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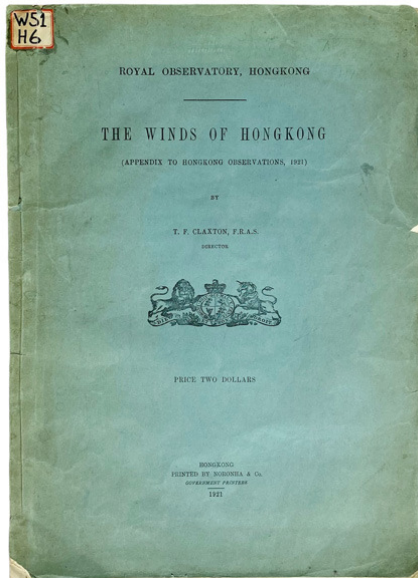
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1. **CLAXTON, Thomas Folkes (b 1874) - The Winds of Hongkong (Appendix to Hongkong Observations, 1921)**

Hong Kong: Royal Observatory, and printed by Noronha & Co., 1921

First edition. Folio, pp 105. Bound in blue card wraps, with text and royal coat-of-



arms to the front and Noronha & Co. circular device to the lower cover. Contains a six page description of the purpose and method of the investigation followed by 25 tables and plate diagrams with the results. The purpose was to ascertain the difference in direction and velocity of the wind at the Royal Observatory, Kowloon and at Victoria Peak, Hong Kong at different seasons of the year and different hours of the day. There is a large piece of the rear cover missing; also the top corner of the final page missing (border only, does not affect any printing), several other pages have short tears with no loss, spine heavily worn, and a small code or shelf label to the top of the front cover. There is a small blind stamp of Harvard College Observatory at the top of the cover and the first five pages. Errata slip tipped into the title page. Overall a

Good condition copy of a rare document. [B8420] £280

2. **HAZELL, Denis H. - Picturesque Hongkong**

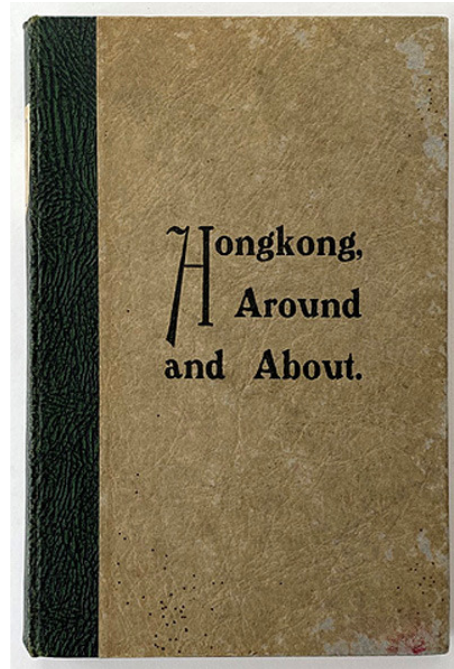
Hong Kong: Ye Olde Printerie, Ltd., n.d. [circa 1925]

First Edition. Oblong quarto, 28.5cm x 21cm. Stiff brown card covers, string bound with an offset printed illustration from a photograph of Hong Kong harbour at night pasted to the upper cover. Five page preface followed by 24 pages with sepia tone photogravure images tipped-in, on recto only, with detailed descriptions to the facing page; 22 pages have a single image 15cm x 10cm, and two pages contain two smaller images, 7.5cm x 10cm. A further photogravure, 7.5cm x 10cm is pasted to the title page. Includes images of the harbour and Central as well as less commonly found shots of Deep Water Bay, Repulse Bay, Tai Tam reservoir, Shau Kei Wan and Green Island. Contents are clean and bright, front cover is also clean, but there is some splitting to the spine; overall in Near Fine condition. [B7337] £600

