is slightly smaller than the book which thus protrudes slightly. Intriguingly, my own copy is similarly afflicted which suggests a production problem.

Reduced from £325 to £195.

7750 This copy is bound in olive green cloth, slightly textured. It is clearly a factory binding and in all other respects is identical to A27. It is not a later impression as Blackwood's were punctilious in noting subsequent impressions. Very bright with good, sharp corners but some very slight rubbing in places. Internally virtually as new but for a hint of browning of the endpapers. The second fly-leaf carries an inscription and there is a very small bookplate on the front paste-down. An attractive and very rare copy.

Reduced from £275 to £200.

5511 Second edition. A very nice copy in excellent condition but for a small mark on the front board and a bumped corner. There are the signatures of 2 former owners on the preliminaries.

Reduced from £175 to £100.

8547 Second edition. There is slight fading at the head of the spine and a little foxing of the preliminaries.

Reduced from £100 to £75.

9465 Second edition. A hint of fading along the edges of the boards but otherwise exceptionally bright internally and externally. The very rare d/w has a small V-shaped piece missing at the top edge of the front panel and a slight abrasion around it. As well as the indication on the spine of being a second edition there is also a price sticker which reads "including extra war costs 4/- net".

Reduced from £150 to £100.

The History of the South African Forces in France. Published by Thomas Nelson & Sons, 1920.

Blanchard A49, Commissioned by the government of South Africa the book tells the story of the South African Brigade and its contribution to World War 1. Appendices record the support companies and the honours won by the brigade. 404pp Blue cloth; gold lettering; gold brigade emblem on front; pale grey endpapers; colour frontispiece; 17 black & white plates; 22 maps; top edge trimmed, others uncut.

8291 The spine is slightly faded and there is occasional light foxing but otherwise this is a very good copy. The reverse of the frontispiece bears an inscription to a serving member of the 2nd SA Infantry.

Reduced from £80 to £55.

A History of the Great War. Published by Thomas Nelson & Sons, 1922-1923.

The UK edition of this work is listed under A52 in Blanchard. A US edition in 4 volumes was published but Houghton Mifflin also produced an Autograph Edition bound in 8 volumes which retained the pagination of the 4-volume edition. This is one of these sets. The books are bound in light blue paper-covered boards with a black cloth spine and a green paper title label with gold lettering. The outer and lower edges are uncut. Each volume has a colour frontispiece and the autograph page in volume 1 is signed by JB. There is a lengthy introduction by Major-General James Harbord, who was the American Expeditionary Force chief of staff during WWI.

9933 This set is number 192 of 500, and is in very good condition with just occasional small scuff marks. Internally very good and the many uncut suggests they have never been read. Blanchard indicates that volume 1 had a page of the original manuscript bound in but this has a page (original?) of the manuscript of John Macnab. This is slightly baffling as this was first published in a magazine in December 1924. An early draft? Substituted later? Who knows. A scarce set.

Reduced from £450 to £350.

The Last Secrets. Published by Thomas Nelson & Sons, 1923.

Blanchard A59. Accounts of expeditions to remote parts of the world during the early years of the 20th century. Aimed at young readers. 303 pages. Bound in beige cloth with a 4-colour illustration of a mountain climber on the front and black lettering and an illustration of a galleon on the spine. 12 full-page illustrations and 10 maps.

61296 But for light rubbing at the extremities this copy is excellent throughout. It also has the very rare dustwrapper, which is lightly soiled and has creasing and some wear around the edges.

Reduced from £130 to £100.

The History of the Royal Scots Fusiliers (1678-1918). Published by Thomas Nelson & Sons, 1925.

Blanchard A68. A history of the regiment from its formation to the end of World War 1. There is brief reference to the death of the author's brother Alastair at the Battle of Arras in April 1917. 502 pp Red cloth; gold lettering; gold regimental badge on front; frontispiece; 11 other illustrations; 36 maps; top edge trimmed, others uncut.

