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INTRODUCTION



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Please see our accompanying catalogue of scarce and interesting titles covering a select range of subject areas for the PBFA Summer Book Fair 2023.

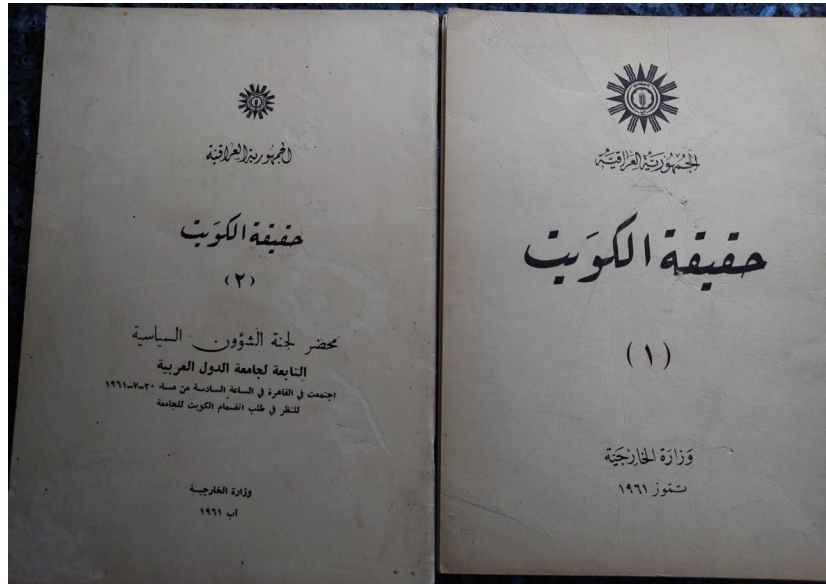
Prices are net to non-dealer purchases, postage extra, usual terms apply. Payment will be made by direct bank transfer only. Standard courtesies to the trade.

If you are interested in any of the items please let me know by email or telephone. Further detailed descriptions, images etc can be provided if required. Please let us know asap if you wish to return any items.

Books can be delivered to central London locations by hand, but will alternatively be available at the fair.

1. Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs: ("The Truth About Kuwait") Haqiqat al-Kuwayt (2 Parts)

Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs. 1961. First and only editions in a rare two part set. Wire-stitched in the original printed wrappers. Full-page colour map (Part 1). A little rubbed and soiled on the wrappers, staples a little rusted, but overall very good. Part 1 has a tear to the top right hand corner with loss but repaired. Covers a little worn. Arabic text.



This pamphlet was produced and distributed by the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs to make the case for the annexation of Kuwait by Iraq, describing the granting of independence as illegal and invalid. The British responded to Iraqi threats by sending troops to protect Kuwait from Iraq, precipitating a standoff in the Gulf that lasted until Iraq recognised Kuwaiti independence in 1963. In spite of the successful maintenance of Kuwaiti independence, the British remained convinced of the Iraqi threat to the emirate, and the crisis saw a marked increase in the British military presence in the Gulf up to the eventual withdrawal in 1971.

This second part, in Arabic throughout, prints the minutes of the Political Affairs Committee of the Arab League, which met in Cairo on 20 July 1961 to consider Kuwait's request to join the League.

Kuwait emerged as an independent state in June 1961, after sixty-two years as a British protectorate. With a new constitution, it held its first parliamentary elections in 1963, thereby becoming the first Arab state in the Gulf to establish a parliament. Such political developments, married with growing wealth and modernisation in health, culture and finance, helped to make Kuwait the most prosperous state in the Arabian Peninsula.

