

MIDWAY USED & RARE BOOKS

Solovetsky Islands Catalogue

This catalogue is collection of books relating to Russia, especially the Solovetsky Islands. The Solovetsky Islands are an Archipelago in the White Sea and part of modern day Russia. It was the site of a remote monastery in use from the 15th century to the modern day and later as a Bolshevik forced labor camp. Many of these titles focus on the forced labor camp at Solovki that led to the death of hundreds of thousands of political dissidents, criminals, and others during the Soviet regime. Aleksandr Solzheinit-syn called it the “mother of the Gulag”. The titles below include interesting photobooks, an atlas and several accounts of escapes from the Solovki gulag variously in English, Russia, and French languages.

Usual terms to trade.

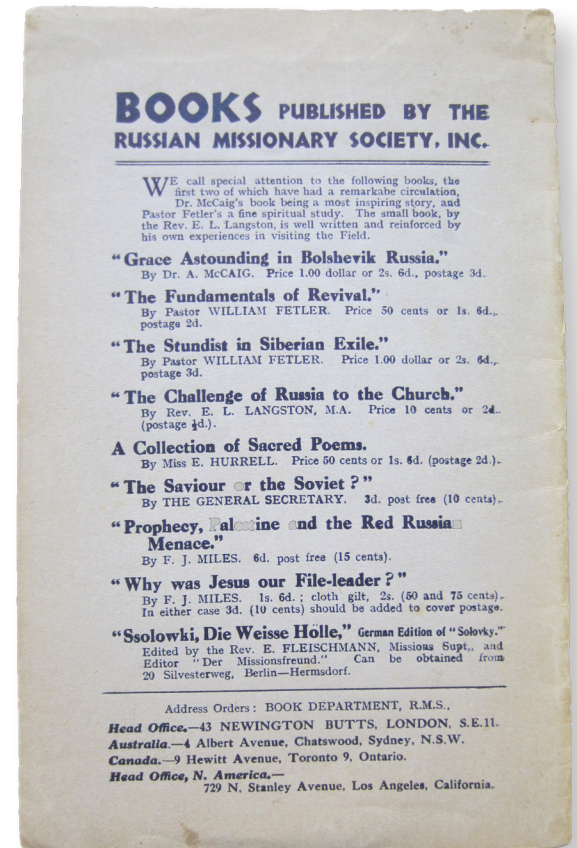
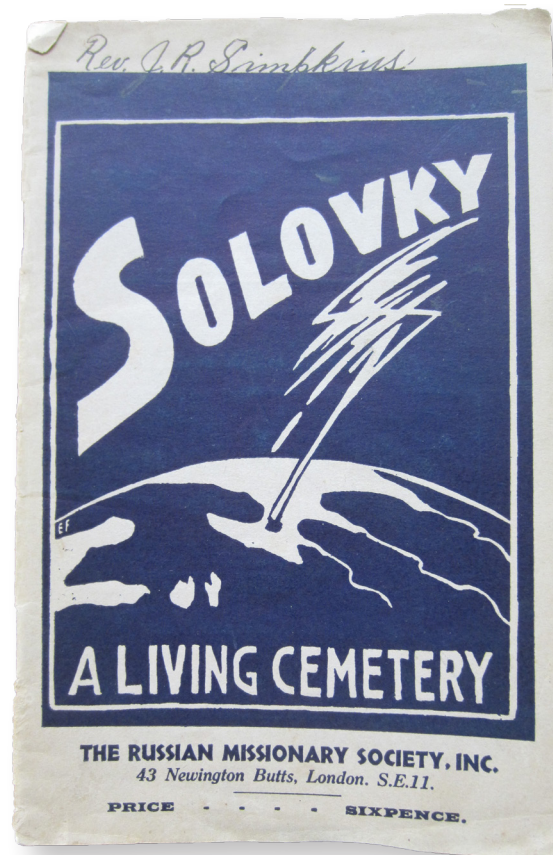
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Russian Missionary Society. Solovky: A Living Cemetery

London: Russian Missionary Society, Inc. / The Magnet Press, [1936].

\$50.00

Rare religious pamphlet on the escape of "Erastus" from the Solovetsky prison camp in the USSR in the White Sea and general information about the miserable state of the camp. (81435)