8828 The spine is faded and the lettering faint and dull and there is some patchy fading on the boards. There is a tiny split at the foot of the spine. Bright internally with all the maps and plates in good order. There is an armorial bookplate on the front paste-down.

Reduced from £100 to £75.

8891 The spine is faded and is rubbed at the ends. There is a narrow faded strip along the bottom edge of the front cover and a faded area on the rear adjacent to the spine. The covers have one or two small marks. There is a bookplate on the front paste-down.

Reduced from £90 to £65.

8495 De luxe edition. Blanchard A68 (note). Published simultaneously with the first edition. Grey paper-covered boards; white vellum spine; red leather title label with gold lettering; laid paper; frontispiece; 23 other illustrations, 12 in colour; 36 maps; top edge trimmed, others uncut. Spine and boards lightly browned but otherwise excellent throughout. Armorial bookplate on the front paste-down and a presentation inscription on the fly-leaf.

Reduced from £180 to £130.

9441 De luxe edition. See above. Lower corners rubbed and very slight sun fading at the margins of the boards. Exceptionally bright internally.

Reduced from £200 to £150.

The Fifteenth (Scottish) Division, 1914-1919. Published by Thomas Nelson & Sons, 1926.

Co-authored with Lt-Col J Stewart, DSO.

Blanchard A69. A full account of the contribution of this division to the British campaign during the War. Chapters deal with the battles of Loos, Arras, the Somme and Ypres and with the German offensive and the closing stages of the war. The 10 appendices cover, casualties, battle orders, honours and awards and much detail concerning the battle of Loos. 489pp Red cloth; gold lettering; divisional symbol on front cover; 9 illustrations; 18 maps in a pocket at the rear.

7987 The spine is faded and the lettering a little dull and there is some patchy fading on the boards. Internally excellent and all 18 maps are in good condition as is the pocket which holds them. The rear hinge is beginning to crack but the binding remains firm.

Reduced from £140 to £100.

Homilies and Recreations. Published by Thomas Nelson & Sons, 1926

Blanchard A71. A collection of essays, mostly on literary or political matters. 383 pages. Green cloth, gold lettering, gilt top edge.

9304 In excellent condition but for occasional very slight foxing. The scarce d/w has some wear and small splits at the head of the spine and is lightly age-darkened, more so on the spine.

Reduced from £50 to £35.

5641 Large paper edition, limited to 200 copies and signed by JB on the reverse of the half-title. Grey paper-covered boards, white vellum spine, gold lettering on green leather title label.

This copy is numbered 181. The title label has a few spots on it. The spine and the edges of the boards are sunned a little. Very good internally.

Reduced from £175 to £125.

6005 Large paper edition, as above.

This copy is numbered 51. A very bright copy with no sun browning on the spine. The green leather label is slightly faded. The boards have some faint browning in places. Internally extremely bright and unmarked. Would be VG+ except that the rear top edge has been bumped near the spine causing a small (quarter-inch) split in the edge of the board. This edition was issued with a plain transparent glassine dustwrapper

and the remnants of this, split into two pieces, are with the book.

Reduced from £200 to £150.

7103 Large paper edition, as above.

This copy is numbered 28. The front has some faint brown spots and there is a small partly faded area on the rear. The title label has partially faded to a greenish-brown shade. The corners are very lightly rubbed. Very bright internally. The fly-leaf bears the signature of Wilfrid Senior who was, for a number of years before WW2, the conductor of The Scottish Orchestra.

Reduced from £140 to £100.

Sir Walter Scott: 1832-1932. Published by the Book Club of California, 1932.

Blanchard A96. A limited edition of 300 copies published by the book Club of California. It includes the text of an address given by JB at the Scott Centenary celebrations in Selkirk and an essay by Walter C van Antwerp on Joseph Train, a friend of Scott and a diligent collector on his behalf of Border folklore and legends. 28 pages. Bound in green paper-covered boards with darker green lettering and a tan leather spine with gold lettering. Outer and lower edges uncut. Includes a facsimile of a letter written by Scott and 3 illustrations.

