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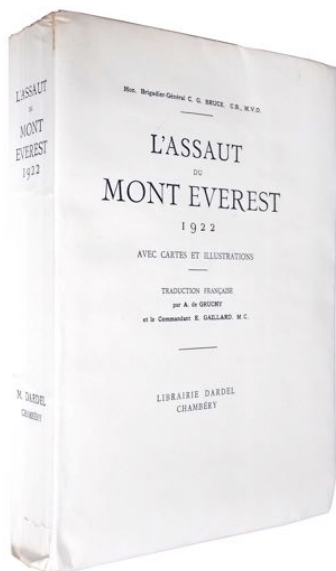
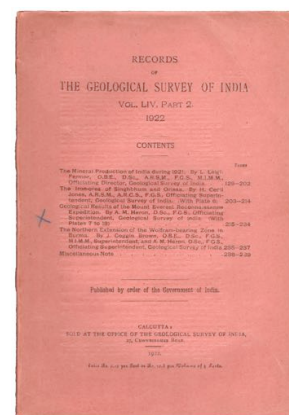
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1 Heron, A. M. 'Geological Results of the Mount Everest Reconnaissance Expedition.' An article in *Records of the Geological Survey of India*, Vol. LIV, Part 2, 1922. *Calcutta: the Geological Survey of India*, 1922. **£65**

First edition. 8vo. pp. [x, list of publications], [129]-239, [x, list of publications]; 5 plates from photos., one folding map and one section relating to Heron's article, one other map; good in the original printed wrappers, bumped to extremities.

Not in S&B. Heron joined the 1921 Everest Reconnaissance, surveying an area "of over 8000 square miles" in the Arun river drainage region in Tibet. The results were read at the Indian Science Congress at Madras in February, 1922; an abbreviated version of the article appeared as Appendix III in Howard-Bury's *Mount Everest The Reconnaissance, 1921* (pp. 338-40).



2 Bruce, C. G. *L'Assaut du Mont Everest 1922.* Chambéry: *Librairie Dardel*, n.d. [1933]. **£375**

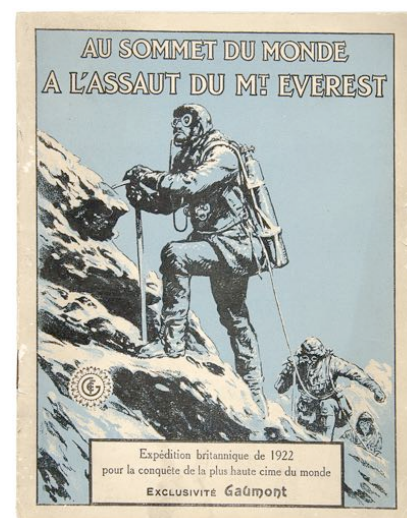
First French edition, one of 100 de luxe copies. Large 8vo. pp. xx, 304, [2, ads.]; 34 plates, 2 folding maps; very good in the original printed wrappers, final gather slightly loosened, slightly bumped to extremities.

Perret 0738; for the original English edition see Neate B196; Yakushi B593a; Perret 0738; S & B B44; Classics in the Literature of Mountaineering 29. The official narratives of the three 1920s Everest expeditions were published in regular editions, and the publishers Edward Arnold in addition issued a de luxe version of the 1921 Reconnaissance account by Charles Howard-Bury. For reasons now lost the accounts for 1922 and 1924 were not issued in such formats, but the French translation of Bruce's 1922 was issued in both a regular printing as well as the present de luxe version "sur vélin d'Arches à la cuve".

3 [Everest 1922.] *Au Sommet du Monde a l'Assaut du Mt. Everest.* [Paris: *Imprimerie Charles Bernard*], n.d. c. 1920s. **£195**

8vo. pp. 16; 13 photo. illustrs., 2 sketch maps; very good in the original printed wrappers with an image of Everest climbers after D. Macpherson's sketch, browned and chipped to margins, partly split along spine.

Not in the usual bibliographies. This is an unrecorded French version of the preceding item, printed for distribution of screenings of Noel's film of the 1922 expedition by the Gaumont Film Company in France. The programme has a slightly smaller physical format, with new text, and the same illustrations save for an additional image of a pony train on the final page.

