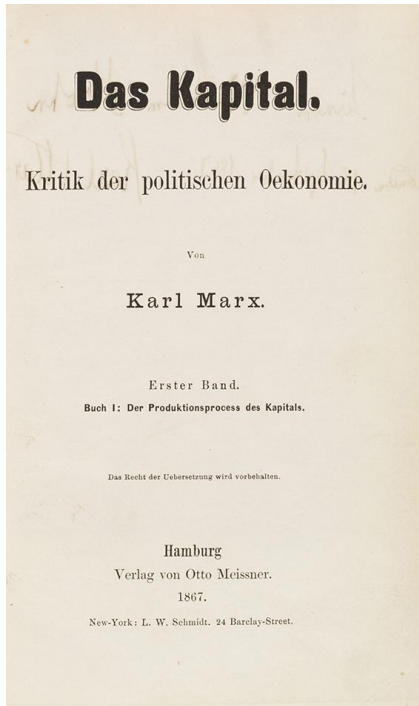
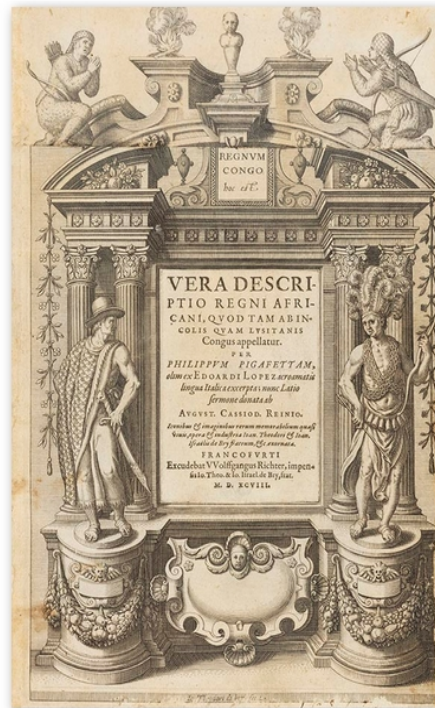


Bibliophile Gems Auction May 27, 2024



Karl Marx
Das Kapital. Dedication copy, 1867
Lot 59 Estimate price € 120,000



Theodor de Bry
Indiae Orientalis – Small Voyages, 1598 - 1625
Lot 19 Estimate price € 80,000

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Two Absolute Bibliophile Highlights

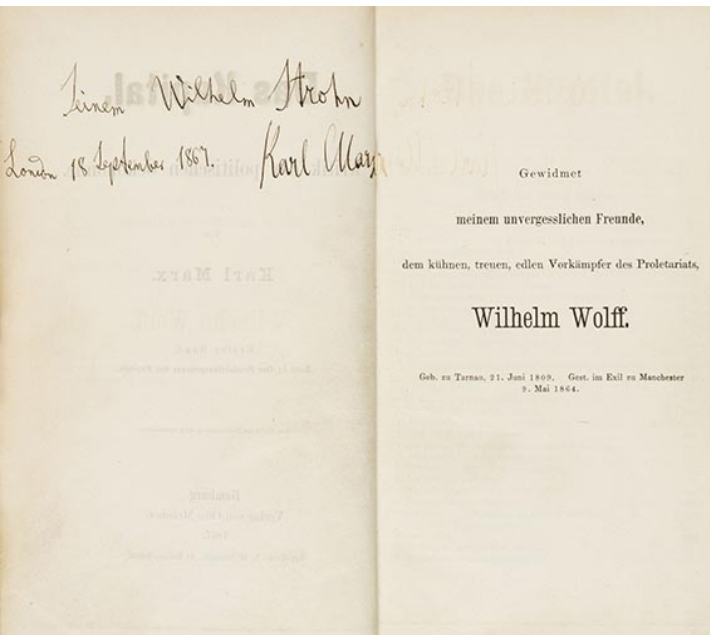
- **Impeccable provenance and fresh to the market: Karl Marx's first edition of "Das Kapital" from 1867.** This copy has what it takes to make it a highly sought-after collector's item: First edition, well-preserved, with a dedication to his close friend Wilhelm Strohn, a testimony to a great friendship, 157 years in the family of the dedicatee, hence of excellent provenance and for the first time on the market.
- **Complete copies after more than 400 years are incredibly rare: "Small Voyages" by Theodor de Bry.** De Bry's pioneering travel collection *Indiae Orientalis* (Small Voyages) is a rare gem in itself. The fact that a copy including all twelve parts and the often missing 'Appendix regni Congo', as well as all maps and copper plates in the text has survived for 400 years is nothing short of a miracle. This is the first time in more than 30 years that a copy of such completeness is sold at auction.