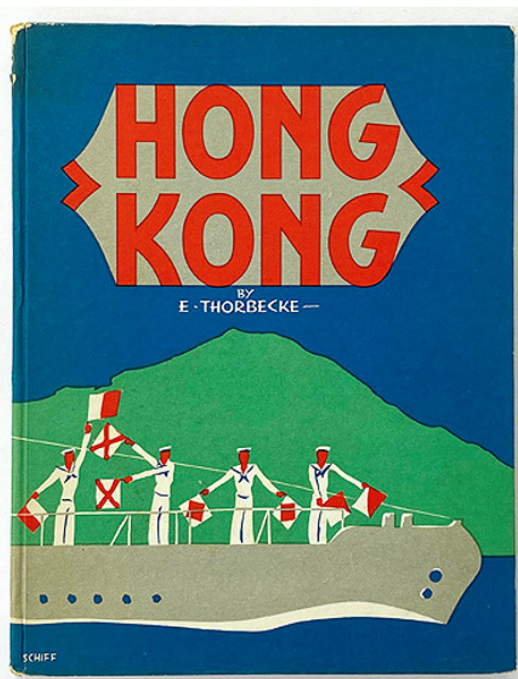


3. **PEPLOW, S.H. and BARKER, M. - Hong Kong, Around and About**
Hong Kong: Ye Olde Printerie, 1931

Second edition, revised and enlarged. pp196 + 6 pages of index. Quarter green cloth spine over paper covered hard boards. Cream coloured paper title label to the spine. With one folding map of Hong Kong tipped in. This book provides the reader with a detailed overview about Hong Kong, including the geography and layout, Chinese customs, festivals, legends, beliefs and Gods; as well as chapters on pirates, typhoons, place names and their meanings, etc. The folding map of 'Hong Kong and the New Territory' shows roads and the route of the Kowloon-Canton Railway. Clean and unmarked internally, no spotting or foxing to the end papers as usually found in this book. The front board is tanned and rubbed, overall this is a Very Good copy. Attractive.
[B7294] £275



4. **THORBECKE, Ellen - Hong Kong**
 Hong Kong: *Kelly & Walsh, Limited, [1938]*
 First (and only) edition. Small quarto, 18cm x 23cm, 69 pages. Illustrated paper covered hard boards. No dust jacket. Book about Hong Kong, mainly targeted at tourists and visitors, with text and photographs by Ellen Thorbecke and embellished with drawings by Friedrich Schiff. The book has no publication date printed but was issued in 1938. Bookplate of George and Olga Crow to the front pastedown. George Crow was the nephew of Shanghai based businessman and writer Carl Crow. The book is in Near Fine condition, binding tight and square, just a little wear at the spine ends. [B7281] £500



5. **SWEENEY, Dan – Repulse Bay Hotel, Brochure**
Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, circa 1930

Hotel promotional brochure, fold out. Cover designed by US commercial artist, Dan Sweeney, who is best remembered for the hotel luggage labels he designed for Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels.

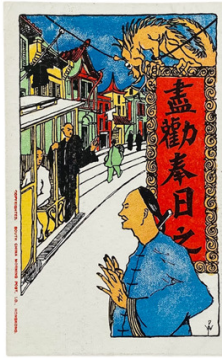
Includes three photographic images of the hotel interior, of the Verandah Restaurant, the Ballroom and one of the "Sleeping Chambers". Printed circa 1930. Size: 9cm x 14cm closed; 27cm x 14cm when open. Printed on both sides. In Fine condition. [B8651] £135



6. **SIX COLOUR PRINTED POST CARDS OF HONG KONG**

Hong Kong: South China Morning Post, not dated [1930's]

A collection of six unused postcards, three vertical, three horizontal format. All have a typical Hong Kong street scene, including with rickshaw, sedan chair, lanterns and street festivities, Chinese junks, ladder street, etc. No artist identified though several of the cards have a monogram, "P.W." at the corner. Not postally used and in Near Fine to Fine condition. Very unusual cards. [X1451] £150



7. **INGRAMS, Harold - Hong Kong (The Corona Library)**

London: Her Majesty's Stationary Office, 1952

First edition. Octavo, pp xii, 307. Red cloth covered boards with gilt lettering to spine. Complete with two large folding maps in the rear pocket. Illustrated with 40 plates in colour and black & white. No jacket. Front endpaper has a decorative map of Hong Kong. The two maps are *Hong Kong and the New Territories* and *Victoria and Kowloon Street Plan and Population Density*. This is a British Government publication giving a detailed overview of Hong Kong in a relatively