7747 The surface of the leather spine is worn away at the ends and there are a couple of small marks on the front. Excellent internally.

Reduced from £65 to £50.

7923 There is a small stain on the rear board and the spine has faded a little. There is a bookplate on the front paste-down.

Reduced from £72 to £50.

8885 The spine is slightly darkened and is rubbed at the head. The front paste-down bears a printed bookplate.

Reduced from £70 to £50.

The King's Grace. Published by Hodder & Stoughton, 1935.

Blanchard A107. A review of the reign of King George V published to coincide with the Silver Jubilee. 327pp Cream cloth; blue & red lettering; blue & red lining to front and spine; colour frontispiece; 3 sepia plates. In addition, a large paper edition was published (Blanchard A108) bound in white cloth with gold lettering and including 72 photographs. This was also issued in a signed & numbered edition of 500 copies in a superior binding and with a green slip case. All the books below are signed, numbered editions of A108.

8999 Signed, limited version of the large paper edition; Blanchard A108 (note). 286 pp White cloth; gold lettering and crown; colour frontispiece; duck-egg blue endpapers with gold crown; 72 sepia photographs; outer and lower edges uncut. Signed on the limitation page opposite the half-title. No. 137 of 500. Excellent condition throughout except for a crease across the lower corner of the front fly-leaf. The custom-made box which was issued with the book is undamaged but lightly browned. The lid has a small bookplate label inside it.

Reduced from £120 to £80.

9319 As above. No. 16 out of 500. The book is bright, clean and undamaged but for a hint of rubbing at the lower front corner. A small bookplate is affixed to the front paste-down and the same owner's signature is above it. The numbered box supplied with the book is undamaged but is lightly sun-browned in places and has a few handling marks.

Reduced from £100 to £80.

9503 As above. No.298 out of 500. Apart from a small black mark on the rear cover the book is virtually as new. The custom-made box, issued with the book, is foxed and age-browned and has an old water stain on the spine. The original label, with the correct number matching the book, is browned but otherwise undamaged. There is a small split in the base of the box. Also inside the box is a leaflet for the Jubilee Thanksgiving Service held at St Paul s cathedral.

Reduced from £80 to £60.

Episodes of the Great War. Published by Thomas Nelson & Sons, 1936.

Blanchard A117. Extracts from Buchan's History of the Great War, published at a time of increasing unease over German rearmament. 399pp Light blue cloth; gold lettering; blue top edge; frontispiece and 9 other plates; endpaper maps; 6 other maps.

1553 Bright with a little staining to the rear cover. The corners are lightly rubbed and the spine slightly sunned with a tiny nick in the tail. Internally very clean and bright with just very slight browning of the endpapers. All plates are in excellent order. The d/w is unclipped and substantially intact. Its spine is sunned and has a little wear at the ends and there is a little browning around the edges of the front and rear panels.

Reduced from £50 to £35.

Naval Episodes of the Great War. Published by Thomas Nelson & Sons, 1938.

Blanchard A124. A selection from Buchan s History of the Great War dealing particularly with the major sea battles. i-xiii, 1-325 pp Green cloth; gold lettering; frontispiece and 10 other plates; 14 maps.

5237 Lightly foxed endpapers otherwise bright, clean and undamaged throughout. Brief inscription on fly-leaf. Unclipped d/w has sunned spine with some wear at the ends. Lightly soiled.

Reduced from £75 to £55.

5261 Very good indeed but there is a fine vertical line on the front board, possibly a manufacturing flaw. Unclipped pictorial d/j has a faded spine with wear and creasing at the ends but is generally very good.

Reduced from £60 to £45.

