

JOHN COWPER POWYS – EX LIBRIS

[Bissell Gift]

Note:***JCP's original library was much more extensive, but many of his books were sent to Francis Powys when he began the Hastings bookstore, and the rest went to Francis on Phyllis's death. What is here is probably what Francis sold subsequently to Bissell. Many of the books in this library were from friends and admirers.

Note: Feather did not collect ex-libris.

ABBOTT, C COLLEER

Three Old English Elegies

Miss Bedell and other Poems

London: Chatto and Windus, 1934

Inscribed: "To Gertrude Powys from Claude Colleer Abbott. 30 Sept. 1944"

Ploughed Earth

London: Constable, 1930

Inscribed: "To John Cowper Powys from Claude Colleer Abbott. 14 Dec, 1943.

Sandcastle and Other Poems

Note: Also a Christmas greeting card for 1944, one of 75 copies with a poem by CCA.

ABERCROMBIE, LASCELLES

Poems

ANDERSON, JOHN REDWOOD

Tryptich I: Approach

Tryptich II: The Fugue of Time

Tryptich III: An Ascent

English Fantasies

Pillars to Remembrance

ARNOLD, MATTHEW

Essays Literary and Critical

BELA, HAMVAS

Anthologia Humana

Budapest: Egyetemi Nyomda

Inscribed: 'To my Great Master John Cowper Powys. With honour and and love Christmas 1946 Bela Hamvas'

A Szaz Konyv

Budapest: Egyetemi Nyomda, 1945

Inscribed: 'To my Master and Father Friend Hamvas Bela. 15th February.'

Note: this booklet contains a short appreciation of JCP and the author has provided a translation which is loosely inserted.

BERDYAEV, NICHOLAS

Freedom and the Spirit

London: Geoffrey Bles, June, 1935. 2nd edition.

Inscribed: 'JCP from GC'

The Meaning of History

London: Geoffrey Bles, 1936

Inscribed: 'John Cowper Powys'

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The Destiny of Man

London: Geoffrey Bles, 1937

Inscribed: 'John Cowper Powys'

The Origin of Russian Communism

London: Geoffrey Bles, 1937

Inscribed: 'JCP from GC'

Spirit and Reality

London: Geoffrey Bles, 1939

Inscribed: 'JCP from GC'

BLAKE, FRANCIS

The American Prometheus

BURY, ADRIAN

The Tide and other Poems

Happy Flame: A Book of Sonnets

CHAUCER

The Clerkes Tale

CLEMENS, CYRIL

Mark Twain for Young People

New York: Whittier Books, Inc, 1953

Inscribed: 'To John Cowper Powys with author's lasting friendship and cordial birthday greetings
Cyril Clemens, 8th October, 1953'

COLERIDGE, SAMUEL TAYLOR

Works: Biographia Literaria & Lay Sermons

Inscribed: (by JCP) 'J.C. Powys. The Year of Love. 1895.'

COWPER, WILLIAM

Poems

2 volumes

DE CASSERES, BENJAMIN

Exhibitionism A New Theory of Evolution

New York: 1936

Inscribed: 'To John Cowper Powys with great admiration Benjamin De Casseres.'

DENNY, NORMAN

Sweet Confusion

Dedicated to JCP, 1947

DREISER, THEODORE

Epitaph. A Poem by Theodore Dreiser

New York: Heron Press, 1929, in s/c. Illustrated by Robert Fawsett. Copy No. 15 of 200 on hand-made Van Guelder, bound in leather. Signed by the author and illustrator.

Inscribed: 'For Jack from his associate necromancer Dreiser. Xmas, 1931 God how I love you you old horse-thief.'

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The Genius

New York: John Lane, 1915

Inscribed: 'Theodore Dreiser to John Cowper Powys in his cloudy realm of demons, harpies, furies and all good and evil spirits. Oct. 2nd, 1915'

Loosely inserted is a typewritten list of pages containing Lewd and Profane passages from the Report of New York and Cincinnati Vice Commissions Preceding Suppression. This list is headed by a note in Dreiser's hand: '*The Genius* has just been suppressed by the Censor. Behold the charges.'