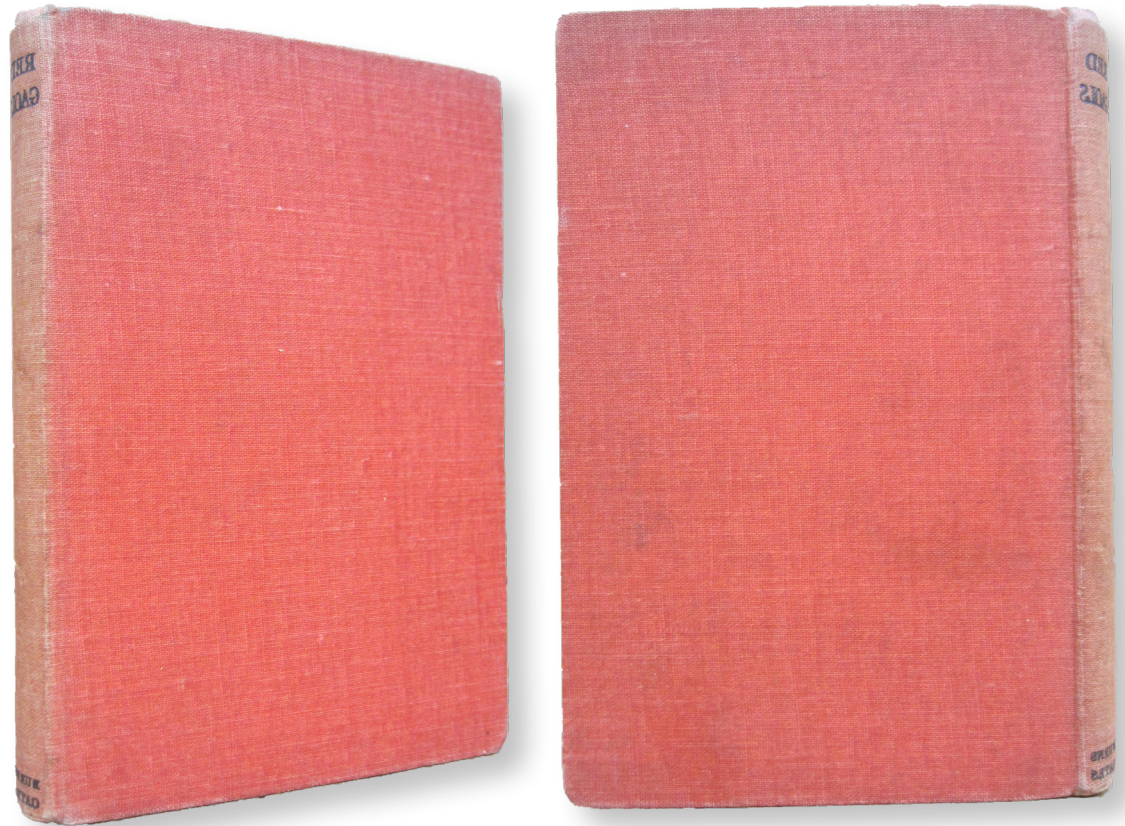
20.5 x 13.5 cm. 26pp. Bound into grey stapled wrappers. Two illustrations: a portrait of "Erastus" Harbin and a map of Solovetski. Name on front cover. Wear to wrappers. Name on front cover. Pamphlet. Good.

**O. B.; Alban Goodier [preface]; Christophe Dumont [foreword to the French Edition].
Red Gaols: A Woman's Experiences in Russian Prisons.**

London: Burns Oates & Washbourne Ltd., 1935.

\$100.00

A Catholic woman's account of imprisonment at the forced labor prison camps in Moscow, Irkutsk and Solovki for over 8 years after being arrested in 1923.
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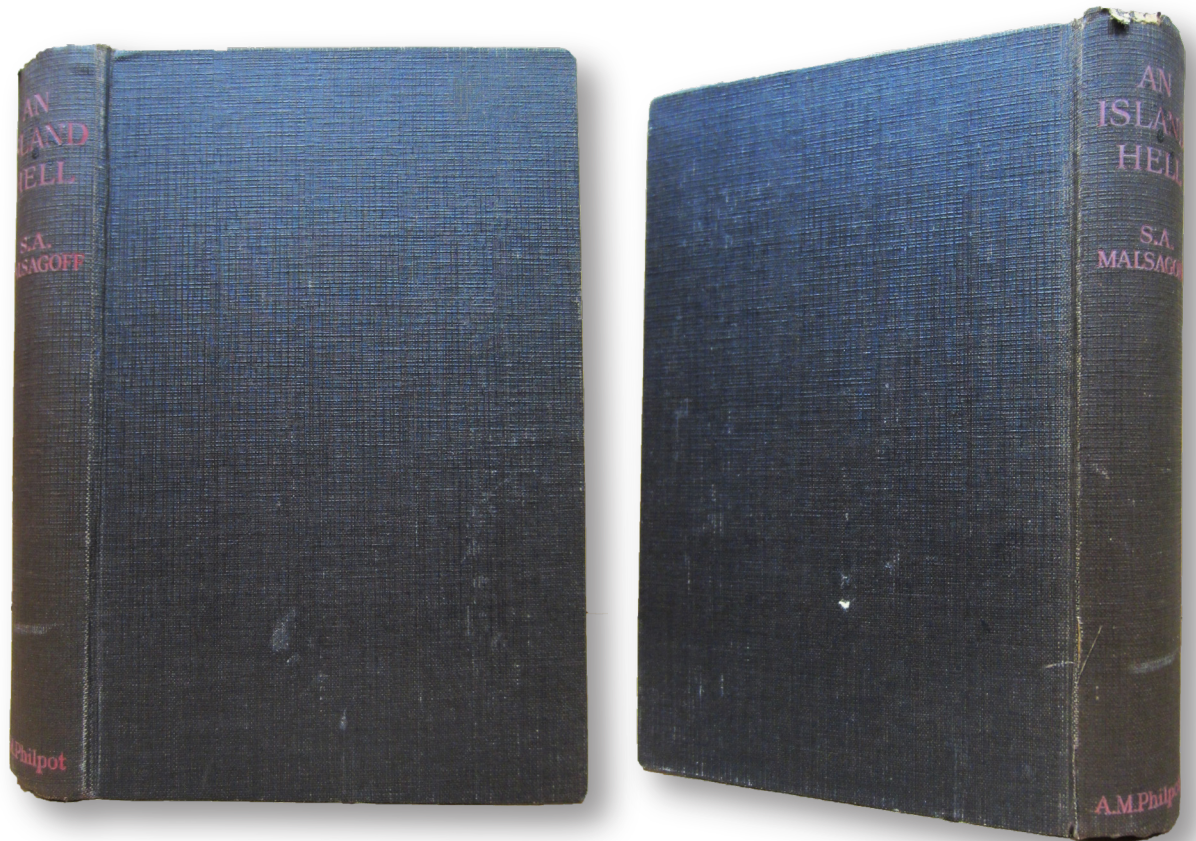
First UK Edition. 19 x 12.5 cm. 67pp. Frontispiece photo of Solovetski Monastery and 7 other photos. Bound into red cloth. Bottom corners are bumped, spine a bit sun faded. Hardcover. Very Good.