Karl Marx

Das Kapital. Kritik der politischen Oekonomie. First edition. Book I: Der Produktionsprozess des Kapitals. Hamburg, O. Meissner and New York, L. W. Schmidt 1867

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This is a rare copy of the first edition - and a document of friendship and gratitude.

This is demonstrated by Karl Marx's personal dedication to his friend Wilhelm Strohn, who played an important role in the publication of this great work. Strohn's friendship with Marx (and also Engels) began in the late 1840s, in the days of the 'Cologne Workers' Education Association'. In the mid-1860s, Strohn supported Marx in his work on 'Das Kapital', both financially and, above all, in his search for a suitable publisher. A total of 19 letters from Strohn to Marx have survived - the fact that they were on first-name terms shows how close they were, as Marx was on first-name terms with very few people. It was also Strohn who led the negotiations with his publisher Otto

Meissner on Marx's behalf. The personal nature of this copy is emphasized by a correction in pencil, most probably by the hand of Marx himself.

Theodor de Bry

Indiae Orientalis I to XII and Appendix. Together 13 parts in 5 volumes. Frankfurt, Richter for de Bry heirs 1598-1625

Lot 19

Estimate price € 80,000

The discovery of America by Christopher Columbus in 1492 heralded the age of major voyages of exploration. A good 100 years later, Theodor de Bry and his sons compiled the latest reports on discoveries in America, Asia and Africa around 1600. This resulted in *Indiae orientalis* and *Indiae occidentalis*, the so-called *Small* and *Great Voyages*, published between 1598 and 1625.

This Latin edition of the *Small Voyages* covers, among other things, Amerigo Vespucci's voyages at the beginning of the 16th century, Duarte Lopes' voyages to the Congo and Willem Barentz' expedition in search of the Northeast Passage, de Marees' exploration of the "Gold Coast" (Ghana), as well as the discovery of Hudson Bay in Canada with the map of a possible Northwest Passage and Pedro Fernandez de Quiros' voyages to the southern Pacific regions with the alleged discovery of *Terra australis*.

An outstanding accomplishment in publishing only surpassed by the degree of completeness of this copy of the *Small Voyages*: all twelve parts and (the often missing)



'Appendix regni Congo' are included and richly illustrated with more than 270 text plates and 18 folding maps. The most complete copy to be auctioned in more than 30 years - only at Ketterer.

Max Beckmann

Apokalypse. Frankfurt, private print Bauers type foundry 1943.

Lot 74 **Estimate price € 50,000**

Very rare private dedication print: Copy no. 5 of the first five, with lithographs colored by Max Beckmann and inscribed with a dedication to Ernst Fischer, son-in-law of publisher Georg Hartmann. The copy has been in family possession since it was made in 1943.

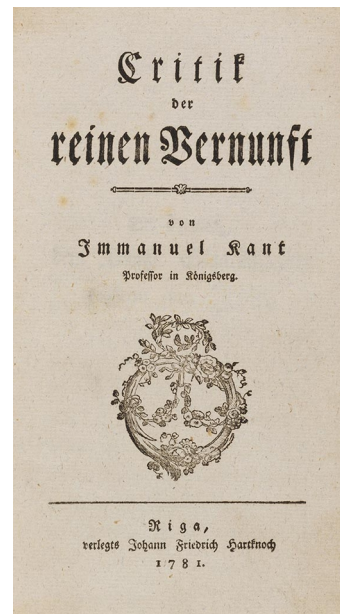


Immanuel Kant

Critik der reinen Vernunft. Riga, Joh. Fr. Hartknoch 1781.

