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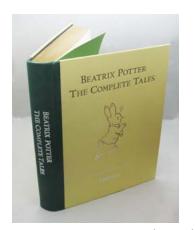
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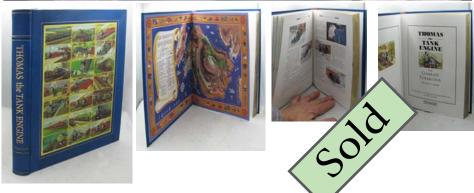


Beatrix POTTER 'complete works' 2006, publisher's cloth binding, slip-case, 23ct gilt edges, 260x200mm, all in mint condition Vanishing fore edge painting inspired by the plates within, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket tipped in

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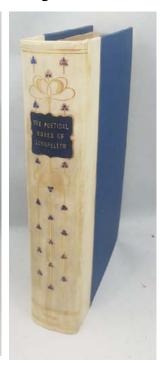
Rev W. Awdry, 'Thomas the Tank Engine, complete collection' 1996, London, illustration endpapers, hand bound in real leather, panels inset into the boards, all edges in 23ct gold. 416pp, 290x230mm. Slight cockling to some leaves otherwise in near mint condition *Vanishing composite fore edge painting of Thomas, Henry and* 

Vanishing composite fore edge painting of Thomas, Henry and Skarloey, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket

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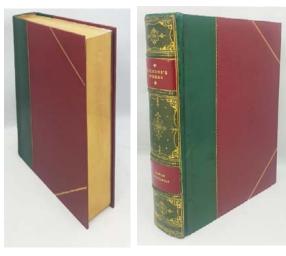


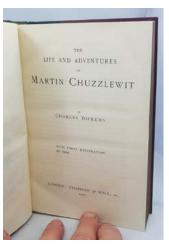


**Henry LONGFELLOW** 'Poetical Works', nd London, Milford, 1913 886pp, 190x130mm original decorative vellum spine, cloth boards, later a.e.g. Very clean and in good condition . **Video available** 

Upright vanishing fore edge painting of an art nouveau beauty after Alphonse Mucha, monogrammed by Frost with an authenticity ticket







**Charles DICKENS** 'Martin Chuzzlewit', 1902 London, Chapman Hall, 676pp, 220x140mm, rebacked using the original extra-gilt leather spine, cloth boards, later a.e.g. Very clean and in sound condition.

Composite fore edge painting of Mrs Gamp flanked by scenes from the tale, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket tipped in.

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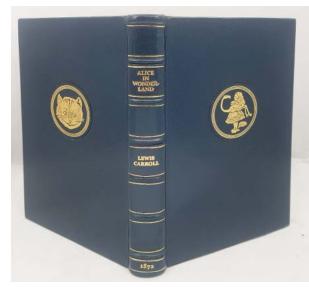
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**Lewis CARROLL 'Alice in Wonderland'**, 1872 1st edition, 38th thousand London, Macmillan, illustrations by Tenniel, 170 x120mm, recent navy blue full calf binding with extra gilt spine and roundels, marbled endpapers, all edges gilt, mellow pages with slight foxings, inscription to half title, in a matching protective solander box. Very good condition

Binding and vanishing **two-way double fore edge painting** with scenes from the story within, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket **Video available** 













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### 1899 Falconry FEP with

a full leather cosway style binding





COX and LASCELLES 'Coursing and Falconry' Badminton Library Series, London, Published Longmans, Green and Co, 1899.

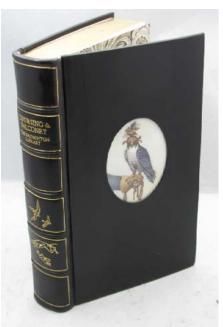
New edition, xiii, 433pp., 2pp adverts.190 x 130mm, with b&w illustrations in text and full page plates. Newly rebound in glossy black calf, hubbed spine, marbled endpapers, all edges gilded with a hand painted portrait of a Goshawk on a gloved fist set into the front board. Professional page repairs and slight browning otherwise in very good condition. Protected in a matching solander box.