Malsagoff, S. A.; F. H. Lyon [translator]. An Island Hell: A Soviet Prison in the Far North

London: A. M. Philpot Ltd., 1926.

\$1,000.00

Divided into three parts: "From Batoum to the Solovetsky Islands", "The Solovetsky Islands" and "Our Escape". Personal account of the gulag from a journey to and escape from Solovki in 1925 and the first exposé on the horrors of that forced labor camp. Rare work. (81439)



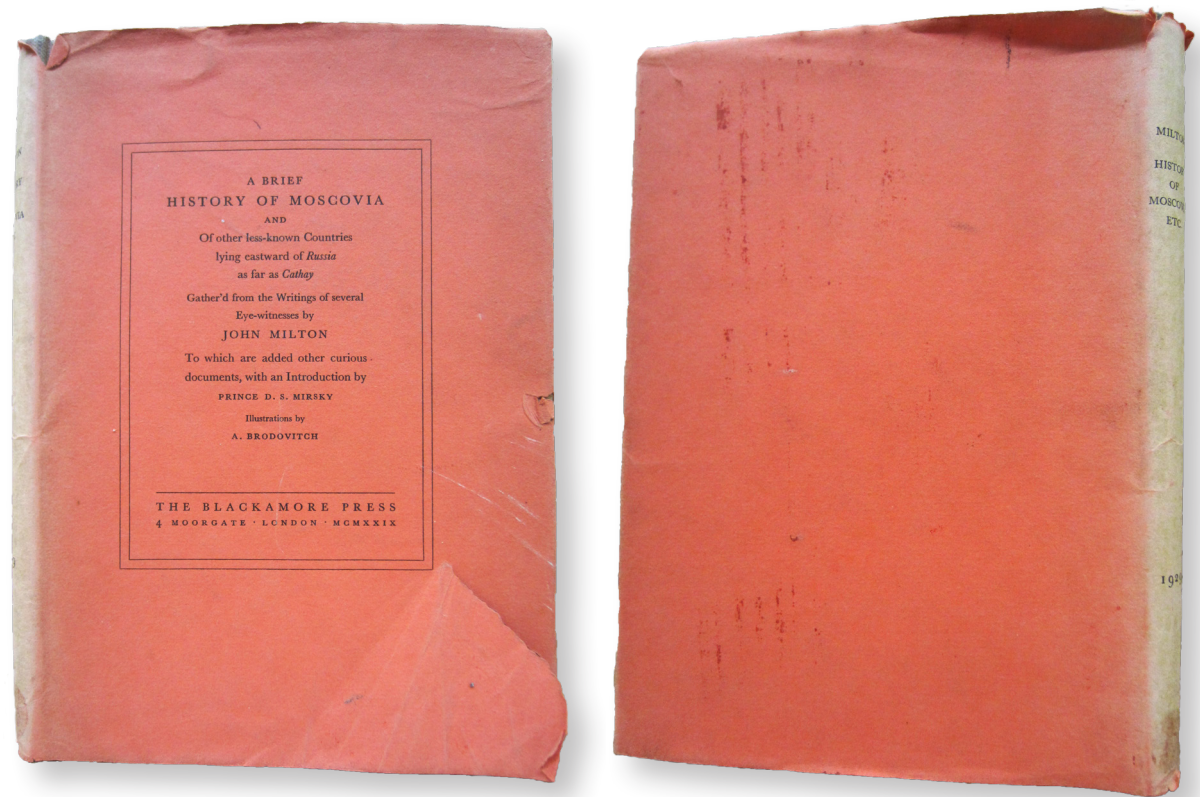
First edition. 19.5 x 13 cm. 223pp. Bound into black cloth. Map. There is some chipping to the head of the spine. A few small stains to pages 12-13. Rear joint is starting to split at the bottom. Hardcover. Very Good.

Milton, John; Prince D. S. Mirsky [introduction]. A Brief History of Moscovia and Of other less-known Countries lying eastward of Russia as far as Cathay.

London: The Blackamore Press, 1929.

\$200.00

Reprints the text of the lesser known 1682 Milton work with some corrections. The new introduction by D. S. Mirsky describes it as one of the few links of interest between Russian and English poetry. (81440)



