

Top 50 Rare and Valuable Books

The following books are considered by many collectors to be the most rare and valuable. Each sold at auction for thousands, and in some cases, hundreds of thousands of dollars.

1. Gutenberg Bible: Johannes Gutenberg, printed 1456, 180 copies known to exist
2. *A Season in Hell: Arthur Rimbaud*, 1873, first edition, signed by the author and inscribed to Paul Verlaine
3. *The Three Musketeers*: Alexandre Dumas, published 1846, London, leather bound, first English translation
4. *Institutes of the Christian Religion*: John Calvin, 1536, first edition, Latin
5. *Anna Livia Plurabelle*: James Joyce, first edition, published by Crosby Gaige, 1928, 800 copies, signed by the author
6. *Ulysses*: James Joyce, first edition, 1922
7. *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, James Joyce, The Egoist Press, 1917
8. *Birds of America*: John James Audubon, The Double-Elephant Folio
9. *History of Tom Jones, a Foundling*: Henry Fielding: first edition, six volumes, 1749
10. Shakespeare's First Folio: compiled by John Heminge and Henry Condell, 1622-1623
11. *La Bibbia Tradotta in Lingva Tofcana*: printed by Lucantonio Giunti in Venice in 1545
12. *Pale Fire*: Vladimir Nabokov, published 1994, Arion Press, 226 copies printed
13. *Paris de Nuit*: Brassai and Paul Morand, first edition, 1932
14. *Sarajevo Haggadah*: hand written, 14th century,
15. *La Leçon D'Amour Dans un Parc*: René Boylesve, illustrated by Pierre Brissaud, published by Aux Editions Lapina, 1925, signed by the editor
16. *The Worst Journey in the World: Antarctic 1910-1913*, Apsley Cherry-Garrard, published 1922
17. *Journey of Discovery to Port Phillip, New South Wales*, edited by William Bland, published in Sydney, Australia between 1825 and 1831.
18. *The George Eumorfopoulos Collection*: R.L. Hobson, 11 volumes, published 1920 – 1930
19. *Tamerlane and Other Poems*: Edgar Allen Poe anonymously wrote this using the name "a Bostonian" rather than his own name, 50 copies known to exist
20. *Codex Leicester*: Leonardo da Vinci, handwritten by da Vinci, one copy
21. *Mahzor Worms*: Malachi Beit-Arie, published 1985, 300 copies printed
22. *Geographia (Cosmographia)*: Claudius Ptolemy, 1477
23. *Antiquities of the Russian State*: Fyodor Solntsev, seven volume set, 1844, 600 sets published
24. *Atlas*: Gerard Mercator, printed in Duisburg, 1595
25. *Geographical Works of Ptolemy*: Ptolemy, published in Rome, 1507
26. *The Hobbit*: JRR Tolkien, Unwin, 1937
27. *The Lord of the Rings*, JRR Tolkien, Unwin, 1954-1955

28. *Geographia*: Strabo, published in Rome, 1469
29. *Traité des Arbres Fruitiers*: Henri Louis Duhamel du Monceau, 1750
30. *Gospels of Henry the Lion*: written by Monks of Helmarshausen, 1188
31. *Hound of the Baskervilles*: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, first edition 1902
32. *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*: L. Frank Baum, Geo. M. Hill Co, 1900
33. *The Great Gatsby*: F Scott Fitzgerald, 1929
34. *Tender is the Night*: F Scott Fitzgerald, Scribner's, 1934
35. *Tale of Peter Rabbit*: Beatrix Potter, first edition, 1901
36. *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*: JK Rowling, 1997, first edition
37. *The Sun Also Rises*: Ernest Hemingway, published by Scribner's, 1926
38. *Three Stories & Ten Poems*: Ernest Hemingway, Contact Publishing, 1923
39. *In Our Time*: Ernest Hemingway, Three Mountains Press, 1924
40. *Main Street*: Sinclair Lewis, Harcourt, 1920
41. *To Kill a Mockingbird*: Harper Lee, 1960
42. *When We Were Very Young*: A.A. Milne, 1924
43. *The Globe By The Way Book*: PG Wodehouse, Globe Publishing Co, 1908
44. *The Velveteen Rabbit*: Margery Williams, 1922
45. *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*: TE Lawrence, 1922
46. *Tarzan of the Apes*: Edgar Rice Burroughs, McClurg, 1914
47. *The Catcher in the Rye*: JD Salinger, 1951
48. *Lady Chatterley's Lover*: DH Lawrence, 1928
49. *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*: CS Lewis, 1950
50. *Live and Let Die*: Ian Fleming, 1954