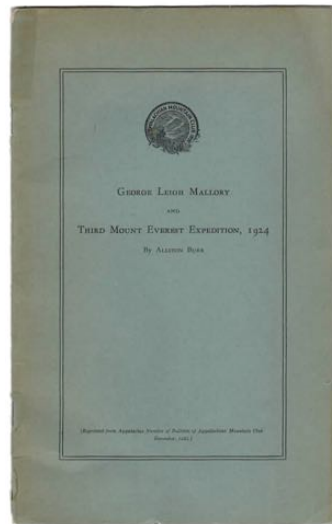
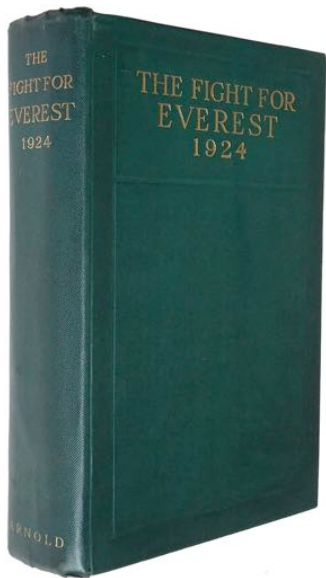


4 [Everest 1922.] Six Postcards of the Mount Everest Expedition. Sold at the Presentation of the Kinematograph Film *Climbing Mount Everest*, first shown at the Philharmonic Hall, London. *Copyright of the Mount Everest Committee*, n.d. c. 1923. **£375**

A printed envelope with complete set of six postcards, the cards with gloss b&w photo. illustrs of scenes from the 1922 expedition, postally unused, minor oxidisation to margins of a couple of cards.

Singer & Gould II.2 (pp. 6-7 & 8). The Everest expedition of 1922 was promoted after its return by Noel, the expedition photographer and cinematographer. The film of the expedition, 'Climbing Mount Everest', was shown in London and other venues, and postcards of

scenes from the expedition were sold to fund a return to Everest. The present complete set shows the members of the expedition, climbers and camps at high altitude, the monastery at Rongbuk and its Lama. The set is still contained in its original envelope, few of which survive due to their flimsy nature.



5 Norton, E. F. *The Fight for Everest 1924.* London: Edward Arnold & Co., 1925.

£350

First edition. 8vo. x, 372; 8 colour plates, photo. illu., one folding map; VG in the original cloth, gilt.

Neate N31; Yakushi N159a; Perret 3219; S & B N16; Classics in the Literature of Mountaineering 30. The official account of the third Everest expedition, during which Mallory and Irvine disappeared.

6 [Mallory, George Leigh.] Allston Burr. 'George Leigh Mallory and Third Mount Everest Expedition, 1924.' Reprinted from Appalachia Number of *Bulletin of Appalachian Mountain Club*, December, 1924. **£125**

First separate edition. 8vo. pp. 16; photogravure port. frontis. of Mallory, single-page map; slight age-toning, else very good in the original printed wrappers, which are frayed on spine, tape repairs to head and tail of spine.

Not in the usual bibliographies. Burr offers here a 3pp. tribute to Mallory, and thereafter reprints notices of the 1924 expedition from the New York Times and The Times of London.

7 [Everest 1924.] [Irvine, Andrew Comyn, 1902-1924.] Merton College, June 1923. A photograph of the College students by Soame, Oxford. **£750**

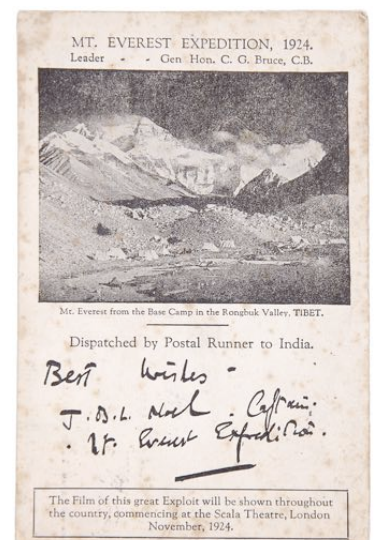
A large gelatin silver print, approx. 14 x 11" (37 x 29 cm.), mounted as issued on card with the photographer's printed details at foot, calligraphed title of college above and the college crest below flanked by the date; the image slightly oxidised and faded, but still clear, contained in the original glazed frame, pencilled name of "Mrs Taylor" to back of frame with other apparently unrelated notes.