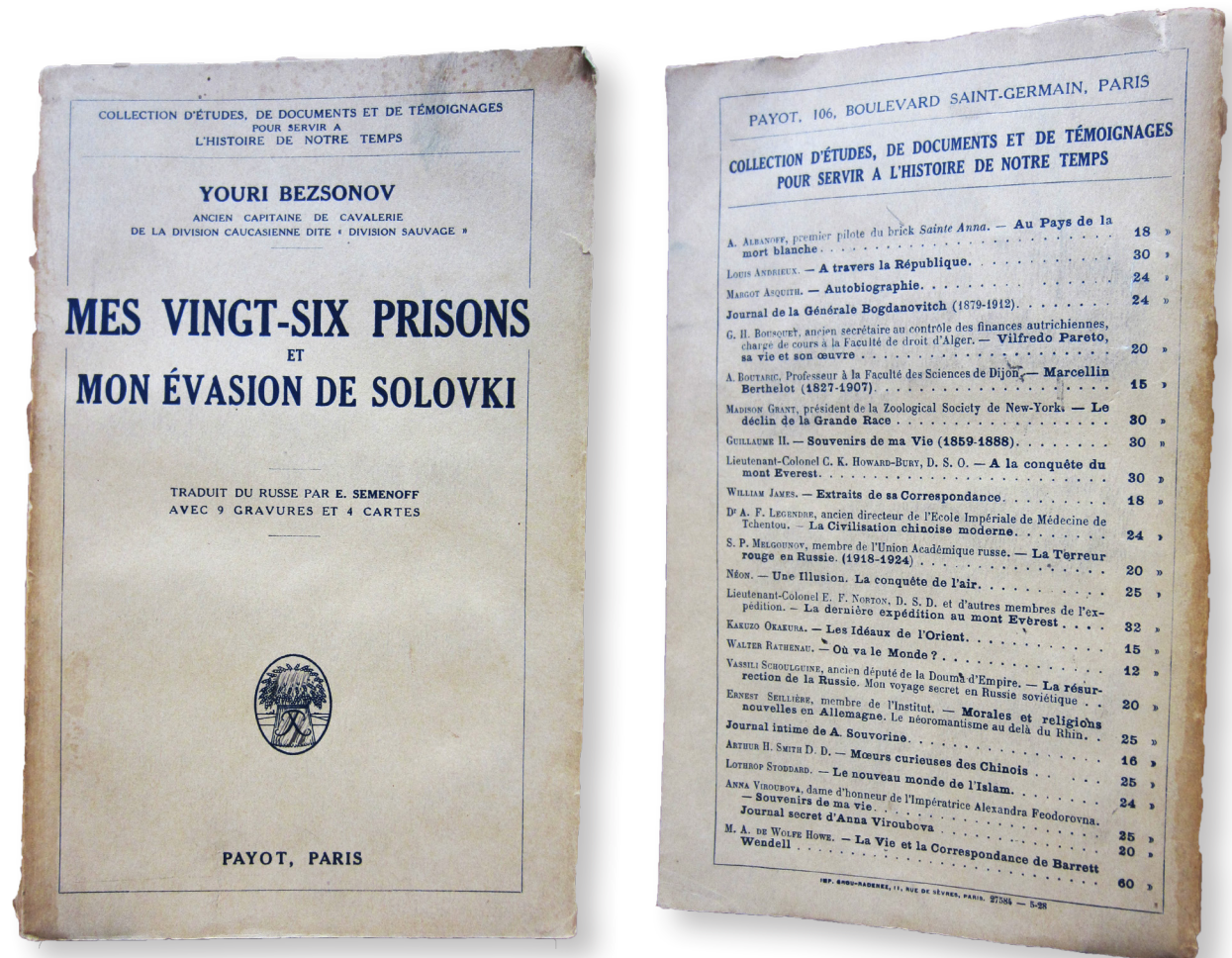
23.5 x 17 cm. 120pp. Brown-grey cloth with gilt lettering in dust jacket. Illustrations by A. Brodovitch. Limited to 600 copies for sale in Great Britain and America of which this is No. 4 and noted as "Presentation Copy". Jacket spine is faded and shows some chipping; ~ 6 cm closed tear to front cover of jacket. Soiling to the covers. Hardcover. Very Good in Good dust jacket.

Bezsonov, Youri. Mes Vingt-Six Prisons et Mon Évasion de Solovki.

Paris: Payot, 1928.

\$75.00

Collection D'Études, de documents et de Témoignages pour servir à L'Histoire de Notre Temps. (81445)



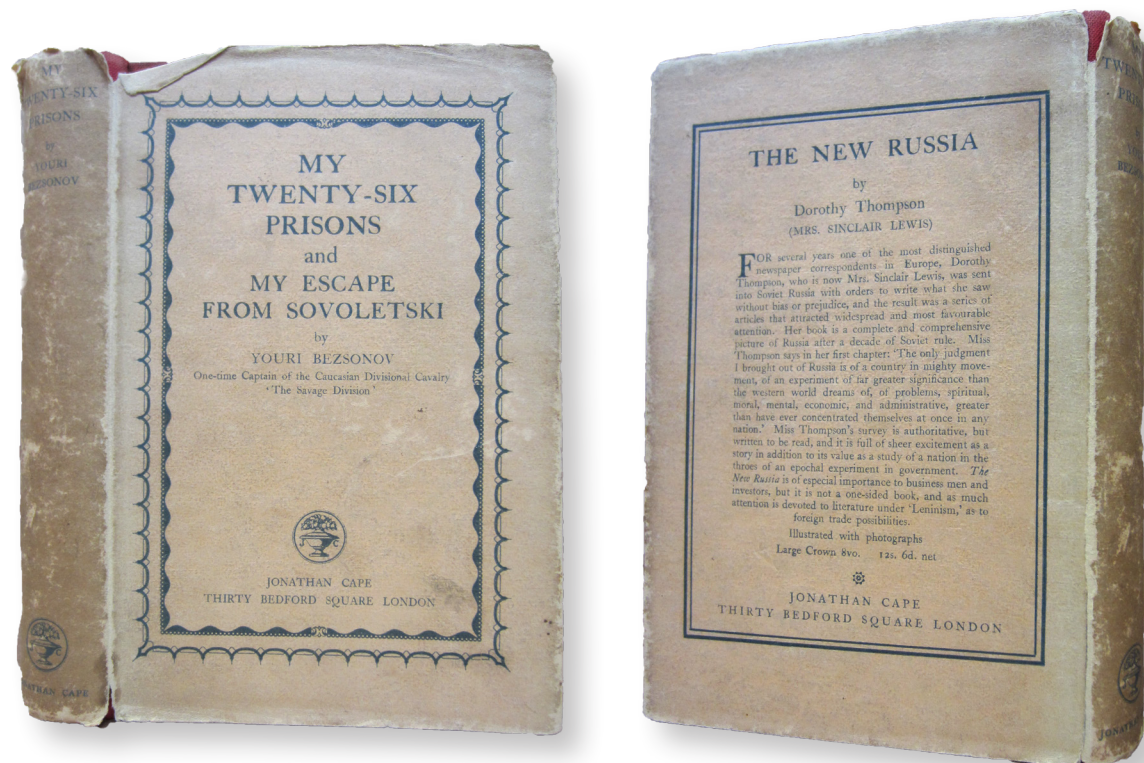
First edition. 22.5 x 14.5 cm. 288pp. Bound into tan printed wrappers. French language text. With 9 photographs on 8 plates and 4 maps. Some shelf wear to spine and some scattered foxing. Chronicles the authors escape from the Solovki gulag. Preceded the English language edition which was done in 1929. Paperback. Very Good.