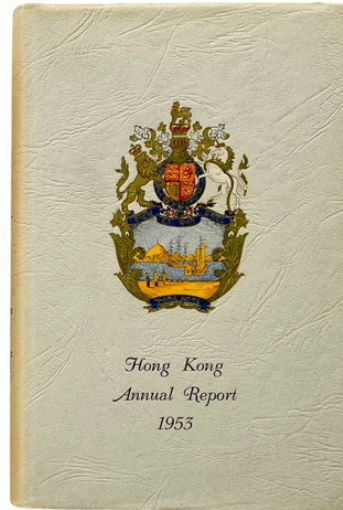
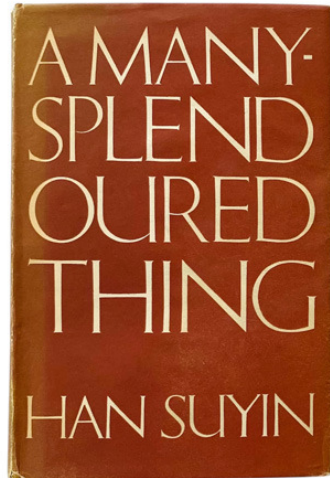
informal manner, including history, geography, people, customs, industry and trade and a final chapter on the colony's outlook and purpose. A fascinating and detailed insight into Hong Kong in the immediate post-war years before the period of mass immigration from Mao's chaotic China. Most desirable with the two large folding maps in the rear pocket. Very Good condition, clean and unmarked inside, boards a little marked. Maps are in Near Fine condition. [B8747] £325



8. **HAN Suyin - A Many Splendoured Thing**

London: Jonathan Cape, 1952

First edition, first impression. Octavo. Green cloth covered hard boards, with the original publisher's dust jacket, un-clipped. Near Fine book, clean and unmarked, in Very Good jacket which is gently faded to the spine. [B8734] £75



9. **HONG KONG ANNUAL REPORT, 1953**

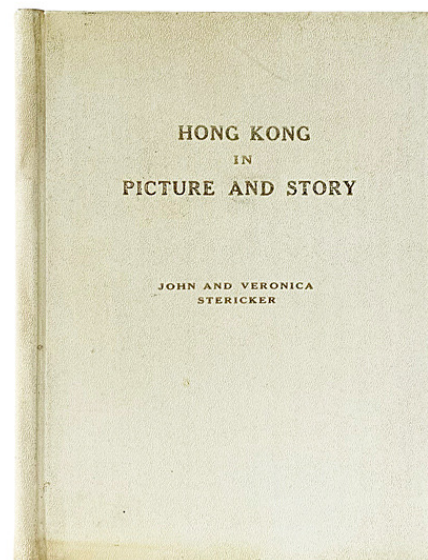
Hong Kong: The Government Printer, 1954

First edition. Octavo, pp 269. Grey paper covered hard boards with title in black to spine and Hong Kong coat of arms to upper board. Endpaper maps. Illustrated with tables, charts and photographs throughout. With the original dust jacket, un-clipped (HK\$6.00). Near Fine condition book which has offset browning to the pages facing some of the plates and tables; in a Near Fine jacket with has very gentle tanning to the spine. An excellent copy. [B7341] £280

10. **STERICKER, John & Veronica - Hong Kong in Picture and Story**

Hong Kong: Self-published by the authors and printed at Tai Wah Press, 1954

Third impression of book originally published in 1953. Small quarto, pp 175. White fabric covered hard boards (no jacket as issued) with gilt lettering to the front board. End paper maps. Photographic book of Hong Kong with 100 gravure images and detailed captions. John Stericker was a long-time resident in China and Hong Kong who was interned in Stanley Fort during the war. This is the first of his Hong Kong photography books. In Good condition,

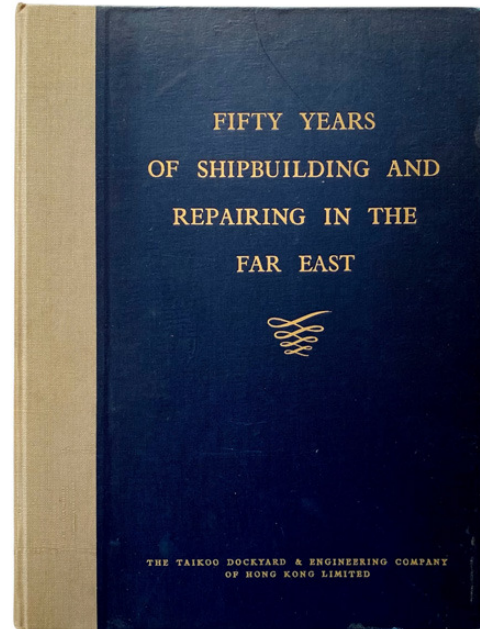


marred by tape residue and staining to the edges of the paste-downs, otherwise the book is clean and unmarked internally and the boards are unusually bright and clean. [B7846] £80