A fine image of the Merton College students in June 1923, taken on the steps leading in to the hall. At centre front sits Andrew Irvine, his prominent position - some 80 or so students feature in the photograph - perhaps due to the fame he had won as a member of that year's Oxford boat race team, which had beaten Cambridge in March. Though we have been unable to identify them, the group portrait probably also features George Binney and other members of the 1923 Merton College Arctic Expedition, the expedition to Spitsbergen in which Irvine participated in July and August of 1923.

8 [Everest 1924 - Ephemera.] Captain J.B.L. Noel. 'Mt. Everest Expedition, 1924.' **£95**

A postcard sent from the base camp of the 1924 Everest Expedition, showing "Mt. Everest from the Base Camp in the Rongbuk Valley, Tibet", with an official "Mount Everest Expedition" stamp and postmark, 2 Indian postal stamps and Darjeeling postmark, self-addressed, signed in facsimile "Best Wishes - J.B.L. Noel, Captain, Mt. Everest Expedition", slightly creased and spotted, adhesion damage to else recto, else very good.

Singer & Gould 5 (p. 8). This postcard and others to different addressees were carried by the expedition to Base Camp as a money-making venture. Post-marked at Base Camp and then again at Darjeeling or Calcutta, they were mailed back to Britain as a souvenir of the 1924 Everest expedition.





9 [Everest 1924.] Mount Everest. *John Player and Sons*, [n.d. c. 1924]. **£250**

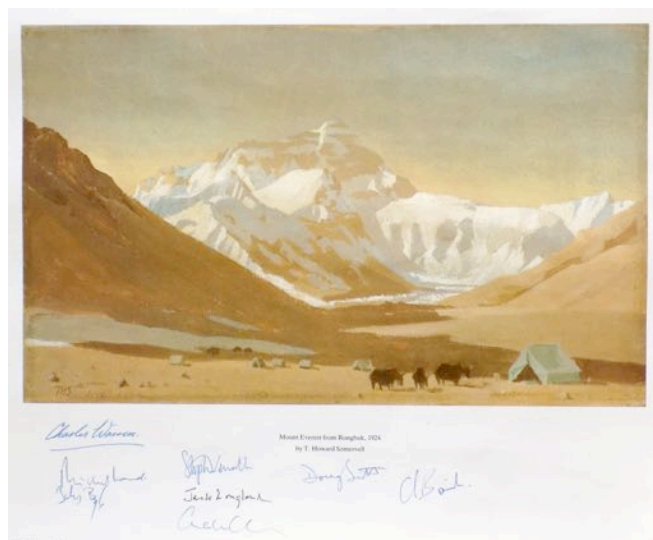
A complete series of 20 cigarette cards, commemorating the 1924 Everest expedition in which Mallory and Irvine died, each card with a photographic image by J. B. L. Noel (two by T. Howard Somervell), captioned to foot of image, each with descriptive text to verso, loose as issued.

Singer & Gould [2nd ed.] p. 23. This attractive series of cigarette cards shows some of the stunning images recorded by Noel and Somervell during the 1924 Everest expedition. Mallory and Irvine appear alongside their fellow climbers in one of the portraits, while others show climbing parties, mountain features, camps and the like. Some of the images appear in the official Everest accounts, but others were not otherwise published in the existing literature.

10 [Everest.] T. Howard Somervell. 'Mount Everest from Rongbuk, 1924.' *Alpine Club and the Fell and Rock Climbing Club*, n.d. c. 1990. **£350**

Coloured print, approx. 50 x 38cm, slightly creased to lower right margin, signed at foot by Everest expedition members Charles Warren, Jack Longland, Michael Ward, John Boyle, Stephen Venables, Doug Scott, Chris Bonington, and Charles Clarke.

T. Howard Somervell, member of the 1922 and 1924 Everest expeditions, made watercolour sketches during his time in Tibet. The present print was made from one of them, and offered to members of the Alpine and Fell and Rock Climbing Clubs. This example belonged to Charles Clarke, member of several Everest expeditions with Chris Bonington, who had this example signed by members of various Everest expeditions (the prints were issued unsigned).