Binding and vanishing Fore edge painting of a 1820 mounted hunting party monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket

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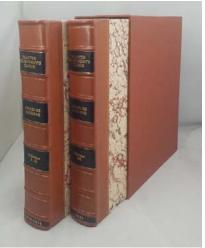
### 237 Dickens classics in first editions



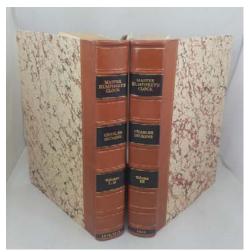




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Charles DICKENS 'Master Humphrey's Clock' 1840, 1841, First edition as parts, London, Chapman Hall, all 3 vols re-bound into two, 306,306,426pp, 250x170mm, in gilt calf spines and marbled endpapers, a.e.g. contained in a sleeve case. Lightest of foxing, otherwise very good condition. Heavy set 3 kg Video available

Composite vanishing fore edge paintings hidden under the gold.

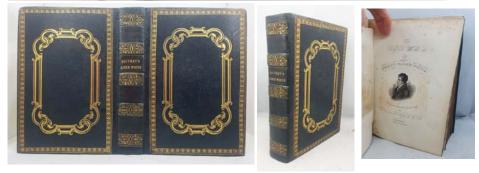
Book 1 : Little Nell and her grandfather flanked by Quilp & Judas Brass and the London riots

Book 2: Barnaby Rudge and his crow Grip flanked by scenes of the Maypole Inn and the hangman at Newgate prison

Monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity tickets tipped in.







**SOUTHEY R.**, 'Works of Henry Kirke White' c1820 pub. Wolls, New York, frontispiece, 420pp, 230x150mm, choice original extra-gilt goat leather, all edges gilt, rubbed surfaces, considerable foxing but sound . **Video available** 

Vanishing Fore edge painting of the New York University off Washington Square in 1830, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket

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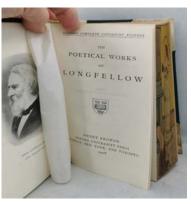
Francis PALGRAVE, 'Golden Treasury' c1900 Oxford, Frowde, 488pp,190x120mm, decorative vellum spine, slightest damage to vellum otherwise in excellent condition. Video available

Upright vanishing romantic fore edge painting hidden under 23ct gold, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket









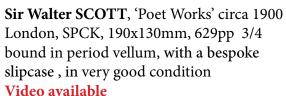
Henry Wadsworth LONGFELLOW 'Poet Works' 1908 Oxford, Frowde, 878pp, 190x120mm, decorative vellum spine, slight browning to vellum otherwise in excellent condition. Video available

Vanishing upright fore edge painting from a Beardsley illustation of Earl Lavender flogged by his mistress hidden under recent 23ct gold, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket







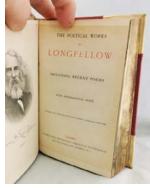


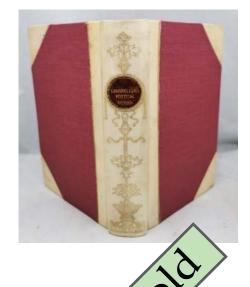
Upright vanishing Fore edge painting of Rosetti's Prosperine, hidden under 23ct gold, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket









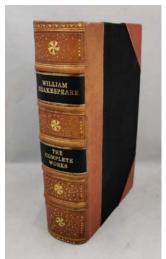


Henry LONGFELLOW, 'Poet Works' circa 1900 London, SPCK, 190x130mm, 630pp. 3/4 bound in period vellum, slight staining otherwise in good condition

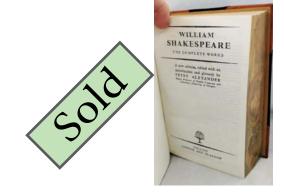
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Vanishing Fore edge painting of the first sighting of Niagara by the Europeans, hidden under 23ct edge gilding, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket





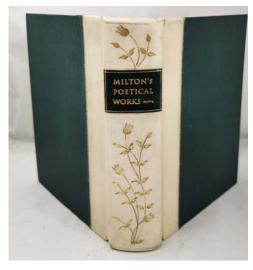




William SHAKESPEARE 'Complete Works', 'Poet Works' 1951 London, Collins, 210x140mm, 1376pp. 3/4 apprentice binding in goatskin, slight cropping to text otherwise good condition. Video available

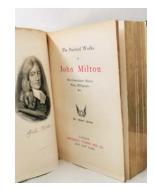
The bard's portrait flanked by the Globe theatre and his Stratford cottage, hidden under 23ct edge gilding, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket





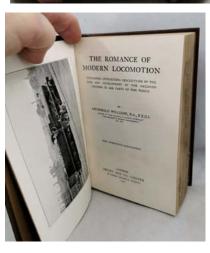


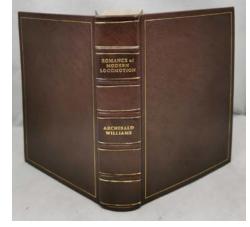
John MILTON 'Poet Works' circa 1900 London, Warne, 200x140mm, 608pp. 1/2 bound in period vellum with a bespoke slipcase, excellent condition Video available Vanishing Fore edge painting of his portrait flanked by scenes from Paradise Lost, hidden under 23ct edge gilding, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket













Archibald WILLIAMS 'The Romance of Modern Locomotion' 1910 London, Seeley, 190x130mm, illustrations, bound in full brown calf in excellent condition Video available

Vanishing Fore edge painting of a prairie loco after a Currier&Ives print, hidden under 23ct edge gilding, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket

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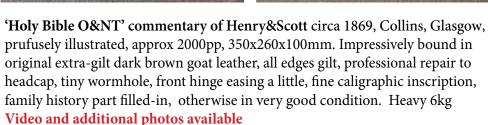
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### Impressive Family Bible 1869

### with ornate split double paintings



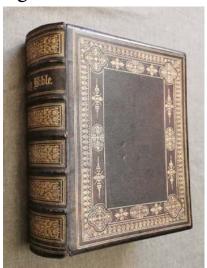




Split double vanishing fore edge paintings set within elaborate borders that compliment the tooling of the binding. Moses and King David, the Nativity and the Last Supper, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket.

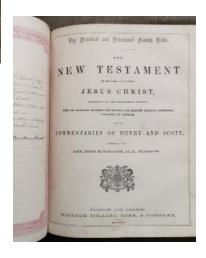
























**Sir Walter SCOTT**, 'Lay of the Last Minstrel' 1806 3rd ed, London, Longman, 234pp, 210x140mm. Original binding in full navy/black diced goatskin, marbled endpapers, bookplate. Professionally rebacked retaining spine and a bespoke slipcase **Video available** 

Vanishing Fore edge painting of a contemporary fiddler and cellist with amorous assistants, after Thomas Rowlandson, hidden under 23ct gold foil, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket

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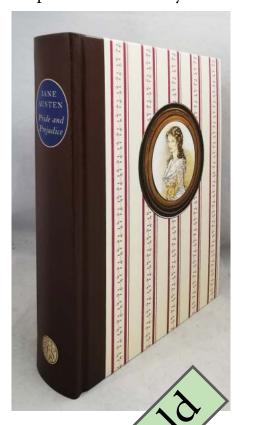




Jane AUSTEN 'Pride & Prejudice', 2006 London, The Folio Society, 364p, 240x170mm. Superior edition illustrated by Niroot Puttapipat in a very attractive binding with a slipcase and in excellent condition. Heavy 2kg

Video available

Upright vanishing fore edge painting from an illustration by Puttapipat, hidden under 23ct gold foiling, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket.