11. **TAIKOO DOCKYARD & ENGINEERING CO. OF HONG KONG - Fifty Years of Shipbuilding and Repairing in the Far East**

London: Technical Advertising Service, 1954

First edition. Folio, pp 174. Illustrated throughout with photographs. Bound in blue cloth covered hard boards over grey cloth spine, gilt lettering to upper board and spine. A company history of John Swire & Sons' leading dockyard and ship repairing operations. The first dock and slipway was built in 1900 the near the company's Taikoo Sugar Refinery on the north shore of Hong Kong island. The book is liberally illustrated throughout with images of ships, dockyards and workshops. In Near Fine condition, clean and unmarked. Laid in is a photocopy extract, an article titled "Taikoo Dockyard, Hong Kong" by Albert Griffin, extracted from the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Institution of Civil Engineering, Vol 183, January 1911. [B7833] £325



12. **GUIDE TO HONG KONG**

Hong Kong: Government Public Relations Office, [1954]

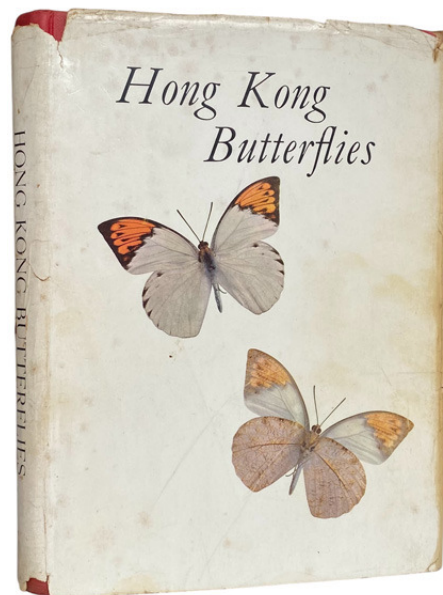
Small guidebook, 48 pages, staple bound in card wraps with an Art Deco design cover – a view over Central towards the harbour. Illustrated with b/w photos throughout and with a colour plan of Central inside the rear gatefold cover. Ink stamp of American Express Co., Hong Kong to the front cover, otherwise in Very Good condition. [B8904] £95



13. **[SIGNED] H.M.S. Cossack 1958-1959. Far East Station**

Hong Kong: Local Printing Press, [1959]

First (and only) Edition. Quarto, pp 102 + 14 pages of advertisements at front and rear, most for Hong Kong businesses. Bound in paper covered hard boards over red cloth spine, the front board decorated with black lettering and a red dragon. A record of HMS Cossack's commission on the Far East Station in 1958-1959. Introduction by the ship's captain, Commander D.P. Seely, who has SIGNED in person in blue ink at the bottom of his section. Liberally illustrated with photographs and with several cartoon style drawings. The ship's visits included to Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand, Korea and Japan. H.M.S. Cossack was a C-Class Destroyer of the Royal Navy, launched in 1944. She saw 15 years' service on the Far East Station and was decommissioned in 1961. This is a rare record of life on the Far East Station in the post-war years. Scarce book, clean and unmarked inside, binding strong, but the spine has wear and some loss at the ends and the paper covering to the fore-edge of the upper board has some small loss. Overall Very good Minus. [B8020] £380