Bezsonov, Youri. *My Twenty-six Prisons and My Escape from Solovetski*

London: Jonathan Cape, 1929. First English edition. 20 x 13 cm. 288pp.

\$200.00

Bezsonov was a White Russian imperial officer and was one of the defenders of the Winter Palace when it fell to the Bolsheviks. This autobiographical work details his life in revolutionary Russia from the communist takeover until escape from the prison camps into Finland in 1925. (81446)



First English edition. 20 x 13 cm. 288pp. Red cloth in dust jacket. Frontispiece portrait of the author. Boards are a bit cocked. Spotting to front cover of the cloth. All four jacket flaps are clipped and the jacket shows some chipping and toning. Hardcover. Very Good in Good dust jacket.

Rae, Edward. The White Sea Peninsula, A Journey in Russian Lapland and Karelia.

London: John Murray, 1881.

\$400.00

Popular narrative of a boat journey around the Kola Peninsula in modern day Russia, Finland, and Norway. Arctic Bibliography 14090. (81447)



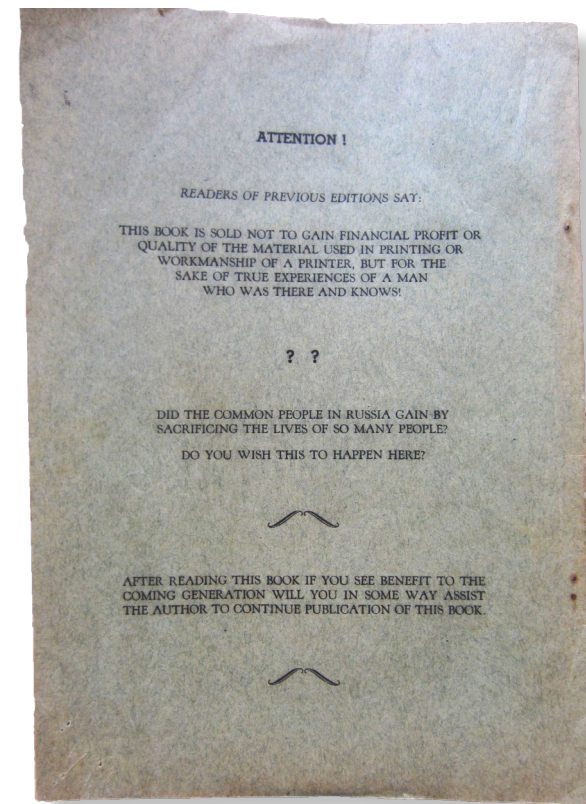
First edition. 22 x 14.5 cm. xv 347pp. Illustrated with 15 woodcuts and 12 etched plates by the author. Fold-out color "Map of The White Sea Peninsula" from the map drawn by J. A. Friis in rear pocket by George T. Temple. Map is in nice condition without tears. Bound into navy blue cloth with gilt cover design and spine lettering. This copy is SIGNED and inscribed by the author: "Fritz Luekrou(?) from his friend Edward Rae". Appendices for flowers, birds, minerals, and vocabulary in Samoyede, Russian-Lapp, and Russian. Some bumping to the cloth. A few small closed tears to the spine. Nice copy, uncommon signed. Hardcover. Very Good.

Evstifeef, Alexander. Why I Escaped From Soviet Russia

Seattle, Washington: Published by the Author, 1937.

