

BOOK CATALOG

The Book Catalog represents the books available for game play.

Books available for the book trade are listed below by their century of origin. Each century has two books for each country/region, with the exception of the Americas, which did not publish books until the 16th century when Juan Pablos established a printing press in Mexico City. Books also have their genre indicated.

Each book is given a market value, denoted by the credit sign, *. Each credit sign correlates to a book's most recent auction value as of 2016:

- Books between 1 and 10,000 USD = *
- Books between 10,000 and 50,000 USD = **
- Books between 51,000 and 1 million USD = ***
- Books between 1 and 5 million USD = ****
- Books above 5 million USD = *****

Each * is one token. Books must be purchased for the number of tokens designated on the card when they are first released into the market. After a country purchases a book, the owning country sets its value; the owner can choose to maintain the book's value at the same amount it was purchased or inflate/decrease it depending on their needs.

Books may remain on the market if they are not purchased. Therefore, as the game progresses through time, books left over from previous centuries may remain available.

Books can be stolen or discarded. Books are stolen when a country wishes to negotiate with an owner for a book and the owning country refuses. The country seeking to negotiate can then issue an educational challenge, and steal the book if they correctly answer three of the book's five facts, listed below. (Alternative names are also listed and can be used as an additional option for a fact when applicable.) The winner of an educational challenge does not need to pay the owner for the book; for this reason, the item is considered stolen after a correct educational challenge. Books are discarded due to the dictates of CHANCE cards. After all, books are often lost to history; likewise, books in this game may be pulled from play by the whims of CHANCE.

To win, players must:

- National Canon: Collect six books from your country.
- Most Valuable Books: Collect the four most valuable books in the game (MVB).
- Specialty: Collect six books within the same genre.

Or, if no one has amassed one of these three collections by the end of the twentieth century, whoever holds the most valuable collection (by the number of credits required to purchase the collection) wins.

Notes on the Catalog

National Canon

Most Valuable Books

The most valuable books are books with a sale price of over 5 million USD, which correlates to 5 credits in the economy of the History of the Book: The Game. Players who wish to seek the most valuable books collecting strategy must acquire four of the six following volumes:

- The Gutenberg Bible, 15th century
- The Canterbury Tales, 15th century
- Mr William Shakespeares Comedies, Histories, & Tragedies, 16th century
- Bay Psalm Book, 16th century
- Histoire de ma vie, 18th century
- Birds of America, 19th century

Specialty

FIFTEENTH CENTURY

The Gutenberg Bible, Germany, ***** (MVB)

Genre: Religion

Year Published: 1455

Author: NA

Cost at Last Auction: 8 million USD (2015)

Why Important: First book to be printed with movable type, initiating the beginning of printed books.

Liber Chronicarum, Germany, ***

Genre: History

Also Known As: *Nuremburg Chronicle*

Year Published: 1493

Author: Hartmann Schedel

Cost at Last Auction: 300,000 USD (2006)

Why Important: This book is one of the first to integrate text and woodblock illustrations together.

The Canterbury Tales, England, ***** (MVB)

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1477

Author: Geoffrey Chaucer

Cost at Last Auction: 10.9 million USD (1998)

Why Important: One of the most significant texts of the Western canon printed by William Caxton.

Recuyell of the Historyes of Troye, England, ****

Also Known As: *Recall of the History of Troy*

Genre: History

Year Published: 1475

Author: Raoul Lefevre

Cost at Last Auction: 1.8 million USD (2014)

Why Important: First book printed in English after translation from the French printed by William Caxton.

Geographia Cosmographia, Italy, ****

Also Known As: *Geography of the Cosmos*

Genre: Science

Year Published: 1477

Author: Claudius Ptolemy

Cost at Last Auction: 3.5 million USD (2006)

Why Important: Represents second century Roman knowledge of cartography.

Epistolae ad familiares, Italy, ?

Also Known As: *Familiar Letters*

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1469

Author: Cicero

Cost at Last Auction: TBD

Why Important: First book printed in Venice, Italy.

Gramatica de la lengua castellana, Spain, ?

Also Known As: *Grammar of the Castilian Language*

Genre: Language

Year Published: 1492

Author: Antonio de Nebrija

Cost at Last Auction: TBD

Why Important: First grammar for Castilian Spanish; presented to Queen Isabella I and King Ferdinand II.