The Iraqi government argued that the move toward independence was a continuation of Kuwait's relationship with Britain, albeit under a new guise. Furthermore, they felt that the historical links between Iraq and Kuwait entitled the former to control over the latter and, one suspects, a share of its growing

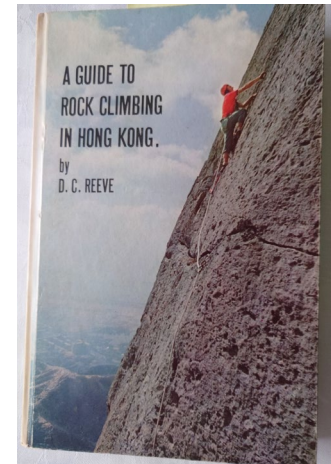
wealth. This position, partly detailed in the pamphlet, led to a point of crisis, with Iraq threatening invasion. To the relief of Kuwait, the Iraqis were eventually deterred by the Arab League's promise of military opposition. Rare in 2 Parts. **£650**

2. Reeve D C: A Guide To Rock Climbing in Hong Kong (Signed)

Privately Published, 1968. 1st edition. Hong Kong.. Very good + pictorial boards. Internally fine with numerous black and white photos. **Signed on the half title page by the author.**

A comprehensive guide to some 400 climbs with some interesting historical information. Now uncommon. 4 traced. Scarce. **£125**

Reeve lists all the main peaks accompanied by height, level of difficulty and specific information. The text is accompanied by 12 colour and numerous b/w photographs of Reeve in action.



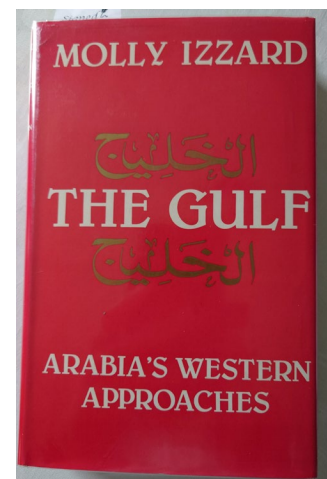
3. Izzard, Molly: The Gulf. Arabia's Western Approaches (Signed)

London, John Murray. 1979. 1st edition. Near fine hardback covers in a near fine pictorial dust jacket. Internally fine. Black and white ill. Double page map.

Exceptionally signed by Molly Izzard and her daughter Sabrina (Former owner of Hall's Bookshop) on the front free end paper. **£125.**

Molly Izzard (née Crutchleigh-Fitzpatrick; 1 August 1919 – 4 February 2004) was an English writer. She was the co-author of the book published in 1959 called **Smelling The Breezes**, which is about a camping trek she and her family took in the High Lebanon mountains. Izzard subsequently wrote *A Private Life* in 1963 on her private life at work. In 1969, she authored *A Life of Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan* and *The Gulf: Arabian Western Approaches* on Middle Eastern events ten years later. Izzard's final work was a controversial biography on the explorer Freya Stark which was published in 1993.

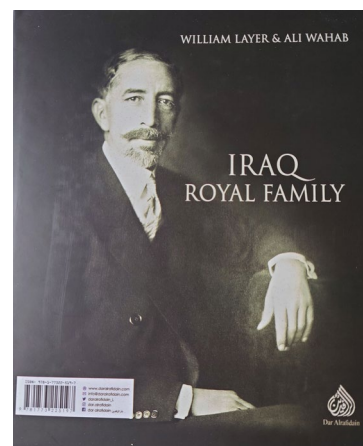
The Gulf: Arabian Western Approaches, which was a first-hand account of the rise of the nation-states Bahrain, Kuwait and the Emirates set against Saudi Arabia's restrictive Wahhabism. The book also covered Iraqi and Iranian power when Anglo oil companies lost their grip on the region.