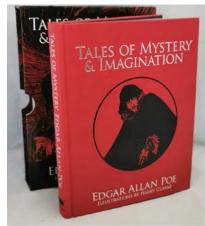












**E.A POE**, 'Tales of Mystery&Imagination' 2014 London, pub.Arcturus, in a styish publisher's binding and slip case. Illustrated by the very strange Harry Clarke. All edges foiled in silver. 240x200mm in near mint condition.

### Video available

Upright vanishing Fore edge painting of the author mirrored in a glass orb overlooked by a Raven . All hidden under the starry foil, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket



**Jane AUSTEN** 'Pride & Prejudice' 2022, RBA publishers, printed binding in the style of Hugh Thomson's Peacock edition with a slip-case 23ct gilt edges, 240x170mm, near mint condition

Vanishing fore edge painting with Austen's portrait flanked by young georgians besporting themselves, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket tipped in Video available





J.K.ROWLING, 'Chamber of Secrets' 2018 London, Bloomsbury, Gryffindor, hand bound in real leather, all three edges foiled in hologram stars. 200x130mm in mint condition. Video available

All-edge Vanishing Fore edge painting of the flying car, the Basilisk and the cavern statue/portal, all hidden under starry foil, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket

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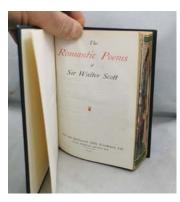
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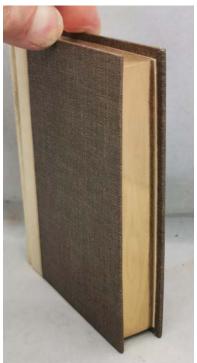






Walter SCOTT 'Romantic Poems' 1905, Eye&Spottiswood, London 160x110mm, 933pp printed on thinnest paper Arts&Crafts vellum spine with later cloth boards and 23ct edge gilding all in superior condition Fore edge painting of a knight engaging with his squire, partly hidden









GOETHE 'Faust and other works" 1889, London , Walter Scott pub. 140x100mm, 278pp, portrait frontispiece, Arts&Crafts mottled vellum spine with later cloth boards and 23ct edge gilding, in superior condition Vanishing fore edge painting of a Harry Clarke vignette, hidden under gold monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket tipped in

Video available









**J.K.ROWLING**, The Goblet of Fire 2020 London, Bloomsbury, Ravenclaw edition, hand bound in real leather, all edges foiled in hologram stars. 200x130mm in mint condition.

### Video available

Vanishing Fore-edge painting of Harry, Cedric with the Triwizard Cup flying over the maze, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket

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### Impressive Victorian Family Bible

with ornate split double paintings



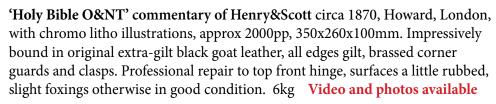












Split double vanishing fore edge paintings set within elaborate borders that compliment the tooling of the binding. Noah and the beasts, King David processing the Ark of the Covenant and De Vinci's Last Supper, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket.









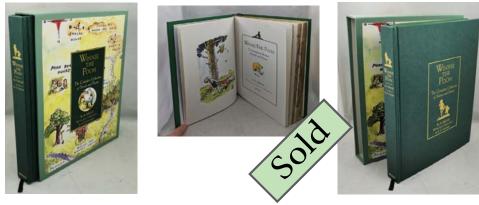


### Winnie the Pooh -the complete works

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**A.A. MILNE**, 'Winnie the Pooh-the complete stories and poems' London, 1994 London, Methuen, all edges foiled in 22ct gold. 280x220 mm. Full colour edition with a decorated slipcase and all in mint condition.2kg **Video available** 

Vanishing Fore-edge painting of Christopher and his friend's tea party with sketches from the poems, monogrammed by Frost with authenticity ticket

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Lewis CARROLL 'Alices adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass', 1961/62, London, The Folio Society, 113+132pp 220x130mm. Monochrome reproductions of the original Tenniel illustrations rastefully bound together in burgundy bookcloth with gold blocked roundels set into the covers, slipcase, edge foiled in 23ct gold. Mint condition 1kg

Two-way double vanishing fore edge paintings inspired by illustrations within, all hidden under the gold .

Monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket. Video available

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### handsome Family Bible circa1880

### with elaborate split double paintings































'Holy Bible O&NT' National Comprehensive Family Bible, commentaries of

Henry&Scott circa 1870, Manchester, Peter Black, many plates some in colour, family register part filled in, approx 2000pp, 350x260x100mm. Handsomely bound in original extra-gilt black goat leather, all edges gilt (rather thin), original brass clasps and corners. Professional sympathetic reback. 30 pages of the Concordance rather tanned otherwise in very good, sound condition. Heavy 7kg Video and additional photos available

Split double near-vanishing fore edge paintings set within elaborate borders that compliment the tooling of the binding. God in splendor, King David, Moses and the Last Supper, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket.







Charlotte BRONTE, 'Jane Eyre' pub. BCA Cranford Collection 2022, frontispiece, printed binding in the style of Hugh Thomson's Peacock edition with a slipcase 23ct gilt edges, 284x160 mm. 1kg Mint condition Video available

Upright Vanishing Fore-edge painting of Jane being confronted by Rochester, monogrammed by Frost with authenticity ticket









Jane AUSTEN 'Sense & Sensibility, circa 2020 London, BCA Cranford Collection , frontispiece, printed binding in the style of Hugh Thomson's Peacock edition with a slip-case 23ct gilt edges, 284x160 mm. 1kg Mint condition Video available

Upright vanishing fore edge painting of Willoughby rescuing Marianne, hidden under 23ct gold foiling, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket.









J.K.ROWLING, 'Philosopher's Stone' 2017 London, Bloomsbury, Gryffindor edition, hand bound in real leather, all edges foiled in hologram stars. 200x130mm in mint condition. Video available

Vanishing Fore-edge painting of Harry in flight chasing the keys all hidden under the starry foil, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket

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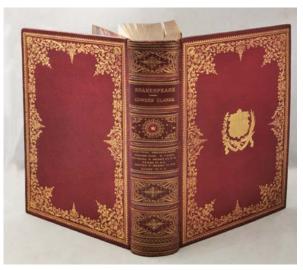






### William SHAKESPEARE,

'Plays' 1876 London, edited Cowden Clarle, vol.2 only, 730pp, finely bound in sumptious extra-gilt goat by Riviere for Sotherans. Westminster School crest, A.E.G. 230x150mm in near mint condition. 2kg Video available



Vanishing Fore-edge painting, portrait with scenes of The Globe and Anne Hathaway's Cottage, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket

### A Bawdy Decameron

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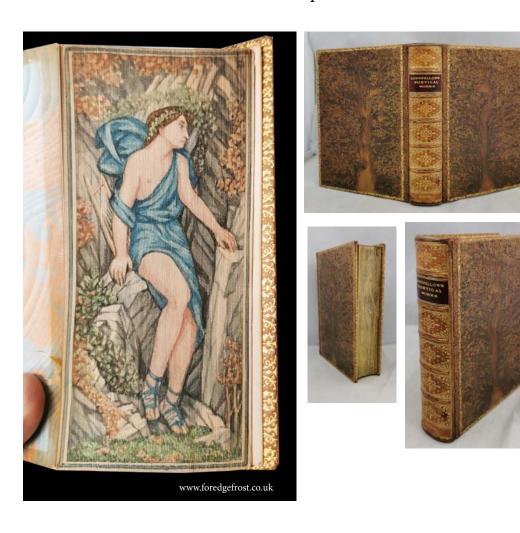




**Giovanni BOCCACCI**, 'Il Decameron' 1881 Firenze, volume Terzo, 505pp, pleasing vellum binding, marbled endpapers, challenging frontispiece, A.E.G. 110x70mm in very good condition.