JCP reviewed this book.

The Hand of the Potter. A Tragedy in Four Acts

New York: Boni and Liverwright, 1918

Inscribed on title page: 'For Marian & Jack - This Demonic force -from Dreiser'

Plays of the Natural and Supernatural

New York: John Lane, 1916

Inscribed: For John Cowper Powys The most fascinating of his tribe....from Theodore Dreiser, Savanagh, Ga Feb 23rd, 1916'

DREISER, HELEN

My Life with Dreiser

Inscribed: 'For Phyllis and Jack Powys - two great friends - a source of inspiration to all, with my appreciation & love. Helen.'

Note: Also a photo of her, loosely inserted. A letter from Dreiser to JCP May 24, 1938 has been removed and filed with Letters.

ELIAS, ROBERT H.

Theodore Dreiser: Apostle of Nature

New York: Alfred A Knopf, 1949

Inscribed: 'For John Cowper Powys with the regard and good wishes of Robert Elias, Ithaca, N.Y.'

And in JCP's hand 'given me this January by the author who inscribes his name above and with whom I corresponded as to the real nature of Dreiser's personal philosophy. But to be kept by William Gillespie as long as he wishes!'

MATTHIESSEN, F.O.

Theodore Dreiser

The American Men of Letters Series, New York,: William Sloane Associates, 1951

Note: filed next to Dreiser.

ELIOT, T S

East Coker

London: Faber & Faber, Sept. 1940

Inscribed: 'To John from James (James Hanley) Oct. 1940'

Little Gidding

London: Faber & Faber, 1943

Inscribed: "To John with love from James. 21.1.43"

ELWIN, MALCOLM

The Little Hangman

London: Macdonald, 1953

Inscribed: "For John & Phyllis, a little light reading these frosty nights. When such a gale blows as that at Damage Sands on the night which saw the last of Annie Slann. With affectionate greetings from Malcolm who still has to read two chapters of the proof of *In Spite of* by J.C.P. this 9th day of February 1953 at N? Sands"

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Lord Byron's Wife

London: Macdonald 1962

Inscribed: "From one Powys enthusiast to another, E.E.Bissell with kind regards from Malcolm Elwin" Note: Letter inserted from Malcolm Elwin dated 10 August 1973 to E.E.Bissell

FARNUM, GEORGE R

Vivisection. A Dark Blot on Civilisation

Boston, Mass.: New England Anti-Vivisection Society, 1947

Inscribed: "To John Cowper Powys with the high esteem and compliments of George R. Farnum"
Letter enclosed from the author.

FICKE, ARTHUR DAVISON

Selected Poems

New York: George H. Doran Company 1926

Inscribed: "To John Cowper Powys with love and terror from his friend Arthur Davison Ficke"

Note: Contains a poem 'King of Salamanders: To John Cowper Powys', p.175

The Road to the Mountain. A Lyrical Pageant in Three Acts

Printed for private use only, copyright 1930.

Inscribed: "For John Cowper Powys with much love A.D.F."

The Secret and other Poems

New York: Doubleday, Doran, 1936

Inscribed: "To my dear dear friend John Cowper Powys from his old crony Arthur Davison Ficke"

Tumultuous Shore

New York: Alfred A Knopf, 1942

Inscribed: "For my dear Jack (and blessings on his frosty ?form)from his ancient crony Arthur March 1942 NYC"

FOX, ALBERTINE

The Structure of a Scream

Mexico: Artes Graficas, 1951

Inscribed: "To John Cowper Powys from Albertine Fox Sept. '51"

GARDNER, E J (ed.)

The Dialogues of St Gregory the Great

London: Philip Lee Warner 1911

Inscribed: "Margaret from Jack Xmas 1916"

Also rubber stamp address: Warre House, Burpham, Arundel.