4. LAYER, William, and Ali WAHAB: Iraq Royal Family. Collection of Photographs Recovered From the Ruins of Zuhur Palace, 2004. (Signed)

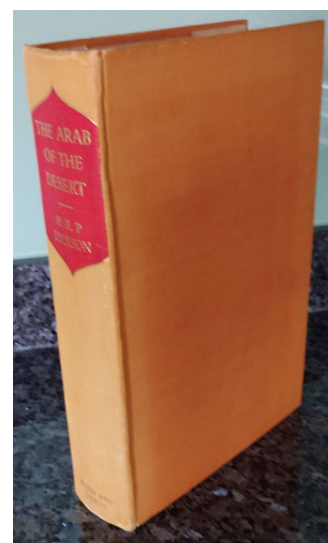
Beirut, Dar Alrafidain, 2018. 4to. Original boards with illustrated dust-wrappers; pp. 13, [2], 15, 117 plates; near-fine. Very rare first edition, bilingual in Arabic and English, signed by Ali Wahab on title-page in both English & Arabic. **£150**

A magnificent publication showing the Royal splendour of the Iraqi Royal Family and one of the finest cars of the 1930s, the Mercedes given to King Ghazi, by Adolf Hitler. Ghazi crashed the car and killed himself in the process. Most of the Royal family pictured were later murdered in an Iraqi nationalist coup d'état in 1958. COPAC locates a single copy, at the British Library



5. Dickson H R P: The Arab of The Desert (Signed)

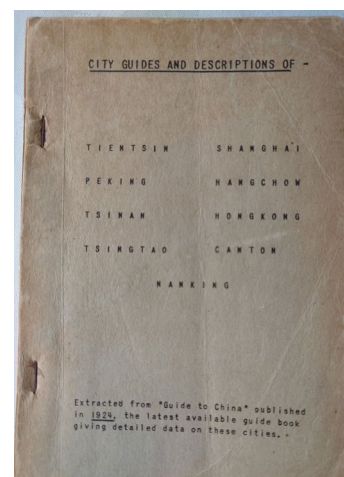
Published by London, Allen & Unwin, 1949. 8vo (170 x 236 mm). 664 pp. With frontispiece portrait of HH Sheikh Sir Ahmad al Jabir al Sabah, contemporary Ruler of Kuwait, and numerous plates and text illustrations, as well as a folding maps etc loosely inserted under a cloth tab in the rear of the book. Original publisher's rust cloth. No dust jacket. First edition of this classic work by Lieutenant Colonel Harold Richard Patrick Dickson (1881-1959), British colonial administrator in the Middle East from the 1920s until the 1940s. **Rare signed copy to "My friend Clark Cyher" £650**



6. Japanese Govt Railways: City Guides and Descriptions of Tientsin, Peking , Hong Kong, Canton, Shanghai Etc

Extracted from the "Guide to China" the latest available guide book giving detailed data on the cities of Tientsin, Peking, Canton, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Nanking , Hangchow in 1924. Very good + staple bound card covers. Black and white ills. Scarce **£285**.

City guide to Chinese cities.



7. Meir, Golda: My Life (Signed)



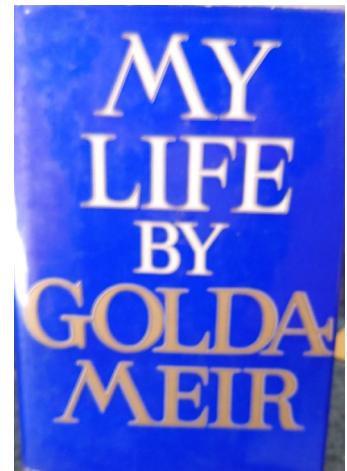
Tel Aviv. Steimatzky's Agency Ltd. 1975. 1st edition. Near fine hardback in a very good + dust jacket. Internally fine. Black and white ill. **£450**

Exceptionally and rarely signed by Golda Meir on the front free endpaper.

Golda Meir was an Israeli politician who served as the fourth Prime Minister of Israel from 1969 to 1974. She was Israel's first and only female head of government and the first female head of

government in the Middle East.

A controversial figure in Israel, Meir has been lionised as a founder of the state and described as the "Iron Lady" of Israeli politics, but also widely blamed for the country being caught by surprise during the war of 1973. In addition, her dismissive statements towards the Palestinians were widely scorned. Most historians believe Meir was more successful as Secretary of Labour and Housing than as Premier.