### Video available

Vanishing Fore-edge painting of a selction of tired pricks set into a victor's laural wreath, monogrammed by Frost



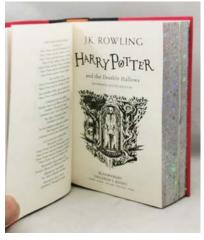
LONGFELLOW, Henry Wadsworth 'Poetical Works' 1917 OUP London, 886pp, pleasing tree calf binding, marbled endpapers, portrait frontispiece, slightly rubbed gilt edges, 180x130mm Professionably rebacked retaining original spine, slight tarnishing otherwise very good condition *1kg Upright Vanishing Fore-edge painting of a 1900's romantic figure, partly hidden under the gold , monogrammed by Frost* 

Video available







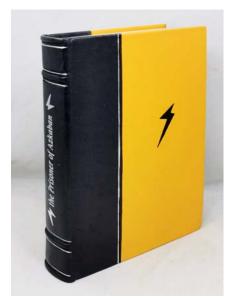


**J.K.ROWLING**, The Deathly Hallows 2021 London, Bloomsbury, Gryffindor edition, hand bound in real leather, all edges foiled in hologram stars. 200x130mm in mint condition. 1kg **Video available** 

Vanishing Fore-edge painting of Harry, escaping from Gringotts bank monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket







J.K.ROWLING, 'The Prisoner of Azkaban' 2019 London, Bloomsbury, Hufflepuff edition, hand bound in real leather, all edges foiled in hologram stars. 200x130mm in mint condition. 1kg Video available

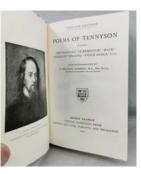
Vanishing All-edge Fore-edge painting of Dumbledore and Harry battling with Voldemort, all hidden under the starry foil, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket

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Alfred Lord TENNYSON, 'Poems' 1911 Oxford, Frowde edition, 752pp, original decorative vellum spine, later board papers, all edges in 23ct gold 200x130mm, matching slipcase all in very good condition. 1kg Video available

Vanishing Fore-edge painting of 'the Days of Creation' by Burne Jones hidden under the gold, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket





**Robert BURNS** 'Complete edition, 1896, Frowde, London, 200x130mm, halfbound in original decorative vellum, later handmarbled endpapers, all edges foiled 23ct gold, slightest foxing and slight stain to vellum, nick to the spine label, otherwise excellent condition **Video available** 

Vanishing Fore-edge painting of his portait and birthplace all hidden under the gold, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket







J.K.ROWLING, 'Philosopher's Stone' 2017 London, Bloomsbury, Gryffindor edition, hand bound in real leather, all edges foiled in hologram stars. 200x130mm in mint condition. 1kg Video available

Vanishing Fore-edge painting of The Hogwarts Express all hidden under the starry foil, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket

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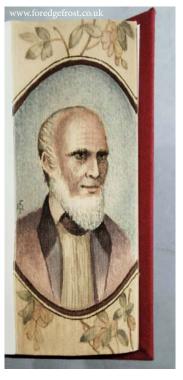






**Sir Walter SCOTT** 'Poems', 1906, Frowde, London, 200x130mm, halfbound in original decorative vellum, later handmarbled board papers, all edges foiled 23ct gold, no foxing but slight stain to vellum, otherwise excellent condition 1kg **Video available** 

Vanishing Fore-edge painting of a highland Laird flanked by historical motifs all hidden under the gold, monogrammed by Frost