11 Pye, David. George Leigh Mallory. *OUP*, 1927. **£150**

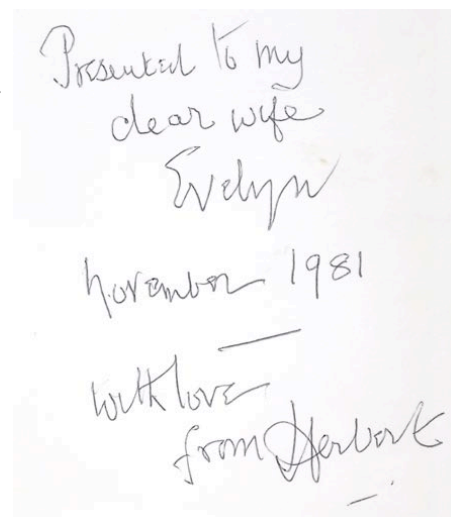
First edition. 8vo. pp. [xi], 183; photogravure portrait frontispiece of Mallory, 5 other plates from photographs; a little spotting, previous owner's name at front, else very good in the original blue cloth, paper label to spine, spare label bound in at rear, slight wear and browning to spine label.

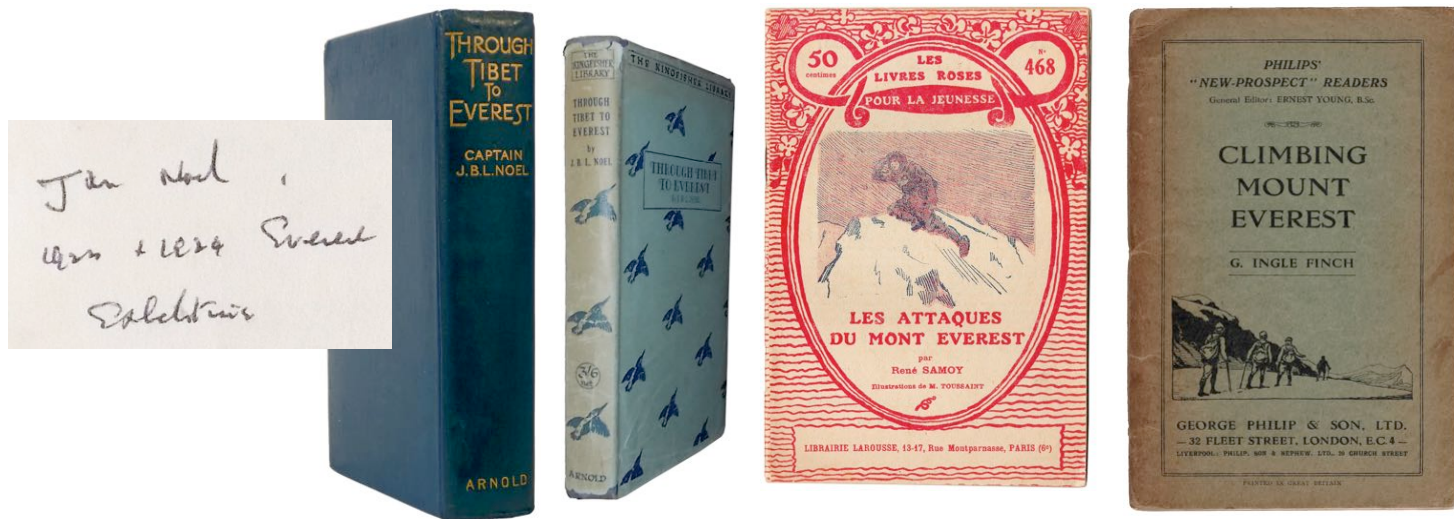
Neate P112; Yakushi P337a; Perret 3536; S & B P14; Classics in the Literature of Mountaineering 31. The first biography of Mallory following his death in 1924 - "it remains the most touching portrayal of one of the most enigmatic figures in mountaineering history" (Neate).

12 Carr, Herbert. The Irvine Diaries. Andrew Irvine and the Enigma of Everest 1924. *Gastons- West Col Publications*, [1979]. **£50**

First edition. 8vo. pp. 143; a few illustrations; good in original cloth. A presentation copy from the author to his wife, inscribed to flyleaf "Presented to my dear wife Evelyn November 1981 with love from Herbert", and with a few pencilled notes and corrections to the front endpapers.

Neate C15; Yakushi (3rd ed.) C63; Perret 0841; S&B C06. The diaries include not only entries relating to Irvine's time on the 1924 Everest expedition, but also to his experiences on George Binney's 1923 expedition to Spitsbergen.