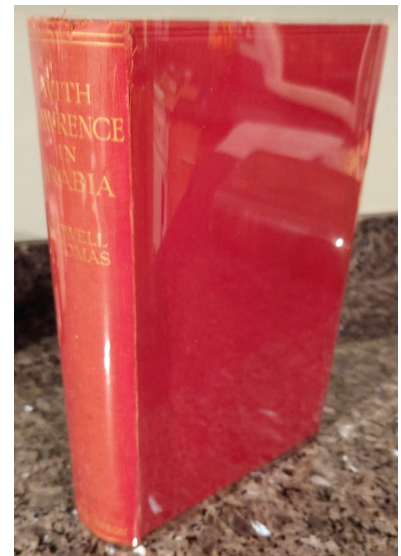


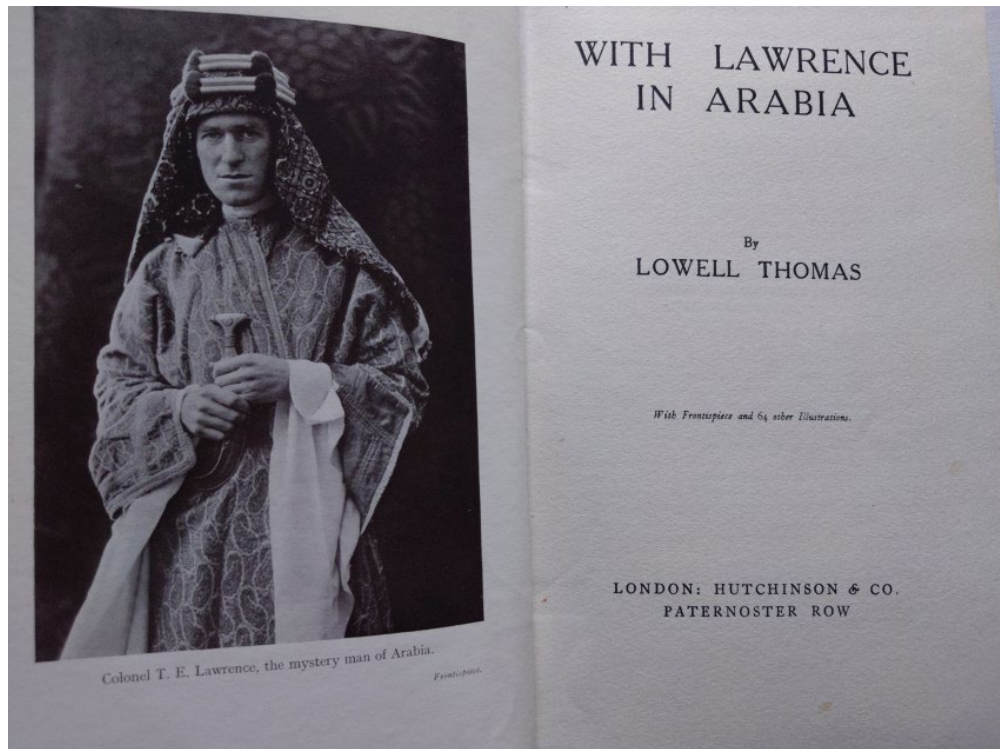
8. Lowell, Thomas: With Lawrence in Arabia (Rare 1st Edition)

Published by Hutchinson & Co., London [1924]., 1924. Hardcover. Condition: Near fine. No Jacket. 1st Edition. First UK Edition (first printing), issued a year after the original American edition. 8vo. xiii, 317pp. Red cloth lettered and ruled in gold at the spine and with a blind-stamped double border to the upper board. With sixty-five captioned black and white photographs by Harry A.Chase. Internally fine with no foxing. Book plate of Edward Arthur Parry. Rare 1st edition. **£225**