\$250.00

The author's tag line is "A Man Without a Country". He apparently translated it from the Russian himself using a Russian-English dictionary, but was cleaned up and more properly composed by an unnamed transcriber. From the first page describing the work: "...it is not just a chronicle of personal experience told to entertain, but rather to show the working of the Bolshevik Machine, ruthless in its means of bending the people to its will and of suppressing any expression of antagonism among them." Rare work, I could not locate this edition through worldcat though I could find earlier editions with a much greater page count due to formatting. Briefly comparing it to the early edition on Hathitrust finds many changes to the wording and formatting. It was reissued in 1950 with the title "I escaped from Workers Paradise" under the pseudonym Alexander E. Freeman. (81448)



Revised Third Edition. 27.5 x 19 cm. 116pp. Illustrated wrappers. Originally done in 1931, this is a stated revised third edition, with illustrations including drawings and a reproduction of the author's Soviet identification certificate. Text printed in two columns. A stamp on the first page "Presented by the Author" (no signature). Chipping and tearing to the spine. Paperback. Good.

Островский, Д.Н. [Ostrovsky, D. N.] Путеводитель по северу России. (Архангельск, Белое море, Соловецкий монастырь, Мурманский берег, Новая Земля, Печора). [Guide to Northern Russia (Arkhangelsk, White Sea, Solovetsky Monastery, Murmansk Coast, Novaya Zemlya, Pechora)]. Путеводитель по северу России. (Архангельск, Белое море, Соловецкий монастырь, Мурманский берег, Новая Земля, St. Petersburg : Arkhangelsk-Murmansky Shipping Company, 1898.

\$200.00

Russian language text. Uncommon guide book for north-eastern Russia. (81449)



16 x 11.5 cm. 146pp. Bound into dark red flexible cloth in the style of Baedeker's guide books with gilt lettering and marbled foreedges. Illustrated with 12 color maps and 1 plan, some of which are folding. Corners are lightly bumped. Small gouge to the spine. Flexible Cloth. Very Good.

[Leitsinger, Yakov Ivanovich]. ВИДЫ Первокласнаго Ставропигіального СОЛОВЕЦНАГО МОНАСТЫРЯ.
[Types First-Class Stauropeigial Solovetsky Monastery]. [A. Roerich Moscow], no date circa [1900].

\$750.00

An album of photos. 25 leaves, each with a black and white photograph of Solovetsky Monastery or the people who live there along with a brief caption in Russian. Monks and monastic work, fishing, agriculture, and ships are all illustrated. No date noted, photographs are circa [1900]. I believe the photographs were taken by Yakov Ivanovich Leitsinger (1855-1914) known for his photographs of the Russian north and who photographed Solovki in 1888, 1895, and 1911.

Uncommon, these were specially printed for high ranking visitors to the monastery in different color cloth and with the exact photographs present apparently varying between copies. (81450)



25.5 x 34 cm. Oblong. Bound into blue calico cloth; blind-stamped design and gilt lettering in Russian. No title page, probably as published. Some fraying to the corners of the cloth. Binding feels a bit tender but is still holding. Hardcover. Very Good.

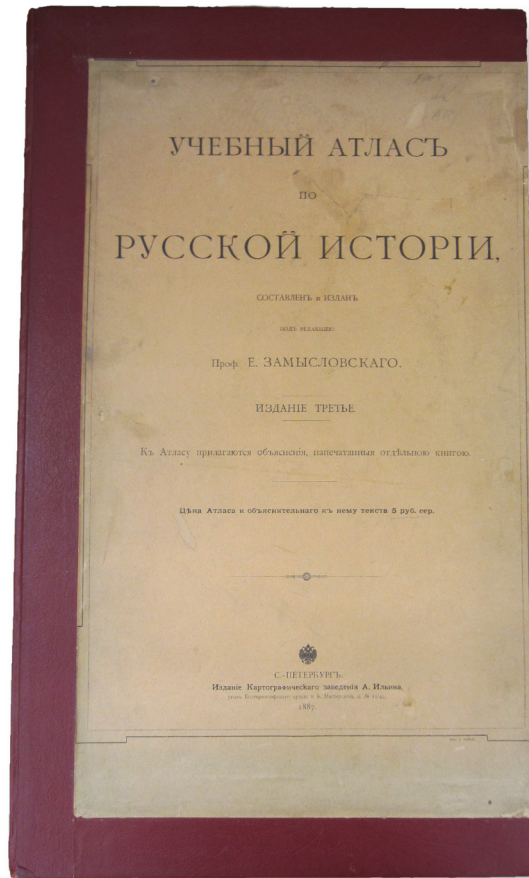
УЧЕБНЫЙ АТЛАСЪ ПО РУССКОЙ ИСТОРИИ СОСТАВЛЕНЪ и ИЗДАНЪ ПОДЪ РЕДАКШЕЮ Проф. Е. ЗАМЫСЛОВСКАГО. ИЗДАНИЕ ТРЕТЬЕ. [Zamyslovsky, Egor]. [Study Atlas of Russian History].

St. Petersburg : Cartographic Institute A. Ilyina, 1887.

\$2,000.00

Table of contents. Bound into red boards, paper with title page reproduced on front cover. Russian language. All 22 maps present. 13 two page maps while the others are in a bit smaller format. First 14 maps have some color. Great collection of maps of historical Russia mostly of the 16-19th century.

The title page notes explanations published in a separate book but this is not present here. (81452)



Third Edition. 48.5 x 29 cm. Map 2 is detached but present and laid-in. Piece out of top corner of map 8, which does not reach the illustration itself. Maps are in nice condition overall. Hardcover. Very Good.

ВИДЫ СОЛОВЕЦКАГО МОНАСТЫРА [View of Solovetsky Monastery]

Arkhangelsk: V. A. Cherepanov in Arkhangelsk, [circa 1890].