Obres e trobes en lahors de la Verge Maria, Spain, ?

Also Known As: *Works and Trials in the life of Virgin Mary*

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1474

Author: Jordi de Centelles

Cost at Last Auction: TBD

Why Important: First book printed in Spain.

Gasparini Pergamensis Epistolae, France, ?

Also Known As: *Gasparinus' Letters*

Genre: Language

Year Published: 1470

Author: Gasparinus de Bergame

Cost at Last Auction: TBD

Why Important: First book printed in Paris, France.

Manipulus curatorum, France, *

Also Known As: *The Manual of the Curate*

Genre: Religion

Also Known As: *The Manual of the Curate*

Year Published: 1478

Author: Guido de Monte Rochen

Cost at Last Auction: 8,408 USD (2016)

Why Important: Created by the German printer, who was invited to Paris to create French incunabula.

SIXTEENTH CENTURY

Diallage, Germany, ?

Also known As: *Dialogue, Conciliatio locorum Scripturae/Favored Speaking Scripture*

Genre: Religion

Year Published: 1525

Translator: Sebastian Franck (also known as Franck von Word)

Cost at Last Auction: TBD

Why Important: The German translation of the *Diallage*, in which Andrew Althamer wrote against Sacramentarians and Anabaptists.

Von dem grossen Lutherischen Narren wie ihr Murner beschworen hat, Germany, ?

Also Known As: *On the Great Lutheran Fool*

Genre: Language

Year Published: 1522

Author: Thomas Murner

Cost at Last Auction: TBD

Why Important: This book is a virulent satire of Martin Luther.

The English Secretarie, England, ?

Genre: Language

Year Published: 1586

Author: Angel Day

Cost at Last Auction: TBD

Why Important: This book went through 10 editions rapidly; it taught art of letter writing.

An Atlas of England and Wales, England, ***

Genre: Science

Year Published: 1579

Author: Christopher Saxton

Cost at Last Auction: 850,000 USD (2016)

Why Important: Shows Queen Elizabeth as patron of Astronomy and Geography; also includes most important and first map of area by the father of English cartography, Christopher Saxton.

Commedia di Dante, Italy, **

Also Known As: *The Divine Comedy*

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1506

Author: Dante Alighieri

Cost at Last Auction: 33,483 USD (2015)

Why Important: One of the greatest works of Western literature.

La Sofonisba, Tragedia, Di Nuovo con Somma Diligenza Corretta Ristampata, Italy, *

Also Known As: *Sofonisba*

Genre: Literature

Year Published: Listed as 1524, 1569?

Author: Gian Giorgio Trissino, also known as Giovan Giorgio Trissino

Cost at Last Sale: 450 USD (2016)

Why Important: First Italian vernacular tragedy to follow a Greek model.

Reglas de ortografia en la lengua castellana, Spain, ?

Also Known As: *Rules of Orthography in the Castilian Language*

Genre: Language

Year Published: 1517

Author: Antonio de Nebrija

Cost at Last Auction: TBD

Why Important: This book is the first Castilian grammar.

Los Novios de Hornachuelos, Spain, ?

Also Known As: *The Reluctant Bride*

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1629

Author: Lope de Vega

Cost at Last Auction: TBD

Why Important: Lope de Vega is a Spanish literary great, number two only to Cervantes.

Les oevres, France, ***

Also Known As: *The Works*

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1553

Author: Clement Marot

Cost at Last Auction: 14,567 USD (2016)

Why Important: These are the first sonnets in French.

Five books of the lives, heroic deeds, and sayings of Gargantua and his son Pantagruel, France, ?

Also Known As: *Gargantua and Pantagruel*

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1534

Author: Francois Rebelais

Cost at Last Auction: TBD

Why Important: Rebelais is a significant French Renaissance writer known for his caricature.

Doctrina en lengua mixteca, Americas, ?

Also Known As: *Doctrine in the Mexican Language*

Genre: Religion

Year Published: 1539

Author: Juan de Zumarraga

Cost at Last Auction: TBD

Why Important: This is the first book published in the Americas, by Juan Pablos in Mexico City; also, the book is a bilingual text written in both Spanish and Nahuatl.