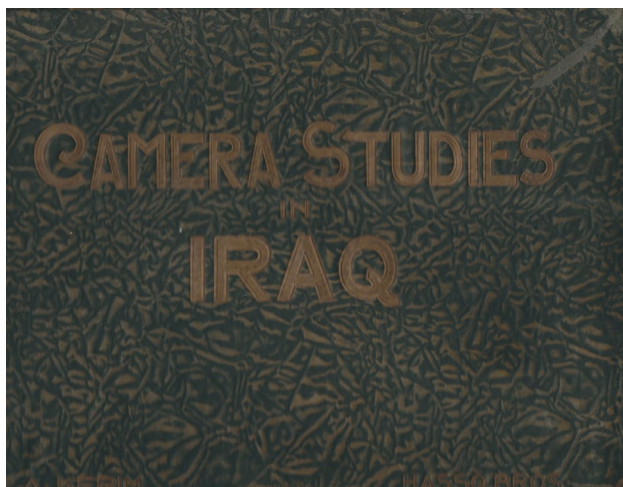
This is the book that first established T.E. Lawrence's reputation as "Lawrence of Arabia" in relation to the history of his involvement in the Arab revolt against Ottoman rule during the First World War. His fame was further secured by Hollywood: "Lawrence of Arabia," starring Peter O'Toole, which was based on the book.

This is Lowell Thomas' famous work on his time with Lawrence when the latter was in Arabia. Lawrence himself loathed the book and the reputation.





9. A Kerim. Hasso Brothers. Camera Studies in Iraq 1925



Excellent book of quality sepia photographs of Iraq. not dated probably early 1925, contains 50 pages of photographs each with a caption, in clean condition, decorative imitation crocodile boards are clean with gold lettering which is a little dulled, original cord ties on spine with beaded tassles. Rear endpapers are a little faded. Cloth a little bruised in parts. Overall a good copy. **£365**

A series of photographs in Sepia colour taken in Basrah, Amarah, Baghdad, the Tigris, Babylon, and Mosul, illustrating the topography, costumes and daily life. Views include: Ashar Creek, Whiteley Bridge Ashar Basrah, Bazar Square in Basrah City, The Serai Creek in Basrah City, Sheikh Gazal Market Ashar Basrah, Sug El Dijaj Basrah City, Modern Baghdad the city of Caliphs, The Shrine of Sheikh Omar, the Tomb of Sit Hobaida Kadimain the Holy City, The Golden Domes and Minarets of the Kadimain Mosque, The Maude Bridge, Baghdad from an aeroplane, Fruit Market in Baghdad, Baghdad & The Tigris, the Ruins of Babylon- Temple of Marduk, A Sheikh enjoying the famous Arab coffee, Street View of Baghdad from the North Gate, several street scenes in Baghdad, as well as many portraits and ethnic studies. A number of images show the local inhabitants from date-sellers on the streets

of Baghdad to Kurdish nobles, to Arabian Sheikhs, to an intriguing photo of Assyrian Mountaineers.

10. Miss Chan Sow Lin. Charming Ways to Decorate Your Table with Folded Napkins

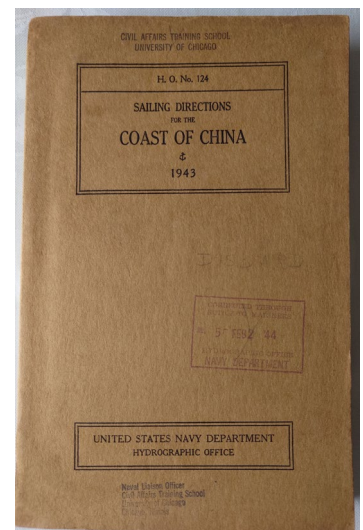
ND (60s). Very good slightly worn card covers in a 6 page gatefold. Black and white illis. £45.

Table decoration using paper folded napkins Chinese style. Malaya/Singapore..



11. United States Navy Dept: Sailing Directions for the Coast of China 1943

Near fine brown card covers. Faded ink stamps to the front panel. Internally fine with large folding maps intact. Very Scarce. £325.



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