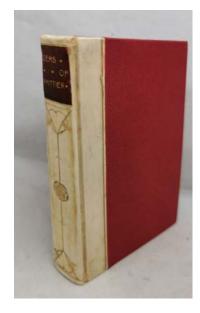




### John Greenleaf WHITTIER

'Poems', circa1910, Scott, London, 140x100mm, halfbound in original decorative vellum, later silk board papers, all edges foiled 23ct gold, no foxing but slight stain to vellum, otherwise excellent condition Video available

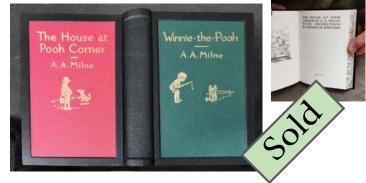
Vanishing upright Fore-edge portrait of the respected poetic abolishonist all hidden under the gold, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket











**A.A.MILNE** 'Winnie the Pooh + House at Pooh Corner' 1999 London, Methuen, hand-bound together, 161+180pp, all edges in 23ct gold. 190x130mm in mint condition.

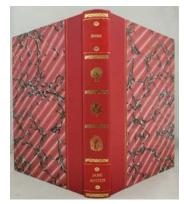
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Vanishing Fore-edge painting of Christopher Robin and friends rescuing Pooh from a tight situation ,monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket

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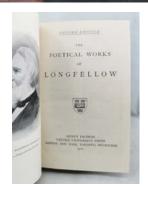


Jane AUSTEN, 'Emma' 1975 London, Folio Society, 210x140mm extra gilt cloth spine with leather labels, marbled paper boards, woodcuts by Joan Hassall, all edges in 23ct gold. The book is in mint condition 1kg Video available

Vanishing Fore edge painting, 3 scenes from the novel, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket tipped in.





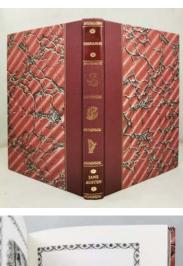


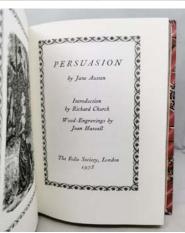


Henry Wadsworth LONGFELLOW 'Poems', 1910, 190x130mm, halfbound in original decorative vellum, later silk board papers, all edges foiled in 23ct gold, no foxing but mellowing to vellum, otherwise excellent in condition Video available

Vanishing Fore-edge Painting of Paul Revere's midnight ride, all hidden under the gold, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket

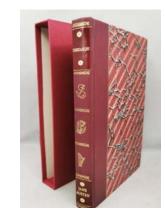






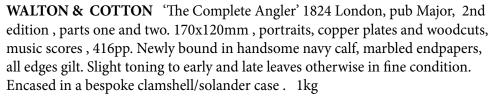
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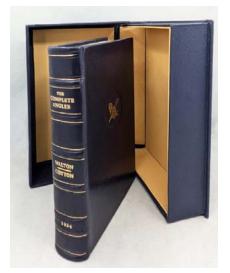


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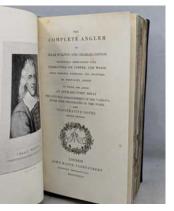
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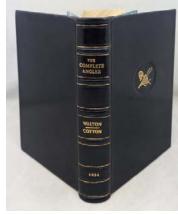
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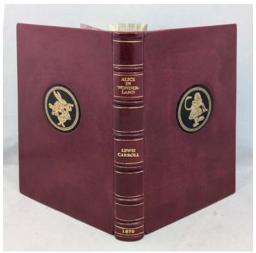




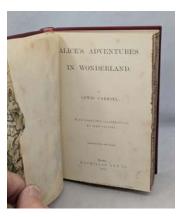
Lewis CARROLL 'Alices adventures in Wonderland', 1870, 26th thousand Macmillan, London, 192pp 180x120mm. A classic rebind in scarlet goat with gold blocked roundels set into the covers. Hand marbled endpapers and page edges in 23ct gold. Preserved in a bespoke drop back solander box. Slightest cropping of byline at base of the title page, small discrete ink inscription to half title, brown staining to some leaves otherwise in remarkably good condition 1kg Video available

Compound Vanishing fore edge painting inspired by Tenniel's illustrations within, all hidden under the gold .