Manuale Sacramentorum secundum vsum Ecclesie mexicane, Americas, ?

Also Known As: *Second Sacred Manuel for Mexican Ecclesia*

Genre: Religion

Year Published: 1560

Author: Catholic Church

Cost at Last Auction: TBD

Why Important: This book was the last work published by Juan Pablos in Mexico City.

SEVENTEENTH CENTURY

Don Quixote, Spain, ****

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1605

Author: Miguel de Cervantes

Cost at Last Auction: 2.9 million USD (2015)

Why Important: This is the most significant novel in Spanish as well as one of the most important novels in the world.

La Cvna, Y La Sepvltvra para el conocimiento propio, Spain, ?

Also known as: *The Cradle and the Grave for the Proper Knowledge*

Genre: Religion

Year Published: 1634

Author: Francisco de Quevedo

Cost at Last Auction: TBD

Why Important: Quevedo wrote in a variety of genres: poetry, novels, theology, literary criticism, satire, and politics; as a major writer of the Spanish Baroque era, his writing is marked by the conceptismo style (rapid, witty, concise).

Mr William Shakespeares Comedies, Histories, & Tragedies, England, ***** (MVB)

Also Known As: The First Folio

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1623

Author: William Shakespeare

Cost at Last Auction: 6.1 million USD (2001)

Why Important: One of the most important sets of works in the Western canon from the most important author of the English language.

King James Bible, England, ***

Genre: Religion

Year Published: 1611

Author: N/A

Cost at Last Auction: 400,000 USD (2001)

Why Important: The English translation of the Bible for the Church of England, this version became the most common translation of the Bible as well as the most widely printed book in history.

Theatro d'el orbe de la Tierra, Americas, ***

Also Known As: *Theater of the Globe of the Earth*

Genre: Science

Year Published: 1602

Author: Abraham Ortelius

Cost at Last Auction: 440,000 USD (2016)

Why Important: Published in Antwerp, this atlas contains significant cartographic improvements in portraying South America as well as Mexico and California and North America; additionally, it includes the landmark map "America Sive Novi Orbis Nova Descriptio" (America, or New World, Newly Described).

Bay Psalm Book, Americas, ***** (MVB)

Genre: Religion

Year Published: 1640

Author: John Eliot, Richard Mather

Cost at Last Auction: 14.4 million USD (2013)

Why Important: This book was the first printed in British North America and set a record cost for printed books.

Istoria e dimostrazioni intorno alle macchie solari e loro accidenti, Italy, ***

Also Known As: *Galileo's Defense of the Copernican Theory*

Genre: Science

Year Published: 1613

Author: Galileo Galilei

Cost at Last Auction: 58,619 USD (2016)

Why Important: One of the most significant texts in the history of Science.

Dell'elixir Vitae, Italy, **

Also Known As: *The Elixir of Life*

Genre: Science

Year Published: 1624

Author: per Secondino Roncagliolo

Cost at Last Auction: 36,359 USD (2016)

Why Important: An extremely rare book on distillation and alchemy; the author tried to experiment with immortality and the elixir of life!

Carolus Stuardus, Germany, *

Genre: History, Literature

Year Published: 1657

Author: Andreas Gryphius (also known as Andreas Greif)

Cost at Last Auction: Similar 4,321 USD (2016)

Why Important: This lyric poet and dramatist has an asteroid named after him, as he is one of the most significant German dramatic writers.

Simplicius Simplicissimus, German, ?

Also Known As: *Der abenteuerliche Simplicissimus Teutsch/The life of an odd vagrant named Melchior Sternfels von Fuchshaim*

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1668

Author: Hans Jakob Christoph von Grimmelshausen

Cost at Last Auction: TBD

Why Important: Inspired by true events, this novel became incredibly popular throughout Europe.

A Fine Composite Atlas of French and Dutch Maps, France, ***

Genre: Science

Year Published: 1655

Author: Nicholas Sanson D'Abbeville

Cost at Last Auction: 190,000 USD (2016)

Why Important: French cartographers were considered the best in the sixteenth and the seventeenth century; this atlas includes a number of foreign maps, including India and the Philipians.