14. **[SIGNED] MARSH, Major J.C.S. - Hong Kong Butterflies**

Hong Kong: The Shell Company of Hong Kong, 1960

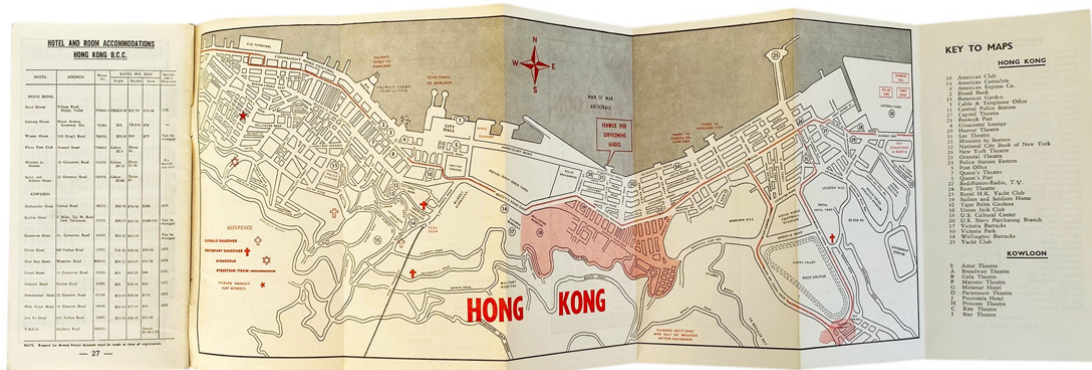
First edition. Quarto, pp viii, 113 with 34 colour plates of images of butterflies. J.C.S. Marsh authored this book, but with much support of Valentine Burkhardt, noted Hong Kong resident lepidopterist and author of the three volume Chinese Creeds and Customs. Inscribed by Marsh to the front endpaper: "From the author – with very happy memories of Hong Kong". There is a small marginalia note on page 43 in Burkhardt's handwriting. This is a comprehensive study of the significant butterfly life in Hong Kong, and the first major work since John

Kershaw's "Butterflies of Hong Kong" was published in 1907. Very Good condition book in a rather grubby and chipped jacket which is no better than Good condition. [B9055] £50

15. **Servicemen's Guides - Welcome to Hong Kong**

Hong Kong: printed by Tung Lok, not dated, circa 1962.

Booklet, 7.5cm x 15.5cm, 27 pages, staple bound with soft card wraps. Folding map at rear, opening to 43cm x 15cm, which shows the north shore of HK island from Sheung Wan to Causeway Bay on one side and Kowloon peninsula on the other. The booklet is not dated but the map includes City Hall in Central and not the Hilton Hotel, so likely dates 1962 or 1963. Issued and handed out for free to visiting US servicemen in Hong Kong on shore leave. Provides useful information on places to visit, shopping, restaurants etc. In Very Good condition with corners creased to cover and first few pages. [B8868] £125



16. **August Moon Hotel and Restaurant – Wine and Drinks Menu**

Hong Kong: printed by Mansion Printing, not dated, early 1960's

Larger format menu, 22.5cm x 30cm, printed on card, two folded sheets, staple bound to create covers plus four pages. List prices for Wines, Spirits and Room Service drinks and snacks. Not dated, but the wines listed are from vintages up to 1961. Small advertisement for Garuda Indonesian Airlines to the bottom of three pages. Front cover illustration creating a collage of tourist attractions in Hong Kong. The August Moon Hotel was on Kimberly Road in Tsim Sha



Tsui; it first opened in 1962 and closed for good in 1972. There is a small biro mark on the lower front cover, overall in Very Good condition. Scarce piece of Hong Kong 1960's ephemera. [B8683] £75

17. **FLY QANTAS TO HONG KONG – Folding brochure**

Folding brochure, 9.5cm x 22cm, opening to 38cm x 44cm. Printed in 1962. On one side is information about Hong Kong as a tourist destination, Qantas's service flying there and a map of the downtown areas of Hong Kong. On the other side is a collage of paintings and drawings of Hong Kong, by Gert Sellheim (1901-1970), an Australian-German artist who also produced posters for the Australian National Travel Association, and most famously designed Qantas' flying kangaroo logo. In Fine condition. [B8391] £125



18. **Folding Brochure - HONG KONG: Tours, Food, Festivals, Entertainment, Shopping**

Hong Kong: Hong Kong Tourist Association, January 1965

Staple bound brochure, 10cm x 22.5cm opening to 40cm x 22.5cm; two sheets folded and stapled to create 16 panels.