8749 The cloth is very slightly creased at the head of the spine. Bright internally with occasional brown spots. The price-clipped d/w has a sunned spine but is otherwise undamaged.

Reduced from £55 to £40.

Am Bolg Solair. Various contributors. Published by Archibald Sinclair, 1907.

Blanchard C7. A mixture of prose and poetry, some in English, some in Gaelic published to raise funds for Feill A Chomuinn Ghaidhealaich. JB contributes one of his longest poems, *The Herd of Farawa*. A slightly amended version was published in Poems Scots and English (1917). 100 pages. Bound in blue paper-covered boards with yapped edges (whoever thought they were a good idea with paper covers?) and black lettering. Printed on quite thick paper and there are twelve illustrations pasted onto blue sheets.

8869 The front cover appears to have suffered a liquid spillage at some point and this has partially obscured some of the title. The rear cover is partly faded and has a few small stains. There is a little wear at the ends of the spine and the yapped edges have, inevitably, a number of small nicks. Internally the book is very good but for occasional very light foxing.

Reduced from £75 to £50.

A History of Peeblesshire edited by J Walter Buchan. Published by Jackson, Wylie & Co, 1925-27.

Blanchard C43. A 3-volume work, edited by JB's brother. Chapter V of volume I, The Literature of the County, is by John Buchan. The preface to volume I also names him as one of the editors. The first two volumes deal with wide-ranging aspects of the county's history whilst volume three deals with the individual parishes within the county and has no specific JB content. 498+556+742 pages. Red cloth with

gold lettering.

9710 Volumes I & II only. Volume II is a slightly darker shade than volume I, suggesting these were not originally bought as a set. Volume I has a faded spine but is otherwise excellent throughout. Volume II is also excellent but for slightly rubbed corners and a neat inscription.

Reduced from £120 to £90.

***British Bridges* by CH Bressey, foreword by John Buchan. Published by the Public Works, Roads and Transport Congress, 1933.**

Blanchard C81. The book was published as a record of the exhibition of photographs of bridges held in connection with the publisher's 1933 conference. There is also a paper on Bridge Development 498pp Boards covered in brown textured and mottled paper; Morocco-effect leatherette spine; gold lettering; semi-gloss paper; brown endpapers; numerous illustrations and diagrams.

3288 The covers are unmarked but the upper and lower edges are rubbed in places. The spine is very lightly rubbed at the ends. All gilt lettering bright. Internally in very good condition and printed on high quality paper. There is a hint of browning at the top of the title page only. The F paste-down has an old engraving pasted onto it and the page after the index bears evidence of some pictures having been previously attached. The reverse of the frontispiece bears a former owner's signature and underneath this there is again evidence of something removed.

Reduced from £50 to £35.

***Clubland Heroes* by Richard Usborne. Published by Barrie & Jenkins, 1953.**

All the books below are copies of the second (revised) edition, published 1974.

"A nostalgic study of some of the recurrent characters in the romantic fiction of Dornford Yates, John Buchan and Sapper." 186pp Blue cloth, gold lettering. The second edition includes a new introduction by the author, revising some of his original conclusions.

5956 Bright, unmarked condition with just a small bump on the top edge. The unclipped d/w is very lightly rubbed at the extremities.

6166 The book is virtually as new and the d/w has just slight rubbing around the edges.

6285 Bright, clean and undamaged. The d/w has just very slight rubbing at the corners.

8411 Bright, clean and undamaged but for a very slight bump at one corner. The d/w is lightly rubbed at the extremities.

All copies are reduced from £50 to £30.

***The First Editions of John Buchan: A Collector's Bibliography* by Robert G Blanchard**

Published by Archon Books, 1981.

9202 A comprehensive bibliography of the writing of John Buchan (Lord Tweedsmuir). It covers books authored and edited by him, books to which he contributed and his contributions to periodicals. An essential for the serious Buchan collector. 284 pages Bound in green cloth with gold lettering.

Reduced from £120 to £90.