

Peter Arnold Rare Books
Prahran, Melbourne, Australia

The John Alexander collection of English & American literature

Timed Auction on the Invaluable platform, February/March 2026

1. The highest bidder shall be the buyer.
2. In the event of any dispute, the auctioneer may re-submit the lot or may decide the buyer, at his discretion, and his decision shall be final.
3. The auctioneer may, without giving any reason therefore, refuse to accept the bidding of any person or persons.
4. Each bid shall be an advance determined by the auctioneer.
5. Lots are in all respects at the risk of the buyer at the fall of the hammer.
6. The successful bidder shall be deemed to be the buyer and be personally liable unless it has been agreed in writing at the time of registration and prior to the sale that a bidder is acting as agent on behalf of a third party and that such third party is acceptable to Peter Arnold Pty Ltd.
7. LIMITED GUARANTEE. All lots have been carefully examined and any faults or deficiencies found have been noted in the catalogue. It remains true that descriptions, especially of condition, are expressions of opinion. Prospective buyers are therefore asked to make their own inspections during the public viewing, and to satisfy themselves as to the condition and completeness of any lot on which they intend to bid. In the event of any book being found by the buyer to be defective in text or illustration and not so described, Peter Arnold Pty Ltd undertakes to rescind the sale and refund the full purchase price, provided that the book is returned within 14 days of the auction together with a written notice of the defect, and provided that the buyer satisfies Peter Arnold Pty Ltd that it was defective at the date of the auction. This guarantee shall not cover the absence of half-titles or divisional titles, errata leaves, advertisement leaves, plate lists, subsequently published volumes, plates, appendices or supplements, or error in the enumerating of the plates; nor any defect not affecting the completeness of text or illustration. Nor shall it apply to unnamed items in a lot or lots of more than 3 items, to periodicals, atlases, or to books already described in the catalogue as incomplete or defective in text or illustration. Nor shall it apply to any defects announced at the time of the sale. The benefits of this guarantee are not assignable and are applicable only to the original buyer of the lot.
8. A buyer's premium of 20% (22% inc. GST for Australian buyers) on the hammer price of each lot is payable by the buyer. Additionally, 5% of the hammer price is payable to Invaluable by purchasers, capped at US \$500.

REGISTRATION. Bidders will need to register with Invaluable.

METHODS OF PAYMENT. Payment may be made in cash, by bank cheque, or by electronic transfer to our account. Personal cheques may be accepted by prior arrangement.

COLLECTION. Lots can be collected from our premises from the 9th of March, by appointment. We can offer packing and despatch, at the buyer's expense.

If any lot sold is not collected and paid for, the auctioneer and/or the seller shall have the right to resell the lot either by public or private sale, and any deficiency on resale, together with any other costs incurred, shall be borne by the defaulting buyer.

The estimated prices given are provided as a guide and should not be taken as definitive.