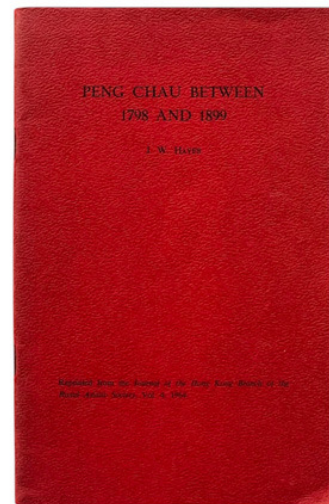
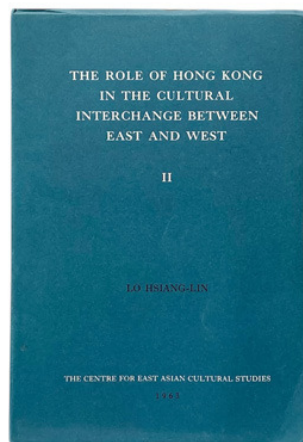
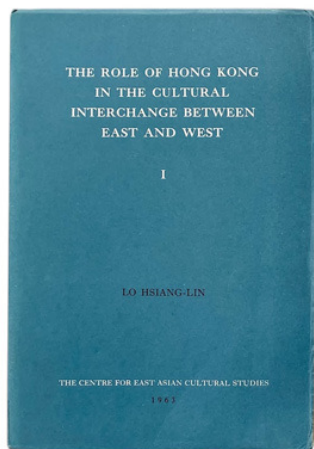
Colour photo illustration of a police pagoda on Nathan Road to the front cover and further colour photos on every panel within. Brochure providing general information for intending visitors and likely for distribution overseas. In Fine condition. [B8883] £60



19. **LO Hsiang-Lin - The Role of Hong Kong in the Cultural Interchange Between East & West**

Tokyo: The Centre for East Asian Cultural Studies, 1963

Two volumes, small octavos, pp v, 194 and ii, 195-289 + 56 pages photo plates at the end of Volume II. Bound in blue stiff card wraps. The first English language edition, translated by the publisher, and published as No. 6 of their East Asian Cultural Studies Series. This follows the original Chinese edition published in Hong Kong in 1961. Lo Hsiang-Lin was a Professor at Hong Kong University from 1954, becoming head of the Chinese Department in 1964. In this book, he examines the cultural intercourse of East and West, using inter alia the example of how Western missionary James Legge translated the Chinese classics into English to promote greater understanding of Chinese culture and how the introduction of Western educational ideas, such as the College for Medicine in Hong Kong, promoted the development and modernization of China. The books are in Near Fine condition. A lovely set. Most uncommon. [B8167] £125



20. **HAYES, J.W. - Peng Chau between 1798 and 1899**

Hong Kong: Royal Asiatic Society, [1964]

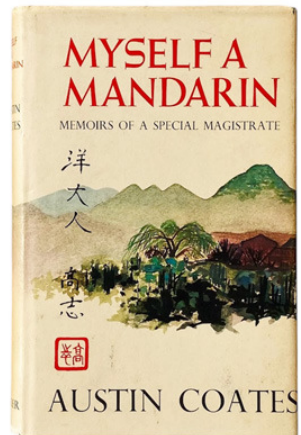
Offprint from RAS Journal Vol 4, 1964. Octavo, pp 26, staple bound red soft covers. One b/w plate illustration and a map in text. Hayes' interesting article about Peng Chau Island which lies just off the south-east coast of Lantau. In Very Good condition. Uncommon. [B9064] £35

21. **GLEASON, Gene - Hong Kong**

London: Robert Hale, 1964

UK First edition of book originally published one year earlier in the US. Octavo, pp200. Red cloth covered hard boards, in original dust jacket, un-clipped (21/- net). Twelve pages of photographic illustrations. Gleason was an American reporter who travelled widely in Asia including in Hong Kong. The book explores the development of Hong Kong from its early day in the 19th century through to the

period of fast growth in population and commerce in the immediate post-war years. Book is ex-library with some glue residue to the front paste-down and rear free-endpaper and there is a hint of removal of a library stamp to the top corner of the title page. Other than this, the book is in bright, clean condition. The jacket is in Fine and bright condition. [X1357] £50



22. **COATES, Austin - Myself a Mandarin**

London: Frederick Mueller, 1968

First edition. Octavo, pp 250. Dark brown cloth covered hard boards with original dust jacket, unclipped (25/- net). Coates' best known and most highly regarded book, his memoirs of his time spent as Special Magistrate in the New Territories in the 1950's. A highly entertaining and informative book which helps to explain the nuances of life in Hong Kong's New Territories and outlying islands. Almost Fine condition book, in a Very Good Plus jacket which is a little tanned to the spine and has slight wear at the spine ends. [B8579] £175