13 Noel, Captain J. B. L. *Through Tibet to Everest.* *Edward Arnold & Co., 1927.* **£575**

First edition. 8vo. pp. 302, [2], 16 (ads.); b & w photo. illustrs., 4 illusts. to text; previous owners' inscriptions and label to flyleaf, good in the original cloth, gilt, rubbed, a little darkened to spine, which is neatly restored at head. Signed by the author to flyleaf "John Noel 1922 & 1924 Everest Expeditions".

Neate N22; Yakushi (3rd ed.) N139a; Perret 3211; Salkeld & Boyle N13. Noel, the photographer with the 1922 and 1924 Everest expeditions, here offers his own account of the first three expeditions to Everest and of his 1913 Reconnaissance of the region.

14 Noel, Captain J. B. L. *Through Tibet to Everest.* *London: Edward Arnold & Co., [1931].* **£25**

First Kingfisher Library edition. Small 8vo. pp. 302; b & w photo. illustrs.; previous owner's bookplate, very good in the original cloth, gilt, in the original d.j., which is darkened on spine and slightly worn.

Cf. Neate N22; Yakushi (3rd ed.) N139a; Perret 3211; Salkeld & Boyle N13. Noel, the photographer with the 1922 and 1924 Everest expeditions, here offers his own account of the first three expeditions to Everest and of the 1913 Reconnaissance in which he participated. This is a reprint of the 1927 edition by the publisher in their Kingfisher Library series.

15 Samoy, René. *Les Attaques du Mont Everest.* *Paris: Larousse, [1929].* **£50**

First edition. Small 8vo. pp. 28; 11 partly-coloured illustrs.; some age-toning, but overall very good in the original printed wrappers.

Not in the usual bibliographies. A children's book, issued as no. 468 in the publisher's series Les Livres Roses pour la Jeunesse. The book relates details of the 1920s Everest expeditions.

16 Finch, Captain G. Ingle. *Climbing Mount Everest.* *London: George Philip & Son, Ltd. 1931.* **£145**

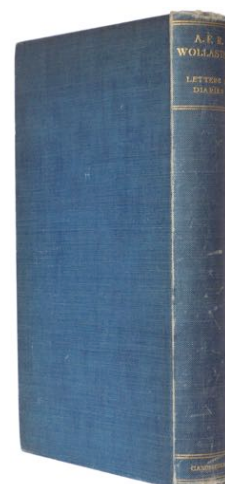
First edition. 8vo. pp. 72; 22 illustrs., sketch map; Gothic House Library inscription to title, very good in the original printed wrappers, browned. Ownership inscription of Michael Ward to title-page (doctor on the 1953 Everest Expedition).

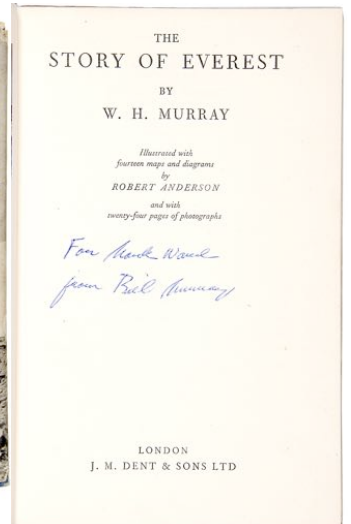
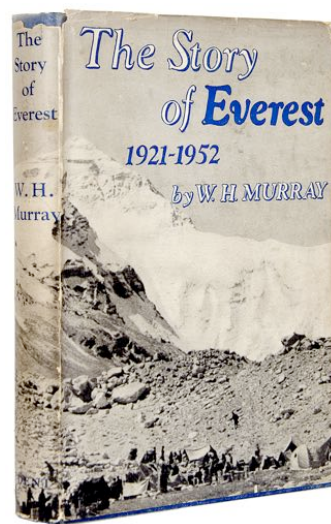
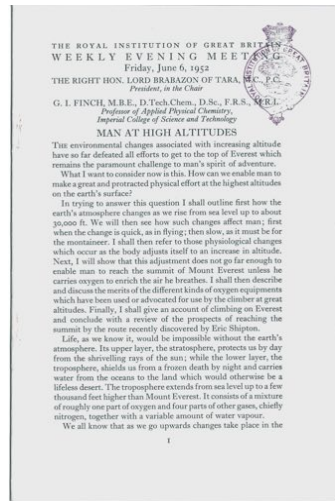
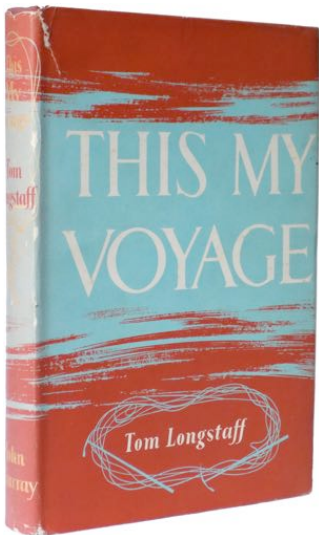
Neate F29; Yakushi F60; S & B F11. Published in Philips' "New Prospect" Readers series, this is an account of the 1922 Everest Expedition, during which Finch reached 27,300 feet. The book is partly based on Finch's *Der Kampf um den Everest* (1925), which was not fully translated until 2008 (see item 28).