Lot 49 **Estimate price € 12,000**

Original text - a bibliophile rarity: Only this first edition of one of the most influential works in the history of philosophy contains Immanuel Kant's original text. All subsequent editions go back to the second edition of 1787, which was substantially altered by Kant.



From a collection of 14 vellum manuscripts

Book of Hours

Latin and French vellum manuscript. France, around 1380.

Lot 1 **Estimate price € 25,000**

Very early, richly illuminated and personalized Book of Hours executed for the patroness Phelipes Ruffier (d. 1431), who - which is very rare - is identified in several line fillers.



Breviarium Romanum

Laten vellum manuscript.

Italy, Piemont (Casale Monferrato), dated 1474.

Lot 4 **Estimate price € 20,000**

Very rare signed and dated breviary by the penman Guglielmo: "Explicit iste liber per manus presbiteri gull(ielm)i de maria de casali. Anno dni. M.cccc.lxxiiij." (f.399v).





Giovanni Battista Piranesi

Vedute di Roma. [Rome 1748-1769].

Lot 24 Estimate price € 60,000

Early Roman edition with delicate prints in very good quality. Arthur M. Hind, head of the Department of Prints and Drawings at the British Museum from 1933 to 1945, described it as being in 'perfect condition'. The present edition was largely created after 1761. Piranesi began etching the work as early as in 1748.



Christoph Jakob Trew

Plantae selectae. 10 parts in 1 volume. Nuremberg 1750-73.

Lot 36 Estimate price € 30,000

Complete copy and a real highlight of Nuremberg botanical book illustration: One of the most outstanding botanical works by the physician, botanist and merchant Christoph Jakob Trew (1695-1769) published in cooperation with the finest Nuremberg plant painters of the time.



Maria Sibylla Merian

De Europische Insecten und surinamische Insekten.

Two works in one volume.

Amsterdam, J. F. Bernard 1730.

Lot 34 Estimate price € 30,000

Magnificently illustrated work on caterpillars, flowers and butterflies, combining Maria Sibylla Merian's two great insect books in one volume, Merian expert Elisabeth Rücker said: **“One of the most splendidly illustrated books ever created.”**



Karl Schmidt-Rottluff

Arbeiter. Original watercolor on a postcard. Cardboard, monogrammed in the upper left. 1921.

Lot 70 Estimate price € 18,000

Drawn and colored summer greeting from Schmidt-Rottluff to his friends, the doctor and artist couple Schiff-Magnussen in Berlin. Motif: dynamic depiction of a farm worker from a creative period in which the artist increasingly devoted himself to motifs of working people such as fishermen, boatmen, farmers and craftsmen.

AUCTION IN HAMBURG

Monday, May 27, 2024

1 pm

Lot 100 - 357 Rare Books

5 pm

Lot 1 - 89 Rare Books – Evening Sale

Find all works online [here](#).

PREVIEW

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Sun. May 26, 2024 11 am – 5 pm

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June 7, 2024	Evening Sale
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June 8, 2024	Modern Art Day Sale

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May 12, 2024	11 am – 5 pm

Bernhard Knaus Fine Art, Niddastraße 84, 60329 Frankfurt am Main

Hamburg

May 14, 2024	11 am – 9 pm
May 15, 2024	11 am – 3 pm

TOM REICHSTEIN contemporary, Stockmeyerstraße 41-43, venue 4J, 20457 Hamburg

Cologne

May 17, 2024	11 am – 9 pm
May 18, 2024	11 am – 7 pm
May 19, 2024	11 am – 5 pm
May 20, 2024	11 am – 3 pm

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May 22 – 23, 2024	10 am – 6 pm
May 24, 2024	10 am – 7 pm
May 25 – 29, 2024	10 am – 6 pm
May 30, 2024	10 am – 8 pm

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June 1, 2024	12 noon – 6 pm
June 2, 2024	11 am – 5 pm
June 3 – 4, 2024	10 am – 6 pm
June 5, 2024	10 am – 8 pm
June 6, 2024	10 am – 5 pm

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