\$1,000.00

Blind stamp back cover reads (translated from the Russia) [Photo Profile of V. A. Cherepanov in Arkhangelsk]. No date noted but an inscription inside back cover reads: "A. Dum Gardner from H. H. T. 'Minerva' Solovetsky July 15th 1895". A photobook featuring 18 pasted-down photographs of interior and exterior views Solovetsky Monastery in the White Sea, possibly taken by Yakov Ivanovich Leitsinger. The photographs have the captions printed in red in Russia which have been translated into English in pencil next to them. Two photos are double page panoramas. Nice photographs, rare work of the monastery before the island was turned into a Gulag by the Bolsheviks. (81463)



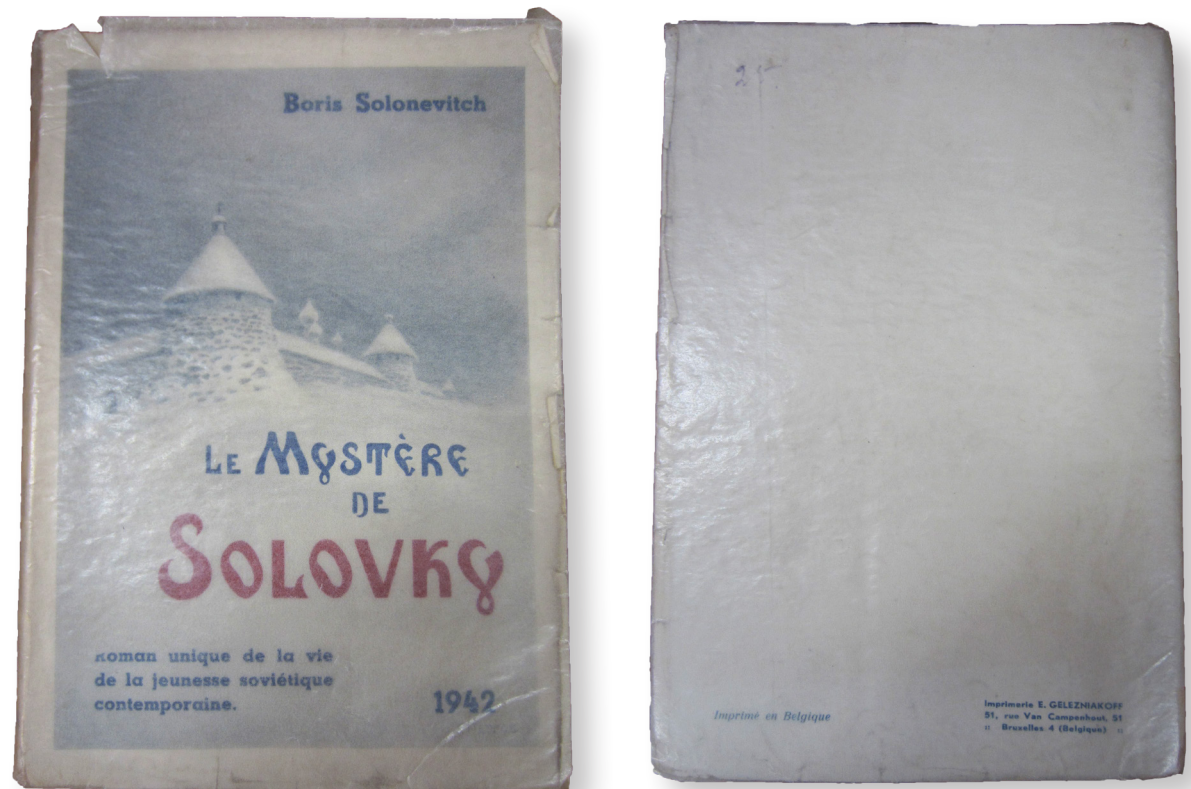
17.5 x 23.5 cm. Accordion style binding in grey cloth with gilt lettering and black design. The pages look wavy when looking edge down; not obvious when looking at the plates face-on. Hardcover. Very Good.

Solonevitch, Boris. Le Mystere de Solovky Roman Unique de la vie de la Jeunesse Sovietique Contemporaine.

Bruxelles: E. Gelezniakoff, 1942.

\$50.00

A novel of Russian youths in Solovetsky written by the anti-Soviet author usually transcribed as Solonevich. He was imprisoned several times after WWII for Soviet because of his anti-Bolshevik works published in Germany. References: the article "Siding with the Enemy? Russian Emigres at the Service of Catholic Anti-Comunist Propaganda (1945-1955) by Wim Coudenys. (81524)



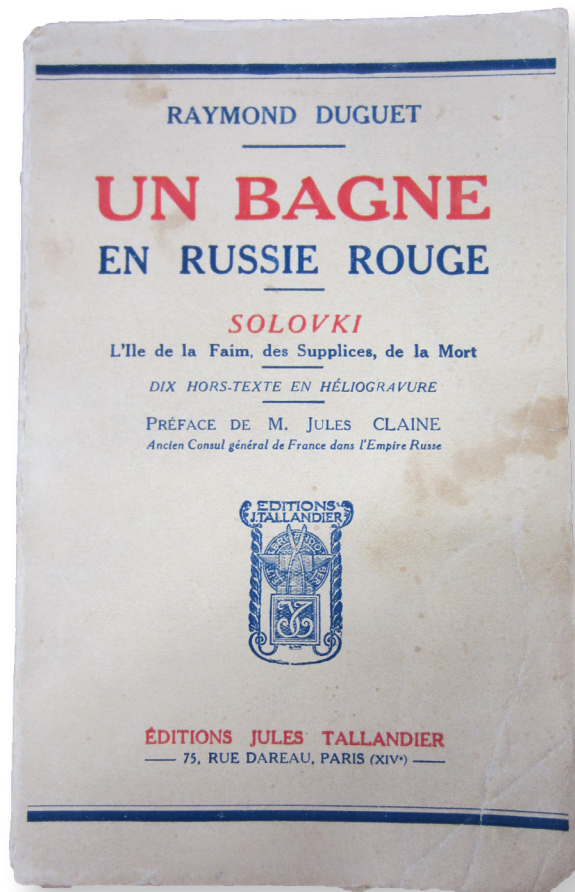
First French Language Edition. 20.5 x 14 cm. 210pp. Illustrated wrappers in tissue jacket. French language text translation of "Taina Solovkov". Chip out of head of spine of wrappers. Some toning to the paper. Paperback. Very Good.