17 [Wollaston, A. F. R.] *Letters and Diaries of A. F. R. Wollaston.* Selected and edited by Mary Wollaston with a preface by Sir Henry Newbolt. *Cambridge at the University Press, 1933.* **£95**

First edition. 8vo. pp. xv + 261; 4 portraits; very good in the original cloth, gilt, a little rubbed and soiled. Ownership inscription of Brian Roberts to flyleaf.

Neate W115; Yakushi W209; Salkeld & Boyle W15; not in Perret. Wollaston joined the 1921 Mount Everest Reconnaissance Expedition as medical officer. Chapter 8 of the present work prints extracts from his journal of the expedition. Other chapters offer material relating to Wollaston's 1905 ascent of Ruwenzori, travels in Colombia, New Guinea and Lapland, and to the Great War. Wollaston died in 1930, murdered by one of his students. This copy of the book once belonged to Brian Roberts, a member of the British Graham Land Expedition 1934-7, himself an ornithologist.





18 Longstaff, Tom. *This my Voyage*. London: John Murray, [1950].

£50

First edition. 8vo. pp. [xi], 324; 23 photo. illustrs., 15 sketch maps; very good in the original cloth, in original d.-w., which is worn with loss to extremities.

Neate L48; Yakushi L279; Perret 2685; S & B L12. Longstaff was one of the great early Himalayan climber-explorers, who climbed on most ranges in the northern hemisphere. This autobiography recounts his experiences in the Himalaya, the mountains of Kumaon and Garhwal and Karakoram, with a chapter devoted to his time on the 1922 Everest expedition.

19 Finch, G. I. 'Man at High Altitudes.' An offprint from the Royal Institution of Great Britain, Weekly Evening Meeting, Friday, June 6, 1952.

£75

First separate edition. 8vo. pp. 13; 4 photo. illustrs. of Everest and oxygen equipment, very good in self-wrappers with RI inkstamp to first page.

Not in the usual bibliographies. Finch lectured on the physiological aspects of the ascent of Everest. On display during the lecture were a scale model of Everest, and photographs lent by the RGS and Finch.

20 Murray, W. H. *The Story of Everest*. London: J. M. Dent and Sons, [1953].

£250

First edition. 8vo. pp. ix, 193; photo. illustrs., sketch maps; very good in the original cloth, in d.j., which is frayed with internal sellotape repairs. A presentation copy, inscribed "For Mark Ward from Bill Murray", and with Michael Ward's note to flyleaf "Given by Bill Murray to my son Mark". Ownership inscription of Michael Ward to flyleaf (Michael Ward was the doctor on the 1953 Everest Expedition).

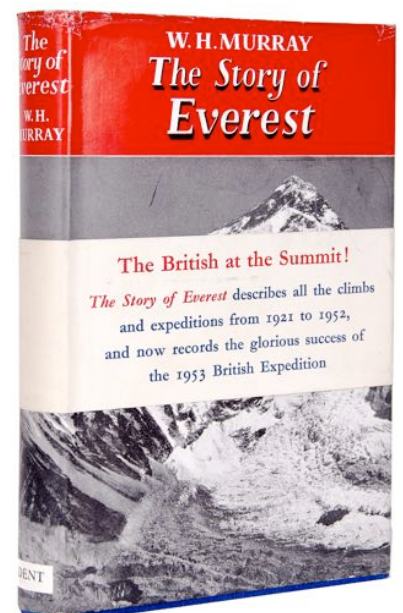
Neate M188; Yakushi M288a; Perret 3163; S & B M57. Murray, a member of the 1951 Everest Reconnaissance, wrote this history of Everest 1921-52 shortly before the British attempt in 1953. The closing pages discuss the likelihood of British success in 1953.