23. **THE MOBIL COOKING GUIDE**

Hong Kong: Mobil Oil Company, 1968

First edition. Octavo, pp 278 plus six pages of illustrations. Perfect bound in stiff card wraps. Text in Chinese. A cookery book, packed with recipes, published by Mobil Oil to encourage greater use of the company's LPG fuel for cooking. In Very Good condition. [B8687] £65

24. **STANDEE – Hong Kong, Spring Summer
Autumn Winter**

*Hong Kong, Hong Kong Tourist Association,
not dated [1960's]*

Standee promoting Hong Kong through different season. English text, 9.5cm x 20cm, opening to 38cm x 20cm, comprising four panels with traditional Chinese paintings on



one side and information about the seasons, expected temperatures and ideas for visitors of things to do and see when in Hong Kong. The HKTA issued various different card standees during the 1960's with similar theme and style. In fine condition. [B9043] £45



25. **DRAGE, Charles - Taikoo: A History of the Far Eastern Firm of Butterfield and Swire, 1894-1925**
London: Constable, 1970
First edition. Octavo, pp320. Blue cloth covered boards with gilt titling and decoration to spine. In original dust jacket, un-clipped (£2.25/net 45s. net). A history of the Swire family commercial activities in China and Hong Kong in the late 19th and early 20th century, a period in China of great turbulence and change. Very Good Plus condition book, which has some spotting to the fore-edge only, in a Fine, bright and unfaded jacket. [B7229] £75
26. **LINDSAY, Oliver – The Lasting Honour, The Fall of Hong Kong 1941**
London: Hamish Hamilton, 1978
First edition. Octavo, pp226 + 8 pages of photographs. Red cloth covered boards with gilt lettering to spine. In the original price-clipped red dust jacket. Review copy with the original Canadian review slip pasted to the front free end-paper. One of the best accounts of the Battle for Hong Kong in December 1941. Near Fine condition book in a Very Good Plus jacket with some gentle fading to the spine. [B8423] £45
27. **ZOLMAN, P.A. - Soldier in the East**
Bognor Regis: New Horizon, 1982
First edition. Octavo, pp 52, illustrated with line drawings. Scarlet faux leather covered hard boards and in the original dust jacket. Zolman spent four years on

tour with the British Army from 1970-1974 in the Far East and this is his informal and entertaining short account of his life and experiences, mainly Hong Kong and also Malaysia and Singapore. Book and jacket are in Fine condition. Scarce, we can find no other copies of this book.[B8690] £60

28. **HONG KONG STREETS & PLACES – THE OFFICIAL GUIDE**

Hong Kong: Survey Division, Lands Department, 1981 & 1982

Two volumes. Both are perfect bound in stiff card wraps. Volume 1: Hong Kong Island, Lantau & the Outlying Islands. Fourth edition, 1982. 197 pages, 11.5cm x 18cm. Volume 2: Kowloon & the New Territories. Second edition, 1981. 237 pages, 14.5cm x 20.5cm. Both volumes are packed with street plans and a gazetteer of street names. In Very Good condition, volume 2 has a vertical crease to the front cover and a previous owner's name inside.

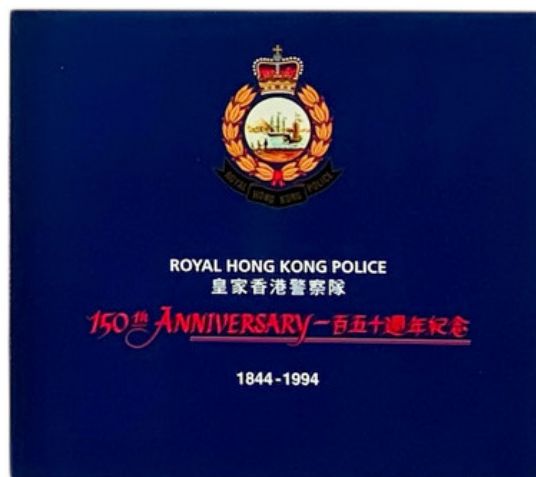
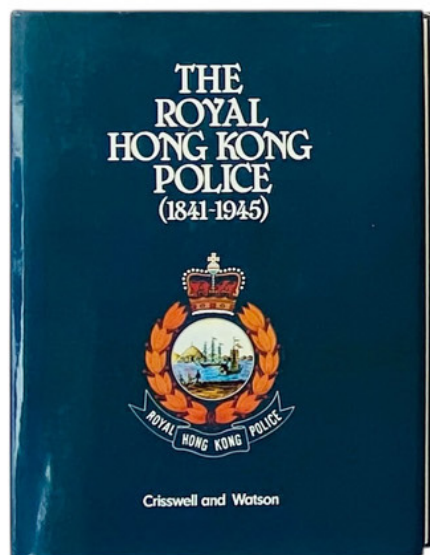
[B9126] £50



