The McMurtry 100

Lots #831–#930
The Last Book Sale

August 10–11
Archer City, Texas

We asked Mr. Larry McMurtry to pick out 100 books to give bidders an idea of the type of quality books which will be offered within the shelf-lots of “The Last Book Sale.” The McMurtry 100 is the result....
Larry McMurtry on the McMurtry 100:

"Historically the highest compliment one bookseller can pay another is to say that he or she has interesting books; this implies, of course, that there can be uninteresting books.

Having interesting books has been the raison d'etre of Booked Up Inc these forty years. We are not highspotters, although of course we have sold most of the big books by Fitzgerald, Faulkner, Joyce, Eliot, Virginia Woolf, Waugh and the like before they matured, as it were.

Our distinction, if we have one, is not how many good books we have, but how few bad books infiltrate our stock. For bad books sift in like dust: only frequent purges can rid the stock of them; and we do purge, savagely. And cherry-picking this stock doesn't work: too few sleepers and too many good books. To prep the bidders a little I strolled around the shelves for half an hour and piled up 100 books that are both interesting and appealing. See what you think!"

-- Larry McMurtry


#882: Cherry Kearton. *In the Land of the Lion.* New York, 1929.