GARNETT, RICHARD

Emerson

(Four title pages and others at the front have been cut out leaving no information about publisher. The spine bears the words "Great Writers", so this must have been published in that series by Walter Scott, London post 1887)

Inscribed: "J.C.Powys"

HOPKINS, KENNETH

Love and Elizabeth

London: Sylvan Press, 1944

Inscribed: "? ? ? – with much love, or at least a good deal of affection, or anyhow a fair esteem, or (not to put too fine a point on it), sufficient respect from Kenneth Hopkins"

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HOUGHTON, CLAUDE

The Enigma of Conrad Stone

London: Collins 1952

Inscribed: "For John Cowper Powys. Fraternally and in admiration, Claude Houghton December 1951"

At the End of a Road

London: Hutchinson, 1953

Inscribed: "For John Cowper Powys, Fraternally and Gratefully. Claude Houghton September 7th 1953"

HUIZINGA, J

Erasmus of Rotterdam

London: Phaidon Press, 1952

Inscribed: "From John Cowper Powys, For Frederick Charles Dowlett to commemorate the feeling we have now discovered for certain celebrities and against certain celebrities. November 6th 1958"

JAMES, WILLIAM

A Pluralistic Universe

London: Longmans Green 1909

Inscribed: "J.C.Powys"

JONES, GWYN

Four Icelandic Sagas

New York: Princetown Univ. Press, 1935

Inscribed: "John Cowper Powys. With profound admiration and all good wishes from Gwyn Jones. July 1939"

KERENYI, KARL

The Gods of the Greeks

London: Thames and Hudson, 1951

Inscribed: "John Cowper Powys. My Chief Authority in Atlanta"

KIME, W PENN, JR.

The Bright Circle

New York: Exposition Press, 1951

Inscribed: "January 26, 1951 To my old friend, John, whose unique and indescribable magnetism I have long felt. It was your words of encouragement which prompted me to write this little tale. W. Penn Kime, Jr."

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A Könyv Kritikája

(*Trans. The Pleasures of Literature*): Introduction

Budapest: Egyetemi Nyomda, 1945

KRYMOV, VLADIMIR

The Impenitent Midge

London: The Bodley Head, 1953

Inscribed: "To dear John Powys from the author nearly blind 6 Oct 53. Don't operate! the left eye."

Note: JCP mentioned p.94

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LLOYD, J E

Owen Glendower

Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1931

Inscribed: "John Cowper Powys"

MASTERS, EDGAR LEE

Spoon River Anthology

New York: The Macmillan Company, 1915

Inscribed: "For John Cowper Powys with admiration and friendship Edgar Lee Masters January 27th 1916."

Also two typescript sheets of poetry "Now all my hope" signed John Redwood Anderson for his dear friend John Cowper Powys Corwen 11 September 1948. Also a few dried leaves between pages.

Gettysburg Manila Acoma

New York: Horace Liveright, 1930

Inscribed: "To John Cowper Powys with the admiration & affection of his friend Edgar Lee Masters June 28 1930"

Godbey. A Dramatic Poem

New York: Dodd, Mead & Company 1931

Inscribed: Edgar Lee Masters

The Serpent in the Wilderness

New York: Sheldon Dick 1933

Inscribed: "To John Cowper Powys from his friend Edgar Lee Masters May 15 1933".

Also pages from The American Mercury Vol.XXVII Number 106 pages 129-139 dated October 1932 with poem Beethoven's Ninth Symphony and the King Cobra by Edgar Lee Masters.

Poems of the People

New York; D. Appleton-Century Company 1936

Inscribed: John Cowper Powys

The New World

New York: D. Appleton-Century Company 1937

Inscribed: "To John Cowper Powys with the great affection of Edgar Lee Masters September 20 1937"

NICHOLS, ROSS

Seasons at War

London: Forge Press 1947

Inscribed: "To John Cowper Powys from Ross Nichols"

PATER, WALTER

Appreciations with an Essay on Style

London: Macmillan 1911

Inscribed: John Cowper Powys

Imaginary Portraits

London: Macmillan 1910

Inscribed: John Cowper Powys

Marius The Epicurean Vols I & II

London: Macmillan 1911

Inscribed: John Cowper Powys

Plato and Platonism

London: Macmillan 1910

Inscribed: John Cowper Powys

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Essays From The 'Guardian'

London: Macmillan 1910

Inscribed: John Cowper Powys

Miscellaneous Studies

London: Macmillan 1913

Inscribed: John Cowper Powys. Also ex libris label Frank Crowshaw (?)