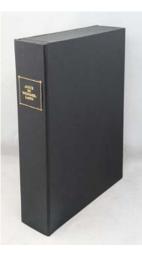
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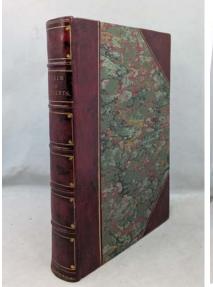




R S SURTEES 'Plain or Ringlets?' c1890 London, Bradbury 406pp, illustrations by Leech with many full page hand-coloured plates, 220x140mm. Sympathetically rebound in 3/4 leather and hand marbled paper, retaining original extra gilt leather spine and 23ct edge gilding. Some browning to plate leaves otherwise free from stains and foxing (except for those with bushy tails) In very good condition 2 kg Video available

Vanishing fore edge painting of the chase hidden under gold, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket

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J.K.ROWLING, 'Philosopher's Stone' 2017 London, Bloomsbury, Ravenclaw edition, hand bound in real leather, all edges foiled in hologram stars. 200x130mm in mint condition. Video available

Vanishing Fore-edge painting of Harry in flight chasing the keys all hidden under the starry foil, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket



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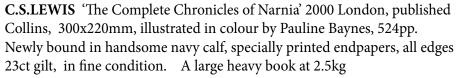
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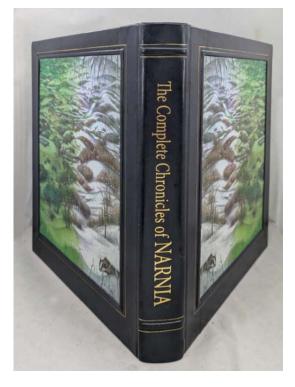






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Vanishing fore-edge painting of Aslam flanked by scenes from the stories, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket.













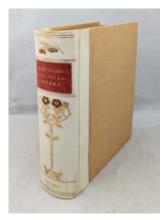
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Henry Wadsworth LONGFELLOW 'Works', 1908, London 200x140mm, halfbound in original decorative vellum, later bookclothed boards, all edges foiled in 23ct gold, no foxing and in almost mint condition

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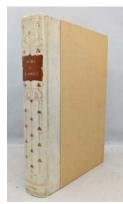
Vanishing Fore-edge Painting period scene of The Presidential White House, with flag devices, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket









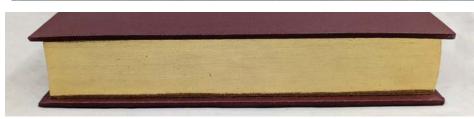


Matthew ARNOLD 'Poems'. 1909, Oxford Univ.Press 190x143mm, half-bound in original decorative vellum (slightly darkened), later bookclothed boards, all edges foiled in 23ct gold, no foxing and in very good condition Video and additional photos available

Vanishing Fore-edge Painting of the original ball game played at Arnold's Rugby School, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket













Lord BYRON LONGFELLOW 'Poetical Works', 1907, London, Frowde 190x130mm, portrait frontispiece, halfbound in original decorative, but somewhat toned vellum, later bookclothed boards, all edges foiled in 23ct gold, slightest page-blemishes otherwise in very good condition. 1kg

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VANISHING Fore-edge Painting, period scene of Georgian prize fighters (Byron was a keen and talented boxer), monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket











Clive Phillipps-Woolley 'Big Game Shooting' vol 2, 1894 London, Longmans, Badminton Library, 443pp, over 80 illustrations, 190x140mm, hand-marbled endpapers and fully bound in distinctive boarskin, all edges in 23ct gold. Bespoke slipcase. 2kg Very good condition Video available

Vanishing Fore-edge painting of the dangers of Edwardian tiger hunting, monogrammed by Frost with his authenticity ticket

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