*Le Jardin du Roy Tres Crestien Henry IV, France, ****

Also Known As: *The Garden of King Henry IV*

Genre: Science

Year Published: 1608

Author: Pierre Vallet

Cost at Last Auction: 75,000 USD (2016)

Why Important: Marie de Medici, married to Henry IV, was crowned Queen of France; one day later, Henry IV was assassinated. Marie became the regent for her son, Louis XIII. She was known for her love of flowers and this book of flowers set a standard for natural illustration.

EIGHTEENTH CENTURY

Encyclopédie, France, ?

Also Known As: *Encyclopaedia*

Genre: Science, History

Year Published: 1751-65

Author: Denis Diderot and Jean Le Rond d'Alembert

Cost at Last Auction: TBD

Why Important: The Encyclopedia was a massive publishing project requiring over a thousand workers to complete in order to all the knowledge of the world; however, the volumes ran afoul of Pope Clement XIII and he censored them.

Traite des Arbres Fruitiers, France, ****

Also Known As: *Traits of Fruit Trees*

Genre: Science

Year Published: 1768

Author: Henri-Louis Duhamel du Monceau

Cost at Last Auction: 4.5 million USD (2006)

Why Important: This book illustrates pruning and grafting of fruit trees; because it is beautifully illustrated and hand painted, it was listed as one of the ten most expensive books of 2006 by *Fine Books Magazine*.

Teatro crítico universal, Spain, *

Also Known As: *Universal Critical Theater*

Genre: Philosophy

Year Published: 1736

Author: Fray Benito Jerónimo Feijoo y Montenegro

Cost at Last Auction: 4,506 USD (2016)

Why Important: Affiliated with the Age of Enlightenment and Educational Reform in Spain, Fray Benito Jerónimo Feijoo y Montenegro was not a great writer, but rather a populist who wanted to eliminate superstition.

El sí de Las Niñas La Comedia Nueva o El cafe Poesías, Spain, ?

Also Known As: *The Maidens' Consent*

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1801

Author: Leandro Fernández de Moratín

Cost at Last Auction: N/A

Why Important: Leandro Fernández de Moratín translated Moliere and William Shakespeare into Spanish, but he was also a major writer himself – he is the most important neoclassical playwright. Unfortunately, his play was denounced under the Inquisition of Ferdinand VII. This play satirizes arranged marriage.

The First Book of Urizen, England, ****

Also Known As: *Book of Urizen*

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1794

Author: William Blake

Cost at Last Auction: 3.6 million USD (1999)

Why Important: This book publishes the first prophetic poetry from William Blake and was also illustrated by Blake.

Pamela, or Virtue Rewarded, England, *

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1740

Author: Samuel Richardson

Cost at Last Auction: Between 3,500-5,500 USD (2015)

Why Important: A bestseller of the period, this novel was based on conduct books and the popular genre of epistolary novels.

Il servitore di due padroni, Italy, ***

Also Known As: *The Servant of Two Masters*

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1746

Author: Carlo Goldoni

Cost at Last Auction: Similar between 362-97,000 USD (2016)

Why Important: Written for Antonio Sacco, a great Truffaldino (Italian harlequin, or zanni, comic servant character), the play highlights the practice of stock characters in commedia dell'arte.

Histoire de ma vie, Italy, ***** (MVB)

Also Known As: *Story of my Life*; previously known as *Mémoires de Jacques Casanova/The Memoirs of Jacques Casanova*, an earlier but bowdlerized (censored) edition; *Histoire de ma vie jusqu'à l'an 1797/History of my Life until the year 1797*

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1797, but by actual book publication 1822

Author: Giacomo Casanova (Also known as Baron/Count of Farussi or Chevalier de Seingalt or Jacques Casanova de Seingalt)

Cost at Last Auction: 9.1 million USD (2010) for manuscript

Why Important: Casanova's memoir provides what many critics consider the best discussion of eighteenth century European life; it was written in French, although the author was Italian; additionally, the book went through a variety of editions due to censorship and mistranslation.

Wissenschaftslehre, Germany, *

Also Known As: *Science of Knowledge*

Genre: Science, Philosophy

Year Published: 1794

Author: Johann Gottlieb Fichte

Cost at Last Auction: Similar 9,722 USD (2016)

Why Important: Author of the I vs. not-I philosophy, Fichte was a transcendental idealist and philosopher who built from Kant's work.