29. **CRISSWELL, Colin & WATSON, Mike - The Royal Hong Kong Police (1841-1945)**

Hong Kong: MacMillan, 1982

First edition. Quarto, pp 208. Bound in blue cloth covered hard boards, gilt lettering to the spine and in the original dust jacket. Illustrated with black & white photographs throughout. Excellent history of the police force in Hong Kong from establishment of the colony to the end of Japanese occupation. Book and jacket both in Near Fine condition. [B7982] £80



45. **SINCLAIR, Kevin – Royal Hong Kong Police, 150th Anniversary Commemorative Publication 1844-1994**

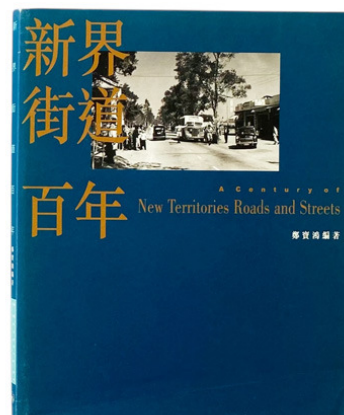
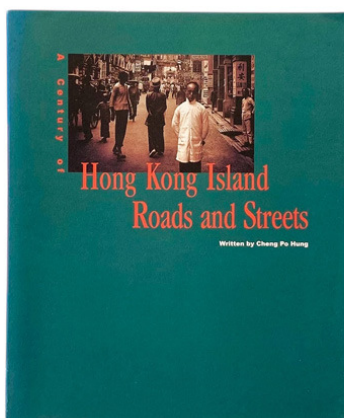
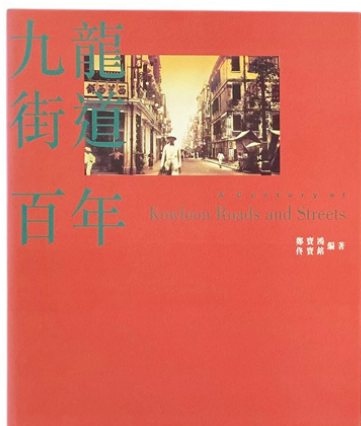
Hong Kong: Police Public Relations Branch, 1994

Oblong format quarto, 25cm x 22cm. 60 pages. Stiff card covers. Bilingual text in English and Traditional Chinese. Illustrated with colour and some b/w photographs throughout. A short promotional booklet issued to celebrate the last significant police anniversary before the 1997 Handover. Fine condition. [X1452] £45

46. **CHENG Po Hung - A Century of Kowloon Roads and Streets; a Century of Hong Kong Island Roads and Streets; and A Century of New Territories Roads and Streets**

Hong Kong: Joint Publishing Company, 2000-2002

Three volumes, all First Editions. Quartos, perfect bound in soft covers, all three volumes are 96 pages each. Text in Chinese with limited captions in English. Three photography books filled with b/w images of Hong Kong from 1900 onwards. A little bumping, overall in Very Good to Near Fine condition. The New Territories volume is quite uncommon. [B8698-B8700] £120 for the set.



47. **BOOTH, Martin – Gweilo. Memories of a Hong Kong Childhood**

London: Doubleday, 2004

First edition, first impression (with full number string to '1'). Octavo, pp 342. Bound in black cloth covered hard boards and in the original publisher's dust jacket, un-clipped. Martin Booth's hugely successful account of his childhood growing up in 1950's Hong Kong, which was published shortly after he passed away in 2004. This is a difficult book to find as a true first printing. The book has some tanning to the edges of the page block and spotting to the prelims and last couple of pages. The jacket is faded to the spine. Overall Very Good condition book in a Very Good jacket. An excellent and most entertaining read. [B5500] £40