Greek Studies: A Series of Essays

London: Macmillan 1910

Inscribed: John Cowper Powys

Note: 8 vols only (should be 10)

Persian Miniatures; A Picture Book

(Author/compiler not stated)

New York: Metropolitan Museum of Art 1944

Inscribed in pencil: "Theodore with love from May - remembering our readings of the Arabian Nights at Studland."

PHILPOTTS, ADELAIDE

Stubborn Earth

London: Rich & Cowan 1951

Inscribed: "To friend and great writer, John from little writer Adelaide with love from her and Rhisiart"

PLATTARD, JEAN

The Life of Francois Rabelais

London: George Routledge & Sons 1930

Note: This copy was used by JCP when writing his book *Rabelais*. Some notes, in ink, on flyleaf in his hand.

RICHARDSON, DOROTHY

Dawn's Left Hand

London: Duckworth 1931

Note: Postscript comment by JCP printed at end of text.

ROSSETTI, W MICHAEL

Keats

London: Walter Scott 1887

Inscribed: J C Powys

RUSKIN, JOHN

Aratra Pentelici

Orpington & London: George Allen 1890

Inscribed in red: John Cowper Powys and below in black in JCP's hand: "Harry Lyon with Love"

SEYMOUR, WILLIAM KEAN

Collected Poems

London: Robert Hale Ltd 1946

Inscribed: "For my new friend John Cowper Powys, a Master in this distracted century – who can read time like a book. With affectionate memories of a sunlit afternoon at Corwen, from William Kean Seymour Ewhurst 2nd September 1953"

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The Secret Kingdom

London: Herbert Jenkins 1954

Inscribed: "For John & Phyllis, a book at bed time With love from William Kean Seymour 17th September 1954"

SHARP, WILLIAM

The Life of Heinrich Heine

London: Walter Scott 1888

Inscribed: J.C. Powys

STEVENSON, R A M

Velasquez

Note:***This was given to Gertrude and has been put in her ex-libris.

STEWART, DOUGLAS

The Fire on the Snow and The Golden Lover

Sydney: London 1944

Inscribed: "For John Cowper Powys with kind regards Douglas Stewart"

TITZELL, JOSIAH

Galanty Show. A Book of Verse.

New York: Doubleday, Doran & Co Inc., 1941

Inscribed: "For John Cowper Powys - whose poems I used to renew regularly from the New York Public Library - in all humility and fear and trembling - Josiah Titzell"

WARD, RICHARD HERON

Poems in Pamphlet

Published copyright by R H Ward, 1952

Inscribed: "John Cowper Powys - with the author's affectionate regards."

A Gallery of Mirrors

London: Victor Gollancz, 1956

Note: uncorrected proof copy.

WHITEHEAD, A N

Adventures of Ideas

Cambridge at the University Press, 1942

Inscribed: "To my darling John & Phyllis in gratitude & love from Elizabeth*. The unique Autumn of 1943." (*Myers)

WILSON, ANGUS

Hemlock and After

London: Secker and Warburg, 1952

Inscribed: "To John Cowper Powys, my first novel as a tribute to an author from whom I have learnt so much, Angus Wilson, July 4th, 1952."

WRIGHT, THOMAS

The Town of Cowper

London: Sampson Low, Marston, and Company 1893

Inscribed: "To John Cowper Powys in July of 1937 from Kenneth Hopkins."

Note: Also quote from Ll. Powys: "With what consummate skill Cowper can make us see those country roads about Olney, which to him had become so familiar! Ll.P"

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YATES, PETER

Light and Dark, Poems

YEATS. W B

Poems

London: T Fisher Unwin, 1895

Inscribed: "John Cowper Powys"

At the back a poem in Latin, 5 stanzas each 4 lines & what appear to be the drafting notes of this poem. Also a bookseller's note with what appears to be a quotation of JCP's opinion of this book and the story of how, where & when he found it in North's of Brighton.