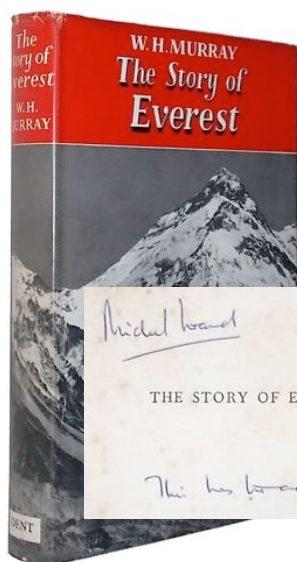
21 Murray, W. H. *The Story of Everest*. London: J. M. Dent and Sons, [1953].

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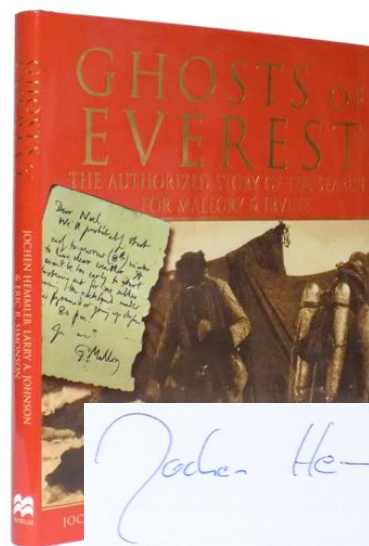
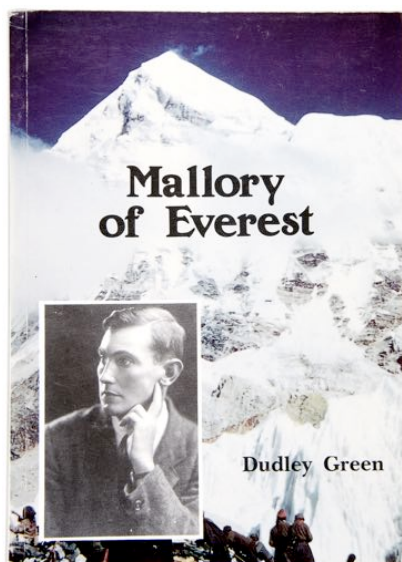
Third edition. 8vo. pp. ix, 198; photo. illustrs., sketch maps; near-fine in the original cloth, in d.j., which is slightly chipped, wraparound to d.j. announcing the British first ascent. Loosely inserted postcard from Murray to Ward. Ownership inscription of Michael Ward to half-title (Michael Ward was the doctor on the 1953 Everest Expedition).

Murray's history of Everest first appeared in April 1953, but was reprinted, and then issued as a third edition with a brief account of the first ascent. The wraparound on this book announces the successful ascent ("The British at the Summit!"). Murray's postcard, dated 11 Oct 90, thanks Ward "for the Everest map, which I'm glad to have & find most interesting for its new place-names - So many changes!".





Michael Ward
 200436
 Revised Edition
 (1953)
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 Sm. Nov.
 218pp
 This has account of 1st ascent



Jochen Hemmleb

22 Murray, W. H. *The Story of Everest.* London: J. M. Dent and Sons, [November, 1953]. **£125**

Fourth reprint. 8vo. pp. ix, 218; photo. illustrs., sketch maps; slight spotting, else very good in the original cloth, in d.j., which is slightly chipped. Ownership inscription of Michael Ward to flyleaf, with his note "This has the account of the first ascent" (Michael Ward was the doctor on the 1953 Everest Expedition).

Murray's history of Everest first appeared in April 1953, but was reprinted in May, July, and August of the same year. This reprint from November 1953 contains a new chapter on the first ascent.