Critik der reinen Vernunft, Germany, **

Also Known As: *Critique of Pure Reason*

Genre: Science, Philosophy

Year Published: 1781

Author: Immanuel Kant

Cost at Last Auction: 27,500 USD (2016)

Why Important: One of the most important works in Western philosophy.

The Psalms of David, Americas, **

Genre: Religion

Year Published: 1740

Author: Isaac Watts, Benjamin Franklin printer

Cost at Last Auction: Around 12,500 USD (2016)

Why Important: One of the great Renaissance men/polymaths of early America, Franklin was a printer as well as a founding father of the United States; this book was a best seller during the Great Awakening of the 1740s.

Charlotte: A Tale of Truth, Americas, *

Also Known As: *Charlotte Temple*

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1791

Author: Susanna Rowson

Cost at Last Auction: Similar 8,500 USD (2016)

Why Important: This seduction tale was one of the bestselling works of an early American author.

NINETEENTH CENTURY

*Birds of America, Americas, ***** (MVB)*

Genre: Science

Year Published: 1827-1838

Author: James Audubon

Cost at Last Auction: 12.5 million USD (2012)

Why Important: This book introduced American birds to the United Kingdom and is considered an artistic masterpiece; he illustrated now-extinct birds such as the great auk and the passenger pigeon.

*Rules of Basketball, Americas, *****

Genre: Sports

Year Published: 1892

Author: James Naismith

Cost at Last Auction: 4.3 million USD (2010) for the manuscript

Why Important: James Naismith established the rules of this popular sport.

*Wuthering Heights, England, ****

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1847

Author: Emily Bronte

Cost at Last Auction: 285,580 USD (2015)

Why Important: The rarest of the first editions by the Bronte sisters, *Wuthering Heights* was a classic of nineteenth century British literature.

*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, England, ******

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1865

Author: Lewis Carroll, or Charles Lutwidge Dodgson

Cost at Last Auction: 2 million USD (2015)

Why Important: This book is a significant part of the children's literature canon.

*On the Origin of Species, England, ****

Genre: Science

Year Published: 1859

Author: Charles Darwin

Cost at Last Auction: 222,607 USD (2016)

Why Important: Darwin revolutionized both science and religion with this book.

*De la democratie en Amerique, France, **

Also Known As: *Of Democracy in America/Democracy in America*

Genre: Politics

Year Published: 1835, 1840

Author: Alexis de Tocqueville

Cost at Last Auction: Similar 300 USD (2011)

Why Important: de Tocqueville, a French ambassador, examined democracy in the Americas.

*Les Liliacees, France, ******

Also Known As: *The Lilies*

Genre: Science

Year Published: 1802

Author: Pierre-Joseph Redoute

Cost at Last Auction: 5 million USD (1985)

Why Important: Redoute, one of the court artists of Marie Antoinette, is considered the greatest flower painter of all time, as he perfected the stipple engraving style.

Archivio storico italiano, Italy, ?

Also Known As: *Italian Story Archive*

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1842

Author: Giampietro Vieusseux

Cost at Last Auction: N/A?

Why Important: Vieusseux is known as a master realist within the Italian literary tradition.

Stella d'Oriente, Italy, ?

Also Known As: *Eastern Stella*

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1890

Author: Grazia Deledda

Cost at Last Auction: N/A?

Why Important: This novel was the first written by the only Italian woman to win the Nobel Prize.

Historia general de España, Spain, *

Also Known As: *General History of Spain*

Genre: History

Year Published: 1623

Author: Juan de Mariana

Cost at Last Auction: 5,926 USD (2016)

Why Important: Juan de Mariana, a Spanish Jesuit priest, wrote the masterpiece *Historiae de rebus Hispaniae* (1592). This book is a later version of that text.

Hispaniae illvstratæ, Spain, **

Also Known As: *Illustrated Hispania*

Genre: Science

Year Published: 1603-08

Author: Andreas Schottus

Cost at Last Auction: 11,518 USD (2016)

Why Important: This is a beautiful, early illustrated book.