Duguet, Raymond; Jules Claine. Un Bagne en Russie Rouge: Solovki L'Ile de la Faim, des Supplices, de la Mort.

Paris: Jules Tallandier, 1927.

\$200.00

Britannica considered this work to be the most complete and accurate account of the Soviet forced labor camp at Solovetsky until Solzhenitsyn's publication of The Gulag Archipelago in 1973. Duguet had previously published a work on polygamy in American Mormons. Rare work. OCLC 1237716. (81523)



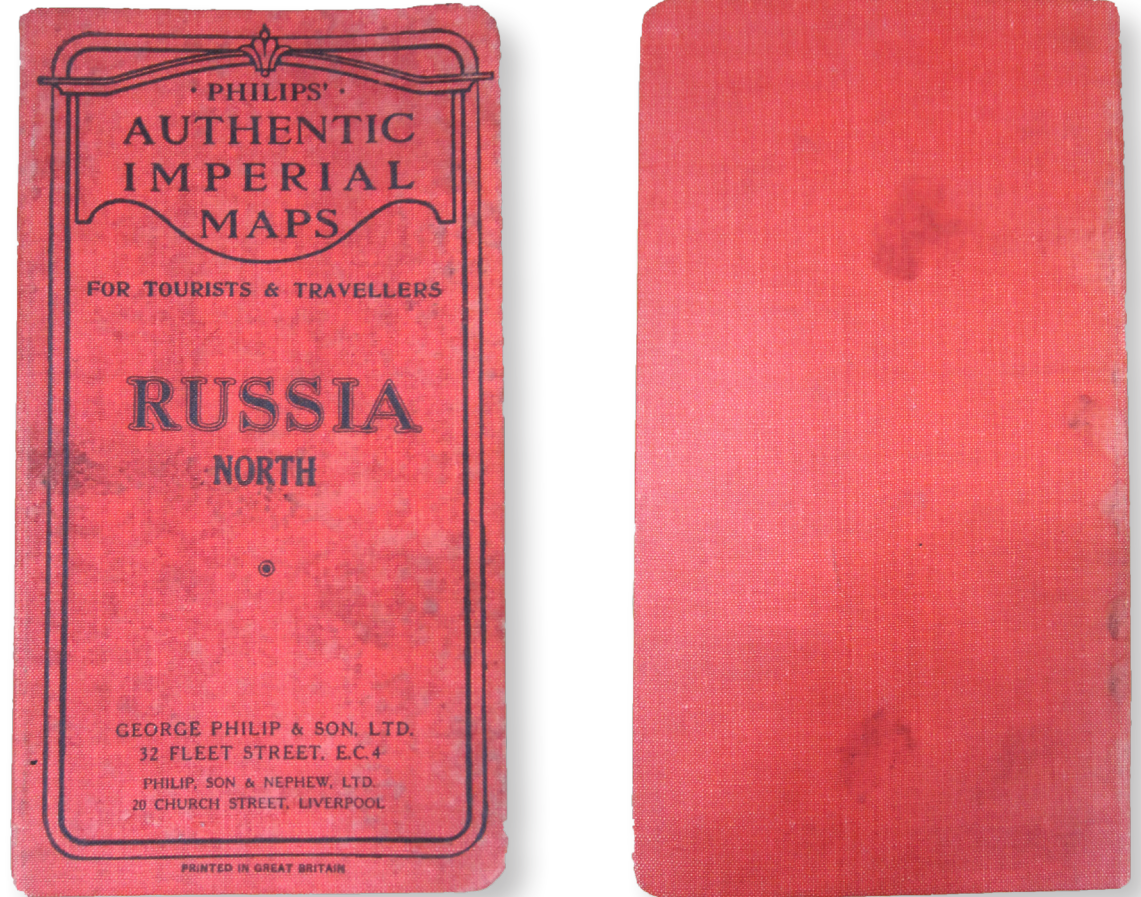
First edition. 19.5 x 12 cm. 285pp. 10 pages of plates of photographs, map. Bound into cream colored wrappers with text in red and blue. French language text. Some edgewear and soiling to the wrappers and creasing to the spine. Wraps. Very Good.

George Philip. Russia North Philips' Authentic Imperial Maps For Tourists & Travellers.

London: George Philip & Son, Ltd., [circa [1930].

\$100.00

(81526)



Large fold-out linen backed color map (54 x 67 cm) housed in red cloth covers (19 x 10.5 cm). In-set for Leningrad. Scale is 1:4,500,000. Some soiling to cover but the map itself is in nice condition without tears. No date, circa 1930s? Hardcover. Very Good.