

# CONNECTICUT RIVER BOOK AUCTION

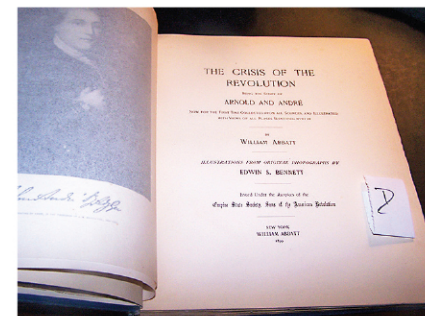
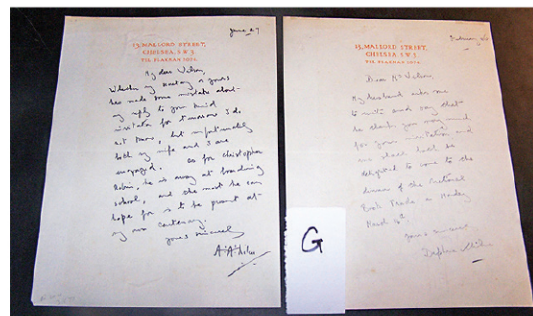
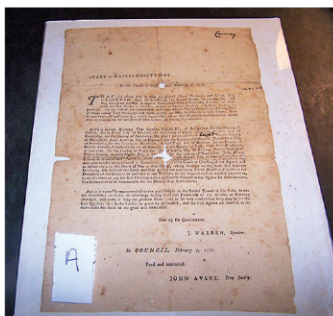
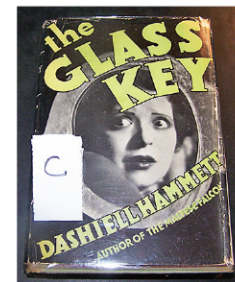
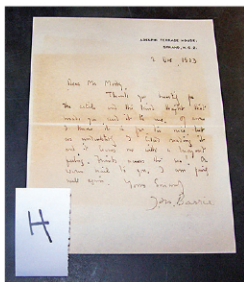
will hold a **LIVE and IN-PERSON BOOK AUCTION** on **FRIDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**  
at the **South Congregational Church** located at **949 Main Street in South Glastonbury, CT 06073.**

**Inspection begins at noon with the auction starting at 6 pm.**

Across New England corn, squash and pumpkins are being planted while early lettuce and spinach are being harvested. The Friday, May 12th Connecticut River Book Auction likewise promises a bountiful spring gathering of collectable books and ephemera for attendees and absentee bidders alike.

For history fans there is a Revolutionary War Broadside from Boston dated February 6th, 1777 calling on every town to appoint a man to find shoes, socks and shirts for use by the Continental army. There is also a 1st edition copy of Blanchard's (1833) *The American Biography* containing Biographical Sketches of the Officers of the Revolution and the limited signed edition of Abbott's (1899) *The Crisis of the Revolution being the Story of Arnold and Andre*. Students of more recent events will find 1st editions of Churchill's (1923-1931) *The World Crisis* in 6 volumes published by Butterworth's of London, a signed set of Schlesinger's (1971) *History of American Presidential Elections 1789 - 1968*, and Langford's (1905) *Diary of the Washburn Expedition to the Yellowstone and Firehole Rivers in the Year 1870*.

Fans of fiction both old and new will be pleased to find Leroux's (1911) *The Phantom of the Opera* a 1st edition 2nd issue with a 1st edition of his (1908) *The Mystery of the Yellow Room*. We have 1st edition copies in dustjackets of George Orwell's (1956) *Keep the Aspidochelone* Flying and (1958) *The Road to Wigan Pier* as well as a nicely illustrated 1790 two volumes full leather copy of Robinson Crusoe by Defoe that was published



by Stockdale of London. Readers of Leonard, Macdonald, McBain, Block and Higgins will find more than enough signed 1st editions in dustjackets to satisfy their mystery needs.

This auction has several signed items that warrant attention including a land grant signed by President James Monroe, a Willie Mays signed large, framed photo of The Catch, hand written autographed letters by J.M. Barrie and by A.A. Milne. The Milne letter shares that his son is off to boarding school. There is also a collection of material related to Maria von Trapp including a note expressing her concern over the arrest of Peter Yarrow and a letter expressing her disappointment regarding the refusal of Sound of Music Inc to let her sign a television contract

that would have solved her financial problems.

To this, add art books by Ruhmer & Wagner (1936) *Fische und Heimat*, a signed copy by Thi (1997) *Nghe Thuat Diem Phung Thi*, and Stoll's (1907) *Neue Farbige Vorlagen fur die Textil-Industrie* and you have the makings of an enjoyable evening. Oh, we almost forgot to mention a Connecticut photo album with several civil war era photographs of soldiers with identifying information.

For more information on this  
6 pm, Friday, May 12th book auction  
to be held at the South Congregational Church,  
949 Main Street, South Glastonbury, CT 06073  
**visit [ctriverbookauction.com](http://ctriverbookauction.com)**  
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