23 Murray, W. H. *The Story of Everest.* London: J. M. Dent & Sons Ltd., [1954]. **£30**

Fifth edition (sixth impression). 8vo. pp. ix, 230; numerous photo. illustrs., maps; fine in the original cloth and price-clipped d.j., laminated.

Neate 188. Murray's history of Everest first appeared in 1953, a month before the first ascent. Murray subsequently revised it, and it went through several further revisions until the present one, which includes an appendix on the 'Abominable Snow-man' and refers to the expedition planned for 1954 to investigate the matter.

24 Green, Dudley. *Mallory of Everest.* Faust Publishing 1990. **£40**

8vo. 1st ed. Original card wrappers; pp. 141, [2, index]; numerous illustrs.; near-fine.

An excellent modern biography.

25 Hemmleb, Jochen, Larry A. Johnson & Eric R. Simonson. *Ghosts of Everest. The authorised story of the search for Mallory and Irvine ... as told to William E. Nothdurft.* London: Macmillan, [1999]. **£20**

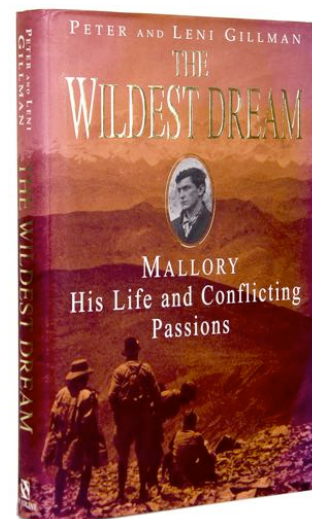
Second impression. Large 8vo. 206pp.; photos. illustrs.; fine in original cloth, d.j. Signed by Hemmleb to title.

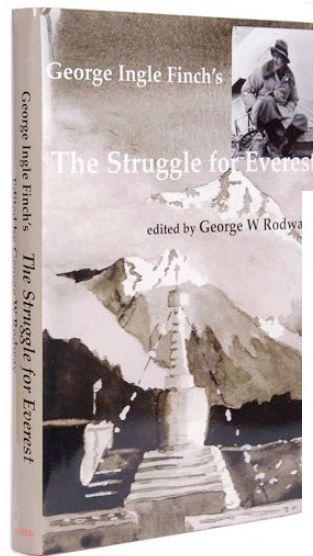
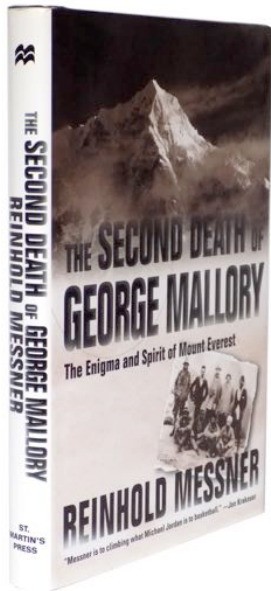
The story of the finding of Mallory's body, related by those who participated in the expedition.

26 Gillman, Peter and Leni. *The Wildest Dream. Mallory His Life and Conflicting Passions.* London: Headline, [2000]. **£25**

First edition. 8vo. pp. xiv, 306; illustrs.; mild age-toning to margins, else very good in the original cloth, d. j. Signed by the authors.

A biography of George Mallory.





The Struggle for Everest

27 Messner, Reinhold. *The Second Death of George Mallory. The Enigma and Spirit of Mount Everest.* New York: St. Martin's Press, [2001]. **£15**

First US edition. 8vo. pp. [xiv], 205; illu. s. t. , map endpapers; fine in the original cloth, d.j.

An account of Mallory's death, coupled with reflections on the subject.

28 Finch, George Ingle. *The Struggle for Everest.* Edited by George W. Rodway. Carreg, 2008. **£20**

First English edition. 8vo. pp. 232; 70 b & w photo. illu. s. t. , 2 sketch maps; new, signed by the editor.

Finch was a key member of the 1922 British Mount Everest Expedition, during which he and Geoffrey Bruce climbed to 27,300ft (8,321 m), a height greater than any previously achieved. Finch, bilingual in English and German, published an account of his Everest experiences in Germany as *Der Kampf um den Everest*. This first ever translation into English also adds entries from Finch's expedition diary at appropriate locations in the text to support and enhance the story. The editor's introduction relates Finch's life and achievements, and the book concludes with an appreciation of Finch by Stephen Venables.