Phänomenologie des Geistes, Germany, **

Also Known As: *The Phenomenology of Spirit/The Phenomenology of Mind*

Genre: Philosophy

Year Published: 1807

Author: G.W.F. Hegel

Cost at Last Auction: 15,865 USD (2016)

Why Important: The most important work of Hegel, one of the most significant German philosophers.

Penthesilea, Germany, ?

Also Known As: *Queen of the Amazons*

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1808

Author: Heinrich von Kleist

Cost at Last Auction: N/A?

Why Important: A major German literary prize was named for Kleist; Kleist subverted Romanticism and his work is a precursor to modern drama.

TWENTIETH CENTURY

The Hobbit, England, ***

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1937

Author: J.R. Tolkien

Cost at Last Auction: 91,411 USD (2015)

Why Important: *The Hobbit* is the prequel to *The Lord of the Rings*, a masterpiece of fantasy with medieval and Anglo-Saxon elements due to JRR Tolkien's expertise in languages.

The Tales of Beedle the Bard, England, ****

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 2008

Author: J.K. Rowling

Cost at Last Auction: 4.5 million USD (2007)

Why Important: This book was first mentioned in the final *Harry Potter* volume; it was published in a limited edition of seven books handwritten and illustrated by JK Rowling herself and then published for general public.

The Great Gatsby, Americas, ***

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1925

Author: F. Scott Fitzgerald

Cost at Last Auction: 194,000 USD (2013)

Why Important: *The Great Gatsby* is one of the most significant works of American literature.

Gone with the Wind, Americas, ***

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1936

Author: Margaret Mitchell

Cost at Last Auction: 85,000 USD (2016)

Why Important: A widely popular novel about the Civil War belonging to the historical romance genre.

Le petit prince : avec dessins par l'auteur, France, ***

Also Known As: *The Little Prince*

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1943

Author: Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Cost at Last Auction: 222,835 USD (2016)

Why Important: A classic of French literature and children's literature as a whole.

À la recherche du temps perdu [Du côté de chez Swann], France, ***

Also Known As: *In Search of Lost Time, Swann's Way*

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1913

Author: Marcel Proust

Cost at Last Auction: 57,871 (2016)

Why Important: One of the most significant books of French literature, and the Western canon.

Cantos de vida y esperanza, los cisnes y otros poemas, Spain, **

Also Known As: *Songs of Life and Hope: The Swans and Other Poems*

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1905

Author: Rubén Darío

Cost at Last Auction: 10,735 USD (2016)

Why Important: Rubén Darío was a Nicaraguan who crossed Iberian and Latin letters and became the father of modernism.

Impresiones y paisajes, Spain, *

Also Known As: *Impressions and Landscapes*

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1918

Author: Federico García Lorca, also known as Federico del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús García Lorca

Cost at Last Auction: Similar 499 USD (2016)

Why Important: Lorca was a major Spanish poet executed by Nationalists in the Spanish Civil War; this book was his first.

Il Gattopardo, Italy, *

Also Known As: *The Leopard*

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1958

Author: Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa

Cost at Last Auction: 1,345 USD (2016)

Why Important: One of the most important books in Italian literature, Lampedusa's masterpiece is cited as a major influence on later twentieth century writers.

Democrazia Futurista: Dinamismo Politico, Italy, ?

Also Known As: *Future Democracy: Political Dynamism*

Year Published: 1919

Genre: Politics

Author: Filippo Tommaso Marinetti

Cost at Last Auction: NA?

Why Important: Futurism is an important avant-garde movement of Modernism; this book is its manifesto.

Die Blechtrommel, Germany, ***

Also Known As: *The Tin Drum*

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1959

Author: Gunter Grass

Cost at Last Auction: 50,000 USD (2016)

Why Important: One of the most important books about Nazi Germany from one of the most significant German authors of the twentieth century; Grass received the Nobel Prize in 1999.

Der Sand aus den Urnen, Germany, **

Also Known As: *The Sand from the Urns*

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1948

Author: Paul Celan [Paul Antschel]

Cost at Last Auction: 22,423 USD (2016)

Why Important: First work of poet Paul Celan, a noted Holocaust writer; Celan was multilingual, writing in German, although he was a native Romanian who lived in France.